

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

THIRD PARLIAMENT---SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 12th Jan., 1877.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. Hunter—From 665 ratepayers of South Grey, against the re-union of North and South Grey for registration purposes.

Also, from the Council of the town of Durham to the same effect.

By Mr. Fleisher—From the Municipal Council of Caledon, for an Act to confirm a survey in the township of Caledon.

By Mr. Dawson—From Hugh Wilson and others, for an Act respecting the Municipality of Shuniah.

By Mr. McCraney—From the Bothwell Land and Petroleum Company, for the winding up of the Company.

By Mr. Cameron—From George Smith and others, of Toronto, for certain amendments to the Assessment Act with respect to the exemption clauses.

By Mr. McDougall (Simcoe)—From Henry Pultord and others, of Niagara, and from the City Council of St. Catharines, and from the Town Council of Niagara, for the incorporation of the Niagara and St. Catharines Railway and Steamboat Company.

By Mr. Cameron—From W. P. Howland, for an Act to incorporate the Canadian Industrial Exhibition Company.

By Mr. Cameron—From R. Jaffray, and others of Toronto, praying for an Act to incorporate the Metropolitan Street Railway Company of Toronto.

By Mr. Mowat—From the Canadian Literary Institute of Woodstock, for amendments to their charter.

By Mr. Mowat—From the Upper Canada Bible Society, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of Incorporation.

By Mr. Cameron—From the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass respecting the Toronto Street Railway.

By Mr. Cameron—From City Council of Toronto praying that an Act may pass to legalize a By-law authorizing the issue of debentures.

By Mr. Creighton—From township of Kappel for an Act to re-unite the North and South Ridings of Grey for registry purposes; also from the Councils of Sullivan and Owen Sound for the same purpose; also from the County Council of Grey for the same purpose; also from the Council of St. Vincent for the same purpose; also from the Council of Mesford for the same purpose; also from the Council of Sydenham for the same purpose; also from the Council of Sarawak for the same purpose; also from the Council of Egremont for the same purpose; also from the Council of Derby for the same purpose; also from the Council of Melancthon, for the same purpose.

By Mr. Lauder—From the Council of Euphrasia praying to re-unite the North and South Ridings of Grey for registry purposes; also from the Council of Proton for the same purpose; also from the Council of Collingwood for the same purpose; also from the Council of Holland for the same purpose; also from the Council of Artemesia for the same purpose.

By Mr. Coutts—From John Merson, Robert Cummings, and others praying for an amendment to the Drainage Act.

By Mr. Wells—From Mary Ann Carrell, praying that losses suffered by her father in the rebellion of 1837-8 be enquired into.

By Mr. Rosevear—From Jas. Baird, W. Williamson, and others, praying to abolish the Government Book Depository.

By Mr. Richardson—From Board of School Trustees, Port Rowan, praying for amendments to the School Act.

By Mr. Sinclair—From the village Council of Port Elgin praying for an Act to enable them to sell certain public reserves.

By Mr. Williams—From rector of St. Paul's Church, Mount Forest, and Lord Bishop of Niagara in regard to certain lands in the township of Arthur, county of Wellington.

By Mr. Long—From Hon. Wm. McMaster, alteration of registered plan.

By Mr. Ballantyne—From William David-

son and others praying for incorporation of Trinity Medical School.

By N. W. Brown—From the Plokering Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company for an Act to allow them to issue debentures.

By Mr. Coutts—From J. B. Newman, M.D., praying for amendments to the Drainage Act.

By Mr. Springer—From the County Council of Waterloo, praying for amendment to the Medical Act.

By Mr. Patterson—From the town of Windsor, praying for an Act to legalize a certain by-law, No. 240, and to make valid the debentures issued under the authority of the same.

By Mr. Scott—For abolition of Book Depository.

By Mr. Ferris—From J. E. Dalley and others, of Colborne, for the abolition of the Book Depository.

By Mr. Bell—From the corporation of the city of Toronto, for enlarged powers regarding the inception of local improvements, and the rating the cost thereof on the property benefitted thereby.

Also—For extending the number of voters to 400 in electoral subdivisions for municipal elections, and for leaving it in the discretion of a Municipal Council to fix the number of polling places to be opened in taking a vote on a by-law requiring the assent of the rate-payers.

Also—For making the office of Alderman tenable for three years, by an annual retirement of one representative from each ward, and for making the Mayor elective by the Council.

Also—For the relief of the city of Toronto on certain matters of assessment, and the exemptions now in force.

Also, for an Act respecting the Toronto Water-Works Commission.

Petitions for the abolition of tax-exemptions were presented by Mr. Appleby from the village of Mill Point; by Mr. Ballantyne from the town of Stratford, and by Mr. Fleming from the County Council of Waterloo.

Eighty-six petitions were presented praying for the incorporation of the Orange Association.

PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS.

Mr. MOWAT moved, "That the time for receiving petitions for Private Bills be extended to Tuesday next, the 16th inst., as recommended by the Committee on Standing Orders." Carried.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:—

Mr. Hodgins—Respecting the Port Dover and Lake Huron Railway Company.

Mr. Kean—To extend and define the limits of the town of Orillia.

Mr. Wills—To facilitate the formation of joint stock companies for the manufacture of butter and cheese and other dairy products.

Mr. Mowat—To extend the Voters' Lists Act to municipal elections.

Mr. Currie—To prevent betting or wagering on the election of members of the Legislative Assembly.

DEATH OF MR. GRAHAM, OF FRONTENAC.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT said that he regretted to have learned within the last few minutes that an hon. member of this House had been called to another world this morning. He referred to the hon. member for Frontenac, his (Mr. Mowat's) native county. He (Mr. Mowat) had not had the pleasure of being on terms of much intimacy with that hon. gentleman, as he had not been one who had usually voted with the Government, but he had known enough of him to know that he had been held in high respect amongst his neighbours, and possessed a large influence in the county which he had represented. He had appeared to be always very attentive to his duties as one of the representatives of the people. It was not usual he believed on such occasions to adjourn the House without reference to the state of the public business; but at present, as they were in the early part of the session, and as the business of the House was not very pressing, he quite concurred with the desire expressed to him by hon. gentlemen of the Opposition that they should show a mark of respect to the memory of their brother member by adjourning without proceeding to the rest of the business of the day. He therefore moved that the House adjourn.

Mr. CAMERON, in seconding the motion,

said he took this action of the Government as a compliment to the Opposition, of which the hon. gentleman had been a member. He was happy to find that the condition of the public business permitted the adjournment without any detriment to the public service. The motion was carried and the House adjourned at 4 p.m.