

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

THIRD PARLIAMENT---SECOND SESSION.

Toronto, 19th Jan., 1877.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. Merriok — Of sixteen Orange Lodges, praying for the incorporation of the Orange Association.

By Mr. Deroche — Of three Orange Lodges, to the same effect.

By Mr. Preston—Of six Orange Lodges to the same effect.

By Mr. Wills—Of one Orange Lodge, to the same effect.

By Mr. Fleisher—Of seven Orange Lodges, to the same effect.

By Mr. Boulter—Of four Orange Lodges, to the same effect.

By Mr. Rosevear—Of twelve Orange Lodges to the same effect.

Mr. Clarke (Wellington)—Of the High School Board of Elora, praying for certain amendments to the School Act.

Mr. Patterson (York)—Of the Toronto Street Railway Company, praying that no Act may pass to incorporate the Metropolitan Street Railway Company.

By Hon. Mr. Macdougall—Of the Township Council of Sunnidale, also of the Township Council of Mulmur, also of the Township Council of Vespra, also of the Township Council of West Gwillimbury, severally praying that the Bill now before the House respecting the Hamilton and North Western Railway may not pass.

By Mr. Hardy—Of the School Board of the village of Scotland, praying for certain amendments to the School Act.

STANDING ORDERS.

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

BILLS INTRODUCED.

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

Mr. Ball—To incorporate the People's Gas Company.

Mr. Deroche—To enable the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto to conduct enquiries under oath.

Mr. Gibson—Respecting the village of Fort Erie.

Mr. Clarke (Wellington)—Relating to the Hamilton and North-Western Railway Co.

Mr. Hargraff—To enable the municipality of Cobourg to aid certain manufacturing establishments.

Mr. O'Donoghue—To amend the Waterworks Act of the City of Ottawa.

Mr. O'Donoghue—To change the name of certain streets in the City of Ottawa.

Mr. Macdougall (Middlesex)—To enable the Municipal Council of Adelaide to sell certain lands.

Mr. Meredith—To authorize the Synod of the Diocese of Huron to sell certain lands.

Mr. Massie—To incorporate the Guelph Street Railway Company.

Mr. Mowat—To incorporate the Upper Canada Bible Society.

Mr. Macdougall (Simcoe)—To amend the Act incorporating the Toronto Street Railway Company.

Mr. Macdougall (Simcoe)—To incorporate the Canada Industrial Exhibition Company.

GOVERNORS OF GAOLS.

Mr. HARDY asked whether it was the intention of the Government, in view of the escape during the past years of prisoners from confinement in the common gaols of the Province, to introduce a measure during the present session to provide for the appointment by the Government of the Governors of gaols within this Province?

Mr. MOWAT said the matter was being considered by the Government, but there would be no measure this session on the subject.

EXPLANATION.

Mr. MOWAT apologised to the House for again troubling them with an explanation upon the personal matter to which he had referred yesterday; but he was afraid from what appeared in the *Mail* newspaper this morning that there were one or two points upon which he had not been sufficiently ex-

plained yesterday. It was suggested in the *Mail's* article to-day that the Commissioners in the Scott matter had reported against the estate. That was a mistake. The Commissioners had reported in favour of the estate, to the extent of \$6,000. The article averred that upon reference to him (Mr. Mowat) subsequently to the report he had allowed this \$6,000; but the fact was that the subsequent reference of the matter to him was upon a claim additional to the \$6,000, and he wished it to be distinctly understood that on that application to allow a further sum he had not decided in favour of Mr. Maclellan's clients, but against them. It was also suggested that Mr. Maclellan had appeared as advocate for one side before the Commissioners, and himself (Mr. Mowat) as advocate for the other. This statement was also incorrect. The work of the Commissioners occupied several months, and it was obviously quite impossible for him to neglect his duties as Attorney-General for so long a time, in order to give to the matter a proper amount of personal attention, and in accordance with the usual practice another gentleman attended to the matter on behalf of the Province, and was present as advocate. He had only personally attended on the last day or two, and he did so then as Attorney-General to learn what should be said on the final argument of the case, but even then he had not appeared as advocate on either side. It was also suggested that Mr. Maclellan had appeared as counsel for the plaintiffs before him (Mr. Mowat) in the application made to him subsequent to the report of the Commissioners. This was also incorrect. Mr. Maclellan had not so appeared in any application which had been made to him (Mr. Mowat) on the matter. The counsel for the claimants on the discussion before him (Mr. Mowat) were the hon. leader of the Opposition and several other eminent legal gentlemen. He again apologised to the House for having said anything further on this matter, but he deemed it best, as, judging from the newspaper article referred to, he had apparently not been quite explicit enough in his remarks yesterday, to place the matter as clearly before hon. members as he had meant to do, and as he had thought he had done. (Loud cheers)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Mr. WIDDIFIELD moved for:—1st. A copy of the minutes of all meetings of the Senate of the University of Toronto held during the years 1874, 1875, and 1876, with the names of the members of the Senate present at each meeting. These minutes to include all notices of motion, a copy of all resolutions, and of any report or reports which may have been offered or which the Senate may have passed during that period, bearing upon the subject of the existing affiliations of Medical Schools with the University of Toronto; also, the names of members of the Senate who may have given notice of any motions, or moved or seconded any resolutions or the adoption of any report or reports of the Senate upon the said subject of Medical School affiliation; also, a list of the years and days in any case where these may have been recorded. 2nd. A copy of all correspondence which may have taken place between the Government and the said Medical Schools now affiliated to the said University of Toronto, with a copy of all replies from the said schools received by Government. 3rd. A copy of any Order or Orders in Council which may have been passed by Government relating to the subject of medical affiliations with the said University of Toronto. He said that in any case these documents were such as the Legislature should be put in possession of. In 1853 the Parliament of Canada passed an Act by which one art college and three medical schools were affiliated with the University of Toronto. Recently, it appeared, the Senate of the University of Toronto had cancelled the affiliations of all medical schools, and the House ought to have a full statement of the reasons for this action.

Mr. CROOKS said there was every reason why the motion should be acceptable to the House. The action of the Senate had merely tended to clear away the anomalies which existed in regard to the medical schools. No new scheme of affiliation had yet been submitted by the Senate to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, but no doubt any such scheme would be based upon the liberal principle which had guided the Senate in the past.

In answer to Mr. Macdougall (Simcoe),

Mr. CROOKS said the returns from the University had been brought down annually, but the Printing Committee had not considered it advisable to print some of them