

# ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

## THIRD PARLIAMENT---SECOND SESSION.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,  
Toronto, 4th Jan., 1877.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

### PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr Wilson—From W C Vanluskirk, and others, of St. Thomas, for an Act to incorporate Trinity Medical School.

By Mr Hardy—From Charles Hodgins, and others, of Brant, to the same effect.

By Hon Mr Pardee—From A L McLaren, and others, of Toronto, to the same effect.

By Mr Waterworth—From Alexander Graham, and others, of Middlesex, to the same effect.

By Mr Hodgins—From W Rirden, and others, of Elgin, to the same effect.

By Mr Tooley—From John McDermid, and others, to the same effect.

By Mr Fleisher—From P Evans, and others, of Cardwell, to the same effect.

By Mr Widdifield—From D Bonner, to the same effect.

By Mr Widdifield—From J L Ross, for an Act to incorporate the "Christian Church" of Canada.

By Mr Sinclair—From J A Campbell, for an Act to divide the township of East Hawkebury.

By Mr Brown—From Town Council of Whitby, for amendments to Municipal Acts, and for equality of taxation among property-holders.

By Mr Hodgins—From County Council of Oxford, to the same effect.

Also, from Rev S Givins and others, for an Act to authorize the mortgage of certain lands in Toronto.

By Mr Scott—From Rev T B Jones, for an Act authorizing the mortgage of certain lands for the benefit of St Alban's Church, Ottawa.

Also, from the Huron & Quebec Railway Company, for an Act to amend their Act of Incorporation.

By Mr Rosevzar—From R Denniston and others for an Act to incorporate the "Williams Hall Peterboro' Protestant Poor Trust"

By Mr Hardy—From the Town Council of Brantford for an Act to incorporate the town of Brantford as a city.

By Mr Wilson—From W E Isard, of St Thomas, for an Act to admit him as a Provincial Land Surveyor.

By Mr Clarke (Norfolk)—From the Port Dover and Lake Huron Railway Co., for an Act to amend their Act of Incorporation.

### THE ADDRESS.

Mr. MILLER, on rising to move the Address in reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's speech, expressed his regret that the hon. member for East Kent had been prevented by illness from discharging the duty which had at the last moment been entrusted to him (Mr. Miller). He believed strongly that the House should not be called together before the commencement of the new year. In the business of lumbering the month of November was one of the busiest in the year, when the work of the summer was being wound up and that of the winter was beginning. He believed it was pretty much the same with other classes of the community, and fancied that even with lawyers the present season afforded a better opportunity for attending to their legislative duties than an earlier part of the winter. Since Confederation, he believed, the House had never had an opportunity of discussing the complete accounts of the year. Partial accounts were very unsatisfactory, whether in commercial or political matters, and if the opinion of the House was in favour of meeting in November, the fiscal year should end on the 30th September, but if the fiscal year was to conform to the calendar year, the interests of the country demanded that the House should not meet till January. Now they were promised the entire accounts for 1876. He hoped they would be before them at an early day, and that the Opposition and the supporters of the Government and the country at large would scan them closely. He observed that they were promised a Bill for the extension of the franchise. He was one of those who had been rather of the opinion that the franchise ought not to be extended