

# ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

## THIRD PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, Feb. 12.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock p.m.

### PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

Mr. Bell—Of A. Yukolans *et al.*, for amendments to the License Act.

Mr. Clarke (W. Hinton)—Of John Stouffer *et al.*, of East Garafraxas; also of James Somerville *et al.*, of E. In; also of Charles Hay *et al.* of Nichol, respecting the Credit Valley Railway.

Mr. Hay—Of the Town Council of Stratford, for certain amendments to the Registry Act.

### BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. Baxter—To amend the Bill respecting the practice of physic and surgery.

Mr. Widdifield—To amend the Bill re-adjusting the representation in the Legislative Assembly.

### THE MERCER ESTATE.

Mr. Wood presented a return of correspondence with the Government respecting the Mercer estate.

### CORRECTION.

Mr. O'DONOGHUE stated that in a report that appeared in one of the newspapers he was made to say, in reference to the petition asking that the keepers of saloons, &c., in Ottawa might keep open till 11 p.m. on Saturdays, that he presented it knowing there were fictitious and forged names appended. He did not intend to speak so as to be understood in this way, but to mention that two days after he presented the petition he received a letter calling his attention to the fact that many of the names were fictitious or forged.

### THIRD READING.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:—

Mr. Hargrave—Respecting the Cobourg, Peterborough, and Marmora Railway and Mining Company.

Mr. Pardoe—Respecting the Free Grant and Homestead Act of 1868.

Attorney-General Mowat—Respecting Co-Debtors.

Mr. Paxton—To amend the Acts relating to the Whitby and Port Perry Extension Railway Company.

Mr. Williams—Relating to St. Mark's Church, Niagara.

Mr. Williams—Relating to the Hamilton and North-Western Railway Company.

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

Mr. Hodgins—Respecting St. Paul's Church, Toronto.

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

Mr. McCroney—Respecting the Bothwell (O. W.) Land and Petroleum Company (Limited).

Mr. McDougall (Middlesex)—To empower the Township of Adelaide to convey certain lands.

Mr. Dawson—Respecting the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Hodgins—Respecting the St. Catharines Street Railway Company.

Mr. Dawson—Respecting the Municipality of Shusab.

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

### TRINITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.

On the order for the third reading of the Bill to incorporate Trinity Medical School,

Mr. CAMERON took exception to the Bill on the ground of its seeking such privileges as ought not to be conceded to any teaching schools.

The Bill passed.

### CREDIT VALLEY RAILWAY.

On the order for the third reading of the Bill respecting the Credit Valley Railway Company.

Mr. MASSIE opposed the Bill, it being clear to him that its provisions ignored the representatives of the people. It was right and proper that municipal governments should have a voice in all things affecting their interests. He moved an amendment,

seconded by Mr. PAXTON, "That the Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be referred back to a Committee of the whole House to be amended by adding after the words 'additional aid' in line 22 of section 22, 'in which case it shall be in the discretion of the council of the municipality to submit a by-law to the vote of the qualified electors, and except as herein provided.'"

Mr. BELL objected to the amendment as defeating the object of the Bill, and also as out of order.

The SPEAKER, after some discussion, ruled that the motion was out of order, and the third reading was declared carried.

### THE PEOPLE'S GAS COMPANY.

On the House resolving itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to incorporate the People's Gas Company,

Mr. BELL moved that the words inserted in the 28th clause by the Private Bills Committee be struck out. He argued that the City Council was sufficiently protected without this provision.

Mr. CAMERON thought that this provision, which required the consent of the City Council before the Company could break up the streets, or any set of streets was very reasonable. He therefore opposed the amendment.

Mr. MOWAT could not see the propriety of giving the City Council power to veto the action of the Legislature. It seemed to him that the city was sufficiently protected by the provision enacting that the consent of the engineer must be obtained before any street could be opened.

Mr. CAMERON strongly argued in favour of the City Council having the right to say whether the streets should be opened or not, that body being responsible to the citizens for the state and repairs of the streets.

After further discussion, the amendment was carried by 24 to 15.

The Committee rose, and reported the Bill with amendments.

### PRIVATE BILLS.

The following private Bills were advanced a stage:—

Respecting the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Hamilton—Mr. Williams.

Respecting the Stratford and Huron Railway—Mr. Hay.

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

For the incorporation of the town of Belleville as a city, and for the consolidation of the debt thereof—Mr. Willis.

To incorporate Alma College at St. Thomas—Mr. Wilson.

To incorporate the Industrial Exhibition Company—Mr. Cameron.

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

To enable the Corporation of Cobourg to aid certain manufacturing establishments—Mr. Hargrave.

Mr. Williams—To enable the Synod of Niagara to sell certain lands in Arthur.

Mr. Keay—To extend and define the limits of the town of Odessa.

### LIQUOR LICENSES.

The amendments made in Committee on the Bill to amend the Act respecting the sale of spirituous liquors were concurred in.

### ENCOURAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURE, &c.

The House went into Committee on the Bill for the encouragement of agriculture, horticulture, arts, and manufactures, and passed several amendments thereto.

It being six o'clock, the Speaker left the chair.

After recess,

The House again went into Committee on the Bill for the Encouragement of Agriculture and Arts, and further amended the Bill. The Committee rose and reported the Bill as amended.

### THE EDUCATION ACT.

The House went into Committee on the Bill to amend the several Acts respecting the Education Department, Public and High Schools, and the University of Toronto.

Mr. CROOKS explained that he should only move the adoption of those clauses to which no amendments were proposed. In reference to the other clauses, he had received so many suggestions that he wished time for their consideration.

Section 1 of the first clause, giving farther