

Ontario, to the same effect.

Also—From the County Lodge of West Lambton, to the same effect.

By Mr. A. W. Lauder—From the District Lodge of Walter's Falls, to the same effect.

By Mr. Chisholm—From the Peel Manufacturing Company, asking amendments to their charter.

By Mr. Broder—From Reuben Rose and others, concerning a certain survey in the township of Matilda.

By Mr. Bell—From the Toronto, Grey, and Bruce Railway Company, praying for an Act to amend their Act of Incorporation.

Also—From the Hon. Frank Smith and others, praying for an Act of Incorporation for the "Home Savings and Loan Company."

Also—From John Valentine and others, praying for the Incorporation of the Trinity Medical School.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Mowat presented the report of the Select Committee appointed to strike Standing Committees, as follows:—

ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Hon. Messrs. Cameron, Crooks, Macdougall, Wood, Messrs. Clarke (Wellington), Deacon, Ferris, Gibson, Hardy, Hay, Lauder, Merrick, Meredith, Ross, Striker, Wills, Williams.

ON RAILWAYS.

Hon. Messrs. Cameron, Crooks, Currie, Fraser, Pardee, Wood, Messrs. Appleby, Barr, Baxter, Bell, Bishop, Boulter, Brown, Clarke (Norfolk), Coutts, Creighton, Dawson, Deacon, Deroche, Fisher, Graham (Frontenac), Haney, Hay, Hargraft, Hunter, Keen, Lane, Lauder, Long, Lyon, Macdougall (Simcoe), McCraney, McLeod, McRae, Meredith, Merrick, Mostyn, O'Donoghue, O'Sullivan, Patterson (York), Paxton, Robinson, Scott, Sinclair, Springer, Watterworth, Wildfield, Wigle, Williams, Wilson.

ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.

Hon. Attorney-General Mowat, Hon. Messrs. Crooks, Currie, Macdougall, Messrs. Ballantyne, Barr, Bell, Bonfield, Broder, Code, Cole, Dawson, Deroche, Finlayson, Graham (Lambton), Grange, Hodgins, McCraney, McLeod, McMahon, McRae, Monk, Patterson (Essex), Paxton, Richardson, Rosevear, Sinclair, Sexton, Scott, Springer, Tooley, Wills.

ON STANDING ORDERS.

Hon. Mr. Macdougall, Messrs. Appleby, Bishop, Bonfield, Clarke (Norfolk), Code, Coutts, Dawson, Deroche, Finlayson, Fleming, Grant, Haney, Hargraft, Harkis, Hunter, Lane, Lyon, Massie, McDougall (Middlesex), McGowan, McLeod, McRae, Merrick, Monk, Mostyn, O'Sullivan, Paxton, Preston, Robinson, Snetzinger, Springer, Wigle, Wills, Wilson.

ON PRINTING.

Hon. Messrs. Fraser, Macdougall, Messrs. Boulton, Creighton, Clarke (Wellington), Deroche, Grange, Haney, O'Donoghue.

ON PRIVATE BILLS.

Hon. Messrs. Cameron, Currie, Fraser, Macdougall, Pardee, Messrs. Baker, Ballantyne, Baxter, Broder, Clarke (Norfolk), Code, Cole, Dawson, Deacon, Finlayson, Fleming, Graham (Lambton), Grant, Hardy, Harkis, Hodgins, Lauder, Massie, McGowan, McMahon, Meredith, Merrick, Monk, O'Donoghue, Patterson (Essex), Patterson (York), Preston, Richardson, Scott, Sexton, Sinclair, Snetzinger, Tooley, Watterworth, Wildfield, Wilson.

REPORT.

Mr. Wood presented the annual report of the Registrar-General.

HIGH SCHOOLS.

Mr. BOULTER moved for a return showing the number of High Schools in operation during the year 1876; number and location of such schools as have been ordered to be closed during the present year; and the reasons for such closing.

Mr. MOWAT asked the hon. member to allow the motion to stand until the Minister of Education was in his place.

The motion was accordingly allowed to stand.

ESCHEATS AND FORFEITURES.

Mr. MOWAT introduced a Bill respecting escheats and forfeitures. The Bill, he explained, was similar in its terms to that passed by the House two or three years ago, which was disallowed by the Dominion Government on the ground that the Provincial Legislature had not power respecting escheats for crime. The question had been before the Courts of Lower Canada, and it had been decided that the Provincial Government was entitled to all escheats except those for crime. Some correspondence had taken place with the Dominion Government, and, on the whole, he now thought the Ontario Government was not entitled to escheats for crime. In that particular the

present Bill differed from that of a previous session.

The Bill was read the first time.

REPEAL AND AMENDMENT OF ACTS

Mr. MOWAT introduced a Bill to amend and repeal certain enactments of the last session of the Legislature of this Province. He explained that the Bill was necessary because two or three private Acts last session were thought *ultra vires* in some of their provisions, and the Bill was to strike out such clauses.

The Bill was read the first time.

EXPLANATION.

Mr. FRASER rose to correct an error in the report of his speech on Friday evening in relation to the exemption of Government buildings from taxation. What he had said was that in the city of Toronto the Ontario Government had an assessed value of property amounting to \$2,300,000, according to the city assessors; that in connection with that this Government had spent on capital account since Confederation about \$1,000,000, in addition to about half a million annually in connection with these institutions, or, in other words, in the eight years since Confederation, Ontario had expended in this city in connection with Provincial property alone a sum of \$5,000,000 in round numbers. This had nothing to do with educational institutions such as the University of Toronto, or with the amounts expended by the Dominion Government in reference to similar institutions.

REVISED STATUTES.

Mr. Mowat introduced a Bill respecting the Revised Statutes of Ontario.

The Bill was read the first time.

Mr. MOWAT moved the adjournment of the House.

The House adjourned at 3.45 p.m.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Clarke (Norfolk)—On Wednesday next—Bill to amend the Franchise in respect to Municipal elections, and on by-laws requiring the assent of the Electors, and to extend the same to all adult females with sufficient property qualifications.

Mr. Sinclair—On Wednesday next—Order of the House for a return showing the number of Bills in Chancery, and Writs of Summons issued by the Masters in Chancery, and Clerks of the Superiors and County Courts, from the 1st of January, 1876, to the 1st of January, 1877, and the number of defendants in each case; also, the number of Bills in Chancery, and Writs of Summons received by Sheriffs, from the 1st of January, 1876, to the 1st of January, 1877, and the number of defendants served by them during that period.

Mr. Ross—On Wednesday next—Enquiry of Ministers, whether it is their intention, in the proposed amendments to the public school law, to provide, in cities, towns, and townships where Public School Boards are established, for the election of school trustees at the same time as the election of municipal Councillors, and by ballot.

Mr. Lauder—On Wednesday next—Orders of the House for copies of all correspondence under the control of the Government relating to the appointment of Superintendent of the Orillia Asylum.

Address for copies of all Instructions issued or Communications addressed to the Provincial Secretary by the Governor in Council, or to the Inspector of Asylums and Prisons, or other officials, regarding the holding of an enquiry or investigation into the internal management of the Central Prison. 2nd. Copies of all evidence taken by paid officials or any of them upon said enquiry. 3rd. Copies of any Reports made to His Excellency by the Provincial Secretary, or the Inspectors of Asylums, regarding the internal management of said Prison, and as the result of any investigation held by them.

Mr. Scott—On Wednesday next—Select Committee to enquire into and report upon the existing system of Life Insurance as carried on in the Province of Ontario, and the expediency or otherwise of establishing a system of State Life Insurance in the Province of Ontario.