

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

THIRD PARLIAMENT---SECOND SESSION.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Toronto, 5th Jan., 1877.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Hon. Attorney-General Mowat—Of the County Council of Oxford, respecting the Medical Act.

By Mr. Williams—Of the Right Rev. P. F. Crinon, for the Incorporation of R. C. Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Hamilton.

By Mr. Hargraff—Of the Cobourg, Peterborough, and Marmora Railway Company to amend their charter.

By Mr. Barber—Of the Rector and Churchwardens of St. John's Church, Iroquois, to mortgage certain lands for the benefit of the church.

By Mr. Lauder—Of the Credit Valley Railway, for extending the time for completing the road.

By Mr. Scott—Of the North Simcoe Railway, to amend their Act of Incorporation.

By Hon. Mr. Currie—Of the City Council of St. Catharines, respecting the election of Mayors of cities.

Also—Of the County Council of Welland, to amend the Medical Act.

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By Mr. Widdifield—Of Edward M. Hodder *et al.*, of Toronto, to incorporate the Trinity Medical School.

Petitions were also presented by the Hons. Messrs. Cameron and Currie, and Messrs. Lane, Rosevear, McLeod, Ferris, Clarke (Norfolk), Brown, and Fleisher in favour of incorporating the Trinity Medical School.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. MOWAT moved the appointment of a Select Committee to assist Mr. Speaker in the care of the library; said Committee to be composed of the same members as last year. Carried.

Mr. MOWAT moved the appointment of a Committee to select the several standing committees ordered by the House, said Committee to be composed of the same members as last year. Carried.

THE ADDRESS.

The debate on the 12th resolution in reply to the Speech of the Lieutenant-Governor was resumed by

Mr. CAMERON, who concurred in the satisfaction expressed in the address that the difficulties in connection with the arbitration were likely to be settled. When the Sandfield Macdonald Government had been in power they had been constantly blamed for not having settled this matter, but now hon. gentlemen had come to the conclusion that a meeting with members of the Quebec Government would accomplish the desired end.

Mr. MOWAT said they did not think it would accomplish that end. It had been stated by a former Treasurer of Quebec that it would be discreditable to them as business men if they could not settle it without going to the Privy Council. A great deal of correspondence had taken place on this matter, and it was now agreed, that as the two parties to the dispute were so far apart, the question must be disposed of authoritatively. The Quebec Government had more reason to desire a settlement than this Government had. Ontario was in possession of what the award gave her, while Quebec was not in possession of what the award gave her. It had been agreed that the legality of the award should be decided by the Privy Council before anything further could be done, and every effort would be made for the speedy settlement of the matter.

The 12th and 13th resolutions passed.

On the 14th resolution,

Mr. CAMERON said he should like to know if the Public Accounts in full would be brought down, or merely a synopsis of them.

Mr. CROOKS said he proposed early next week to place a full statement of the receipts and expenditures for 1876 before the House, together with the Public Accounts for 1875 in detail. The statement of the receipts and expenditure for 1876 would be quite full enough to