

TUESDAY, Feb. 20.

The Speaker took the chair at 3:30 p m.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

Mr. Hay—Petition of Wallace Township Council to legalize a certain by-law.

Mr. Meredith—Petition of Wm. Mortimer and others, of London, praying for certain amendments to the Spirit License Act.

Hon W. Macdougall—Petition of L. O. L. No. 200, praying for the incorporation of the Orange Association.

Mr. Meredith—Petition from thirty lodges to the same purpose.

THIRD READINGS.

The Bill respecting the Stratford and Huron Railway was amended in Committee, received the third reading and passed.

THE HAMILTON COURT HOUSE.

Mr. SEXTON drew attention to the state of the Court House at Hamilton, which had always proved inadequate for the transaction of business. The county of Wentworth and the city of Hamilton had determined to build a new Court House, the city agreeing to pay 60 per cent of the cost and the Council 40 per cent. He asked the House to suspend its rules and allow a measure to be introduced for legalizing the agreement entered into by the county and the city. He moved the first reading of the Bill.

The Bill was read the first time.

THE EDUCATION BILL.

On the motion of Mr. CROOKS, the House again 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. ROSS moved an amendment to the effect that the election of school trustees should take place on the same day as municipal elections.

After some discussion the amendment was withdrawn.

The Committee rose and reported.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE.

Mr. SPEAKER read a message from His Honour the Lieut.-Governor, transmitting estimates of further sums required for the public service as follows:—School of Agriculture, Guelph—For erection of cheese factory in connection with the proposed dairy, \$3,000.

On motion of Mr. Crooks the message with the accompanying estimate were referred to the Committee of Supply.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Cameron—On the third reading of Bill No. 53, respecting the Toronto Street Railway Company, will move that the Bill be not now read a third time, but be referred back to the Committee of the Whole House to amend the same by striking out the amendments made to the first clause by the said Committee.

Mr. Wilson—On the third reading of Bill No. 53, Toronto Street Railway Company, he will move that the words "wooden block" be inserted after the word "cobble."