

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

THIRD PARLIAMENT--SECOND SESSION.

Toronto, 17th Jan., 1877.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. Wood—Of R. H. Clark and others, praying for the incorporation of Trinity Medical School.

By Mr. Hargraft—Of Dr. Hildreth and others, to the same effect.

By Mr. Pardee—Of R. S. Gurd and others, for amendments to the Drainage Act.

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

By Mr. Hay—Of the Perth School Board, to the same effect.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Deroche presented the third report of the Committee on Standing Orders.

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

Mr. Fraser presented the first report of the Committee on Private Bills.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

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

Mr. Deroche—Respecting the Toronto Land and Loan Company.

Mr. Sinclair—To divide the Township of East Hawkesbury into two municipalities.

Also—Respecting the village of Port Elgin.

Mr. Wills—To incorporate the city of Belleville, and for the consideration of the debt thereof.

Mr. Bell—Respecting the City of Toronto, the Toronto Water-works, and other matters.

Also—Respecting the Credit Valley Railway Company.

Mr. Hargraft—Respecting the Cobourg, Peterboro', and Marmora Railway.

Also—To appoint — McAlister a trustee for the sale of certain lands.

Mr. Long—To amend the survey of the Township of Caledon.

Also—To legalize a certain by-law of the County of Simcoe.

Also—To confirm the re-survey of part of the town of Collingwood.

Mr. Macdougall—Respecting the North Simcoe Railway Company.

Mr. Clarke (Norfolk)—To extend the municipal franchise to women.

Mr. Currie—To extend the franchise at elections for the Legislative Assembly so as to entitle all males, subjects of Her Majesty, of full age to vote at such elections.

Mr. Dawson—Respecting the municipality of Shuniah.

Mr. Widdifield—Respecting St. Paul's Church, Newmarket.

Mr. Code—Respecting St. Paul's Church in the village of Almonte.

Mr. Patterson (Essex)—Respecting by-law No. 240 of the town of Windsor.

Mr. Wigle—To incorporate the Leamington, Comber, & Lake St. Clair Railway Company.

Mr. Meredith—To incorporate the London Real Estate Association.

Mr. Cameron—To incorporate the Metropolitan Street Railway Company of Toronto.

Mr. Cameron—Respecting the Toronto Street Railway Company.

Mr. Cameron—Respecting the Toronto, Grey, & Bruce Railway Company.

Mr. FERRIS asked whether there had been any correspondence between the Government of the Dominion and the Government of this Province, relating to the transfer to the Province of Ontario of the River Trent Works, and if so, whether the correspondence had been closed, and if closed, what had been the conclusion arrived at, and whether there was any objection to the papers being brought down.

Mr. FRASER said there had been correspondence on the subject, the correspondence had been closed at present, no conclusion had been arrived at, and there was no objection to the papers being brought down.

Mr. CAMERON moved for a return of all licences for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors in the Province during the

year 1876. Such return to show the names and addresses of all persons so licensed, whether brewers, wholesale dealers, shop keepers, tavern-keepers, or saloon keepers, and distinguishing the nature of the licence. He said that there was considerable interest taken in this question, and it was important that they should have the fullest information in order to judge of how far the Act of the Government last session had worked satisfactorily. He suggested the amendment of his motion so as to cover the year 1875, so that it might be ascertained how many of those who had held licences in that year were granted licences in 1876. A comparison in that respect would be necessary in order to judge of what might be necessary in the way of further legislation on the subject.

The amendment was made, and the motion carried.

BRAKEMEN ON RAILWAYS.

Mr. WILLIS moved for a Select Committee to inquire into and report on the best method of preventing accidents to brakemen and switchmen of railways, when in discharge of their respective duties, with power to send for persons and papers. He remarked that all hon. gentlemen would see the necessity for such a motion. The motion was carried, and the following gentlemen appointed:—Messrs. Currie, Macdougall, Hardy, Hodgins, and Wills.

EXPENSES OF POLICE SERVICES.

Mr. FERRIS moved for a return showing the amount paid by the several cities, towns, and incorporated villages for police services; and also from the several counties, cities, towns, and incorporated villages, the several amounts paid to constables for the year 1875. He remarked that the information he sought would be useful in the way of ascertaining just exactly what the police services of the country cost. He thought that in view of recent events that service was not quite as satisfactory as it should be to secure the public in making certain investments. If this was so, it was a state of affairs that, in the public interest, required [to be remedied.

The motion was carried.

TRIALS FOR FELONIES, &c.

Mr. LONG moved for a return in respect to cases under the Act, 32nd and 33rd Vic., cap. 35, for the more speedy trial of felonies and misdemeanours, from the several counties in Ontario, for the year 1876.

Carried.

NORTH ESSEX MAGISTRATES.

Mr. PATTERSON (Essex) moved for copies of all correspondence in the possession of the Government relative to appointments to the Magistracy in the North Riding of Essex. He believed certain recommendations had been made for the appointment of Magistrates in his Riding which had not been attended to. These appointments should not be made on political grounds, but on reference to the clerks of the peace and county attorneys.

Mr. MOWAT said correspondence of this kind was generally confidential, but there was some correspondence which could be brought down. In Essex five magistrates had been appointed on the 16th June, 1872, and one on the 26th July, 1872. It was then represented to him (Mr. Mowat) by Mr. Prince, then the member for the county, that other magistrates were required in different localities. That gentleman furnished him with a list of persons whom it would be proper to appoint. He (Mr. Mowat) induced him very largely to reduce his list, and 63 magistrates were appointed in September, 1873. It was difficult to imagine that any great addition could be required. If magistrates were really needed the Government did not at any time refuse to appoint them. A large number, however, of those who were appointed did not qualify. There were some commissions twenty years old, with persons in them now living who had never qualified.

Mr. CAMERON said no man should be appointed as a magistrate unless he was qualified by education and position. Magistrates had been appointed in the past, not only by the present Government but by their predecessors, simply on the ground of their political predilections. He thought the Government ought to consider whether the time had not come to appoint stipendiary magistrates in the well settled portions of the country. He thought too many coroners were appointed.

Mr. BETHUNE said the whole system of appointing magistrates had out-