

# ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

## THIRD PARLIAMENT--SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14.

The Speaker took the chair at 3:20 p.m.

### PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented :—

Of the North Oxford Agricultural Society praying for certain amendments to the Agricultural and Arts Act—by Hon. Attorney-General Mowat.

Of the County Council of Simcoe, praying for an insertion of a clause in the amendments to the Temperance Act of 1864, abolishing the present bar-room system of treating—by Hon. Mr. Macdougall (Simcoe).

Of Peter Gorrie and others, of West Garafraxa, respecting the Credit Valley Railway—by Mr. Clarke (Wellington).

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Of Johnson Soper, and others, of Warwick, praying for aid to the Erie and Huron Railway—by Mr. McCraney.

### MUNICIPAL INSTITUTIONS ACT.

Mr. Wells introduced a Bill to amend the Act respecting the municipal institutions of Ontario, which was read the first time.

### THIRD READINGS.

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

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

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

To amend the Act respecting dentistry—Mr. Boulter.

To amend the Assessment Act of 1869—Mr. Baxter.

### PRIVATE BILLS.

The following private Bills were advanced a stage :—

To erect the town of Brantford into a city—Mr. Hardy.

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

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

### AID TO ARTS AND AGRICULTURE, &c.

The House went into Committee of the Whole upon the following resolutions, which were concurred in without amendment and reported :—

1. The Ontario Society of Arts, so long as the number of its *bona fide* members is not less than twenty five, shall be entitled to receive from unappropriated moneys in the hands of the Treasurer of the Province, a sum of not less than five hundred dollars in any one year.

2. The Fruit Growers' Association, so long as the number of its *bona fide* members is not less than fifty, and so long as it complies with the provisions of this Act, shall be entitled to receive from unappropriated moneys in the hands of the Treasurer of the Province, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars in any one year, provided that the Secretary of the Association shall, on or before the first day of September in each year, transmit to the Commissioner of Agriculture an affidavit, which may be sworn to before any Justice of the Peace, stating the number of members who have paid their subscription for the current year, and the total amount of such subscription.

3. Any Mechanics' Institute which shall, during four months in any year, have in operation classes in which instruction is given by competent teachers in writing, English grammar, arithmetic, bookkeeping, mensuration, freshhand, architectural and mechanical drawing, or any four of these subjects, shall be entitled to fifty dollars (additional to an annual grant of four hundred dollars) for each fifty pupils over and above two hundred.

2. Not more than one-fourth the total amount received from unappropriated moneys in the hands of the Treasurer of the Province, and locally contributed, respectively, shall be expended for the purpose of such reading-room.

4. The Entomological Society, so long as the number of its *bona fide* members is not less than fifty, shall be entitled to receive from unappropriated moneys in the hands of the Treasurer of the Province, a sum not to exceed seven hundred and fifty dollars in any one year, on the like conditions as the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario.

5. Each Dairymen's Association, so long as the number of its *bona fide* members is not