

The Speaker took the chair at 3 p. m.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented :—

Mr. Cameron—Of J. H. Venables and others, of Toronto, praying that the Mayor may be elected by the people.

Mr. Bell—Of M. McCabe and others, of Toronto, to the same effect.

Mr. Currie—Of the Agricultural Society of Lincoln, praying that Township Agricultural Societies may be abolished.

REPORTS BY COMMITTEES.

Mr. CLARKE (Wellington) presented the report of the Printing Committee.

THE DUNKIN ACT.

Mr. MOWAT moved the first reading of a Bill to make certain amendments on the Temperance Act of 1864. He remarked that during the discussion on the amendments to the License Act, it had been suggested that it would be very desirable in counties passing the Dunkin Act Bill that the Bill should go into force on the first of May—the date on which the licenses granted under the License Act took effect—instead of the first of March, as at present. It had been stated that great inconvenience had resulted from the difference in the two dates. There was some doubt as to whether this Legislature had any jurisdiction over the Temperance Act of 1864; he had come to the conclusion that it would be better to assume that jurisdiction in the meantime at all events. It had also been impressed upon the Government that it would be desirable to apply the ballot to the Dunkin Act. The Bill would include a provision to that effect.

The motion was carried and the Bill read the first time.

TOWNSHIPS IN NIPISSING.

Mr. MOWAT introduced a Bill to apply the Municipal Law to certain townships in