

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Third Parliament—Third Session.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Toronto, Jan. 14, 1878.

The Speaker took the chair at 3:10 p.m.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. Wilson—An Act to incorporate the St. Thomas Street Railway Company.

By Mr. Chisholm—Of the Toronto General Hospital, praying for an Act to amalgamate the Burnside Lying-in Hospital with the Toronto General Hospital; also from the Burnside Lying-in Hospital to the same effect.

By Mr. McGowan—Of the Village Council of Harriston, that the village may be incorporated as a town.

By Mr. McMahon—Of the Town Council of Dundas, that an Act may pass authorizing them to exempt John Fisher & Sons from taxation.

By Mr. Dawson—Of the Town Council of Sault Ste. Marie, to divide the District of Algoma into three electoral districts.

Also—From Thomas Marks and others, of Thunder Bay, to the same effect.

By Hon. Mr. Fraser—Petition to incorporate the National Club, Toronto.

By Mr. Meredith—To incorporate the Western University of London, Ontario.

By Hon. M. C. Cameron—Of the Victoria Railway Company, for an Act to limit their power of issuing bonds.

By Mr. Deacon—Of the Town of Brockville, to consolidate the debt of the municipality.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. ROBINSON rose to a question of Privilege, and called attention to a report in the *Mail* of his speech on Friday evening, which he said was a deliberate tissue of untruth. The *Mail* made him say:—

He hoped the question of the Orange Bill was not coming up again this session. He had heard it was, although he found no notice of it had been given in the *Gazette*. He was aware that the Orangemen desired it, but he was of opinion that the Opposition had only taken it up for political purposes. If the Opposition had dropped it, probably they had done so, so suddenly, at the suggestion of a power behind the Throne. He did not believe the Opposition had any instructions from the Grand Lodge to take it up, and as an Orangeman he protested.

From the beginning to the end there was not a single word of truth in that report, and how such a misrepresentation of his remarks came to be made he was unable to say. He sincerely hoped the Opposition were not in such desperate straits as to be compelled to encourage this kind of reporting. What he did say was correctly given in THE GLOBE, as follows:—

He hoped it was not true that the Orange Bill would receive the go-by this session. At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of East Ontario it was unanimously decided that the question should be brought up year after year until it was carried. Why it was not brought up by the members on the Opposition side of the House he could not understand. He remembered that there was some talk about a power behind the Throne having prevented the Government from bringing it forward. He hoped the power behind the Throne had not induced the Opposition to drop it so suddenly. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) He did not believe that they had received any orders from the Grand Lodge to abandon the measure. He did not know whether they were keeping it back for a session nearer the general election or not. They would find that when the election came it would operate like a two-edged sword, for it could cut both ways. As an Orangeman and as a member of this House he protested against the Opposition dropping this measure without giving a reason for so doing.

Mr. LAUDER—That is from THE GLOBE, is it not?

Mr. ROBINSON—If you are so anxious to know you can look. (Laughter.)

The matter then dropped.

THE DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

Mr. BAXTER, resuming the debate on the Address, said that in previous sessions the complaint of some members of the Opposition had been that too much money was given for charitable purposes, but now the complaint was that more was not granted to certain charitable institutions. The money was now faithfully expended in accordance with the statute, and according to the