

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

THIRD PARLIAMENT---SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, 29th Jan., 1877.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

ESTATE BILLS.

Mr. Speaker laid on the table the report of the Commissioners on Estate Bills in reference to certain Bills.

The Clerk read the report, but it was impossible to gather even the drift of what was read in the gallery.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

Mr. O'Donoghue—From R. Cardinal and others, of Ottawa, praying for certain amendments to the License Act.

Mr. Cameron—From James Ashdown and others, praying for a road from Lake Rosseau to Lake Joseph; also, of the Reeves of Preston and others, with respect to bridges on county roads.

Mr. Crooks—From the County Council of Peel, asking for the abolition of exemptions of that property from taxation; also, from the County Council of Oxford, praying that the Ballot Act be applied to voting on the Dunkin Act; also, from John McIntyre and others, against the Skunkish Bill; also of the High School Trustees of Fergus, praying for amendments to the High School Act.

Mr. Coult—From the Municipal Council of Wallaceburg, praying for amendments to the Drainage Act.

Mr. Clarke (Wellington)—From the School Board of E'ora, praying for amendments to the School Act.

Mr. Wills—From the County Council of Hastings, praying for amendments to the Municipal Act.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

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

Mr. Striker—To amend the Act 34 Vic, cap. 34, entitled the Pharmacy Act of 1871.

Mr. Preston—To amend the Act respecting line fences.

Mr. Patterson (Essex)—To extend the rights and remedies of mechanics and others entitled to liens on chattels.

Mr. Mowat—To amend the Act respecting chattel mortgages and sales of personal property.

Mr. Wills—To amend the Ontario Judicial Act.

Mr. Hodgins—To amend the Act respecting Building Societies.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following Bills passed a second reading:—

Mr. Mowat—To amend the Act of Incorporation of the Canadian Literary Institute of Woodstock.

Mr. Rosevear—To consolidate the debt of the Port Hope Harbour.

Mr. Chisholm—Respecting the Peel General Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Scott—To incorporate the William Hall, Peterborough, Protestant Poor Trust.

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

Mr. Mowat—To amend the Act incorporating the Upper Canada Bible Society.

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

Mr. McMahon—To authorize the town of Dundas to pass a by-law exempting the Canada Screw Company from taxes.

Mr. Scott—Respecting the Huron and Quebec Railway Company.

ASSESSMENT ACTS.

Mr. SPRINGER moved the second reading of the Bill to amend the Assessment Act of 1875-76. Carried.

Mr. BAXTER moved the second reading of the Bill to amend the Assessment Act of 1869. He explained that its provisions were intended to obviate a difficulty now experienced in regard to volunteers exempt from statute labour. The Bill provided that the certificate necessary to secure exemption from statute labour on the part of volunteers should be supplied by the captain instead of by the staff-officer as at present.

The motion was carried, and the Bill read the second time.

REPORTS.

Mr. Crooks presented a report of the R-

ceipts and Expenditure of the Province for the year ending 30th December, 1876.

Mr. Wood presented the report of the Ontario Arts School.

Also—The annual report of the Inspector of Asylums and Prisons for 1876. The report, Mr. Wood stated, would be printed on Wednesday or Thursday.

THE WRIT FOR SOUTH WATERLOO.

Mr. MOWAT said he desired to mention that according to statute the writ for a new election in South Waterloo would issue as a matter of course upon the death of the late member being announced in the House. He did not therefore propose to move for the issue of the writ, for although that had been done in the case of Frontenac a few days ago, it was quite unnecessary, though, of course, there was no harm in doing it.

Mr. MOWAT said that as the order paper had been gone through, with the exception of the Government orders, which, according to the rules of the House, might not be proceeded with on Monday, he would move the adjournment of the House.

The House adjourned at four o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Mowat—A Bill to provide for certain amendments and additions to the Statutes of the Province as consolidated by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose.

Mr. Merrick—That the fifth report of the Committee on Private Bills be referred back to said Committee, with instructions to declare the preamble proven of the Bill to incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of Ontario West and the Loyal Orange Association of Ontario East.

Mr. Scott—Order for copy of correspondence relating to the application of the Rev. J. W. R. Beck, for indemnity in respect of the purchase of Lot No. 6, second broken front, concession of Haldimand; also, copy of so much of the return from the Crown Lands Department to the Registrar of Northumberland pursuant to Stat. C. S. U. C., cap. 89, sec. 80, as relates to the said lot.