

# LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO

## SECOND PARLIAMENT—THIRD SESSION.

MONDAY, March 23.

The Speaker took the chair at eleven o'clock.

### PRIVILEGE.

Mr. McMANUS wished, before the orders of the day were called, to call attention to the report which appeared in the *Mail* newspaper, in which it was stated that he moved the Franchise Bill be recommitted for the purpose of giving all male persons of the age of 21 and upwards the right of voting. (Laughter.) That was not the worst. He was put down as voting against his own motion. (Laughter.) It was well known that that amendment was moved by the hon. member for South Norfolk, and he (Mr. McManus) did not wish to be bothered with the sins of other people. (Renewed laughter.)

### NORTH-WEST BOUNDARY.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said that, as yet, no definite arrangement had been come to with regard to our North-Western boundary. If they could agree upon public arbitration, they would probably much earlier than otherwise obtain a decision, and it was desirable that they should have the matter decided as soon as possible. With the consent of the House, he would make the following motion:—"That this House approves of the reference of the question of the Western boundary of the Province to arbitration or the Privy Council, according as the Lieut. Governor may see fit; and approves likewise of the adoption of a provisional line in the meantime, on such terms as may be agreed upon between the Government of the Dominion and the Government of the Province."

The motion was carried.

### NIAGARA FALLS.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. MOWAT, the Bill for the better government of that part of Ontario situated in the vicinity of Niagara Falls was referred back to Committee and verbally amended.

It was subsequently read a third time and passed.

### MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. CROOKS, the amendments made in Committee to the Bill to amend the Act respecting Municipal Institutions were adopted.

On the third reading being moved,

Mr. RYKERT moved, in amendment, "That the Bill be referred back to Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the eleventh section of the Bill by providing that in every city or town having a Police Magistrate, a Board of Police Commissioners should be appointed, consisting of the Mayor, Judge of the County Court, and Police Magistrate."

The amendment was lost on the following division:—

YEAS.—Boulton, Gibson, Gifford, Lauder, McCall, Meredith, Rykert.—7.

NAYS.—Barber, Baxter, Chisholm, Christie, Clarke (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Clemens, Craig (Glenarry), Crooks, Daly, Farewell, Flulayson, Fraser, Graham, McKellar, McLeod, McManus, McRae, Mowat, Pardee, Paxton, Prince, Read, Sinclair, Springer, Striker, Webb, Williams (Hamilton), Wood.—19.

The Bill was then read a third time and passed.

### PRIVATE BILLS.

The following Private Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Mr. McLeod.—To incorporate the Village of Hastings, and to annex the same to the County of Northumberland.

Mr. Gow.—To incorporate the Mercantile Fire Insurance Company.

Mr. Farewell.—To amend the Act incorporating the Port Whitby and Port Perry Railway Company.

Mr. Oliver.—To legalize certain By-laws of the County of Oxford, granting aid to the Credit Valley Railway Company.

The House then went into Committee on the Bill to amend and consolidate the several Acts of the Port Dover and Lake Huron Railway Company.

The provisions of the Bill were still under discussion when, it being 1:30, the House adjourned.