

# ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

FIRST SESSION — THIRD PARLIAMENT.

THURSDAY, Jan. 27.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

## PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

Hon. Mr. Currie—Of the Town Council of St. Catharines, for certain amendments to the Bill now before the House respecting the Tavern and Shop License Act.

Hon. Mr. Wood—Of the Omemees School Board, for amendments to the School Act.

Mr. Harken—Of the L'Original School Board, for amendments to the School Act.

Mr. Mostyn—Of the Pakenham School Board, for amendments to the School Act.

Mr. Grant—Of the Willamstown School Board, for amendments to the School Act.

Mr. Richardson—Of the Port Rowan School Board, for amendments to the School Act.

Mr. McLeod—Of the Newcastle School Board, for amendments to the School Act.

## REPORTS.

Mr. Clarke (Wellington) presented the sixth report of the Printing Committee.

## INCORPORATION OF MEAFORD.

Mr. CREIGHTON moved the third reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the town of Meaford.

Mr. LAUDER moved in amendment "That the Bill be not now read the third time, but that the Bill be referred back to Committee of the Whole with instructions to strike out clauses one and two, and to substitute the following therefor:—1. Section eleven of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following is substituted therefor, and to be construed as if it had been enacted and embodied in the said Act. 2. All the provisions of the Municipal Institutions Act of Ontario, so far as the same relates to the incorporation of villages, shall be taken to apply to the corporation of the town of Meaford, the same as if the said town had been incorporated as a village under the said Municipal Institutions Act."

The House divided, and the amendment was lost. Yeas, 12; nays, 54.

YEAS — Messrs Bell, Bishop, Boulter, Deroche, Gibson, Hay, Kean, Lauder, Macdougall (Simco), McDougall (Middlesex), McGowan, Monk.—12

NAYS.—Messrs Appley, Ballantyne, Baxter, Bonfield, Clarke (Norfolk), Clarke (Wellington), Cole, Conitt, Creighton, Crooks, Currie, Finlayson, Fisher, Frazer, Gow, Graham (Frontenac), Graham (Lambton), Grange, Grant, Hauey, Hardy, Hargraff, Harkin, Hodgins, Hunter, Lane, Long, Lyon, McGraney, McLeod, McMahon, Meredith, Miller, Mostyn, Mowat, O'Donoghue, Pardee, Preston, Richardson, Robinson, Rosevear, Sexton, Sinclair, Sutherland, Springer, Tooley, Watterworth, Widdifield, Wigle, Williams, Wilson, Wood.—54

Mr. MEREDITH moved the recommittal of the Bill, with instructions to add at the end of the first clause, "Except that the share of the said town of Meaford of the real property formerly belonging to the township of St. Vincent, and situated within the said town, shall be ascertained on the same basis as is provided by Section 11 of the Act incorporating the said town with reference to the distribution of the moneys, and debts, and liabilities, of the said town."

The amendment was ruled out of order, and the Bill was then read the third time and passed.

## ST. CATHARINES WATER WORKS.

Mr. CURRIE moved, "That the Bill to amend the Act for the construction of water-works in the town of St. Catharines be referred back to the Committee with instructions to strike out Section 36, which provided that the water-works schemes should be submitted to the people for choice."

Mr. MEREDITH proposed to add to the motion a provision that no member of the municipal council should be eligible to be a water commissioner, and no member of the water commission to be a member of the municipal council, excepting those who now occupied both offices for their present term of office.

The amendment was lost, and the motion of Mr. Currie carried.

The House went into Committee, the amendment was made, the Bill reported, concurred in, read the third time and passed.

## THIRD READINGS.

The following Bills were read the third