

LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO.

SECOND PARLIAMENT—THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, March 13

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

REFUND OF PRIVATE BILL EXPENSES.

Mr. GIFFORD moved that the expenses, less the law fees, of Bill No. 68 be refunded, it being a Bill reported against by the Commissioners of Estates Bills.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following Bills were introduced:—

Mr. Bethune—To provide for compulsory voting at elections.

Hon. Mr. Mowat—Respecting voters' lists.

RETURNS.

Hon. Mr. FRASER brought down the report of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Arts for 1872; correspondence relating to the London, Huron, and Bruce Railway; correspondence and papers relating to the application of the Hamilton and North-western Railway for aid; correspondence and papers relating to the Grand Junction Railway; the correspondence relating to the Midland Railway; statement showing the income and expenditure of the Provincial Government, and the sources from which the income was derived; and a statement respecting land valuers.

THE SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT moved that when this House adjourns on Friday, it do stand adjourned until eleven of the clock in the forenoon of Saturday next, and that this House do meet at eleven of the clock in the forenoon of Monday next, and so continue on every day on which the House may sit until the end of the session, and that on each day, beginning on Monday next, there shall be two sittings of the House, one being from eleven of the clock a.m. till half-past one p.m., and the other from three o'clock p.m. Government measures to take precedence each day, except on Mondays, when Private Bills are to have precedence, and Private Bills also to have precedence over Public Bills on Saturdays, but after Government Orders. He made this motion because he thought it was necessary this time should be given to the business of the House in order that the session should close within such time as would be agreeable to hon. gentlemen on both sides of the House, and he believed it was the desire of hon. members that they should terminate the session as soon as possible. Hon. gentlemen intimated that they had a number of motions to make in regard to supply, and no doubt they would necessitate considerable discussion. He thought the in-