

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Third Parliament—Third Session.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Thursday, Jan. 17.

The Speaker took the chair at 3:20 o'clock.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Hon. M. C. Cameron—For the relief of W. H. Bell and others in respect of lands devised by the late Thomas Bell.

By Hon. M. C. Cameron—To authorize trustees of the Elmsley estate to sell or lease certain lands.

By Hon. M. C. Cameron—County Council of Leeds and Grenville, for an Act to sell certain lands.

By Hon. M. C. Cameron—An Act to incorporate the Toronto Stock Exchange.

By Hon. M. C. Cameron—Of Toronto and Nipissing Railroad Co., to extend the time for completion of railroad.

By Hon. Mr. Currie—County Council of Lincoln for repeal of Act relating to Grimsby and Queenston road.

By Mr. Hodgins—From Henry Scarrow, of London, to add the name of Woodward to his present name.

By Mr. Hunter—An Act to incorporate the Wellington and Georgian Bay Railway Company.

By Mr. Williams—An Act to amend the Acts of Incorporation respecting the H. and N. W. Railway Company.

By Mr. Miller—That no Act may pass to erect the provisional county of Muskoka.

By Mr. Meredith—To confirm sales made by the I. O. G. T.; also another to the same effect.

By Mr. Sinclair—An Act to incorporate the Saugeen Valley Railway Company.

By Mr. Williams—An Act to incorporate the Great Western Railway Provident Society.

By Mr. Williams—An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Children's Industrial School of Hamilton.

By Mr. Coutts—An Act to enable the township of Romney to open up certain side roads.

By Mr. Coutts—An Act to amend the Municipal Act respecting bridges over streams.

By Mr. Coutts—Kent County Council, to amend the Temperance Act of 1864.

By Mr. Dawson—From ratepayers of Sault Ste. Marie, to amend the Municipal Act respecting land tax sales.

By Mr. Merrick—An Act to incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of Eastern and Western Ontario.

By Hon. T. B. Pardee—From the township of Enniskillen, to aid the Toronto Eye and Ear Infirmary; also one from Petrolia to the same effect.

By Mr. Appleby—To the same effect.

Petitions for the abolition of tax exemptions, and largely signed, were presented from ratepayers of the city of Brantford and the city of Kingston; also from the municipalities of the following places:—The towns of Mitchell, Cobourg, Simcoe, Orangeville, Berlin, St. Thomas, Napanee, Owen Sound, Orillia, Port Hope, Brantford; also from the villages of Colborne, Arthur, Mount Forest, Renfrew, Preston, Port Colborne, Merritton, Chippewa, Grimsby, London East, Lanark, Newburgh, Fergus, Elora, Wyoming, Wingham, New Edinburgh, Streetsville, Wroxeter, Port Perry, Uxbridge; the townships of York, Thorold, London, Hamilton, Collingwood, West Garafraxa, Albion, Matilda, and the counties of Peel and Lincoln.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee appointed on Standing Committees presented the following report:—

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.—Hons. Mowat, Crooks, Currie, and Macdougall; Messrs. Ballantyne, Barr, Bell, Bonfield, Broder,

Code, Cole, Dawson, Deroche, Finlayson, Graham, Grange, Hodgins, Master, McCraney, McLeod, McMahon, McRae, Monk, Patterson (Essex), Paxton, Richardson, Rosevear, Sexton, Scott, Sinclair, Springer, Tooley, and Wells.

PRIVATE BILLS.—Hons. Cameron, Currie, Fraser, Pardee, Hardy, and Macdougall; Messrs. Baker, Ballantyne, Baxter, Broder, Boulter, Clarke (Norfolk), Code, Cole, Calvin, Chisholm, Dawson, Deacon, Finlayson, Graham, Grant, Gibson, Hay, Hardy, Harkin, Hodgins, Lauder, McGowan, McCraney, McMahon, McDougall (Middlesex), Miller, Massie, Meredith, Merrick, Monk, O'Donoghue, Patterson (Essex), Patterson (York), Preston, Richardson, Scott, Sexton, Sinclair, Snetsinger, Tooley, Watterworth, Widdifield, and Wilson. The quorum shall be nine.

RAILWAYS.—Hons. Messrs. Cameron, Crooks, Currie, Fraser, Pardee, Macdougall, Hardy; Messrs. Appleby, Barr, Baxter, Bishop, Boulter, Brown, Clarke (Norfolk), Coutts, Creighton, Calvin, Chisholm, Dawson, Deacon, Deroche, Flesher, Haney, Hunter, Hargraff, Hay, Kean, Lane, Lauder, Long, Lyon, McMahon, McCraney, Miller, McLeod, McRae, Massie, Merrick, Monk, Mostyn, O'Sullivan, Paxton, Preston, Robinson, Snetsinger, Springer, Wigle, Wills, and Wilson. The quorum shall be nine.

STANDING ORDERS.—Hon. W. Macdougall, and Messrs. Appleby, Bishop, Bonfield, Clarke (Norfolk), Code, Coutts, Dawson, Deroche, Finlayson, Grant, Haney, Hargraff, Harkin, Hunter, Lane, Lyon, McDougall (Middlesex), McGowan, McLeod, McRae, Massie, Merrick, Master, Monk, Mostyn, O'Sullivan, Paxton, Preston, Robinson, Snetsinger, Springer, Wigle, Wills, and Wilson. The quorum shall be nine.

PRINTING.—Hons. Messrs. Fraser and Macdougall; Messrs. Boulter, Clarke (Wellington), Creighton, Deroche, Grange, Haney, O'Donoghue, and Miller.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.—Hons. Messrs. Cameron, Crooks, Macdougall, Wood, and Hardy; Messrs. Ballantyne, Clarke (Wellington), Deacon, Ferris, Gibson, Hay, Lauder, Merrick, Meredith, Ross, Striker, Williams, and Wills. The quorum shall be nine.

Hon. Mr. WOOD moved that the report be adopted.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON objected to an immediate adoption of the report, because there was a change in a quorum, which involved a change in a rule of the House.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said that he did not object to the matter being allowed to stand, but did not think that there was any change other than in the quorum, and that on the suggestion of the Committee.

After further discussion the motion was allowed to stand.

PRAYERS IN THE HOUSE.

Mr. MOWAT presented the report of the Committee appointed to consider and report upon a form of prayer. It was as follows:—

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only ruler of princes, who dost from Thy throne behold all dwellers upon earth, most heartily we beseech Thee with Thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, and so replenish her with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit that she may always incline to Thy will and walk in Thy way. Endue her plentifully with Heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally, after this life, may attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.—Amen.

Almighty God, the Fountain of all Goodness, we humbly beseech Thee to bless Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness, and bring them to thine everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

Most Gracious God, we humbly beseech Thee, as for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and Her Majesty's Dominions in general, so especially for this