

# ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

## Third Parliament—Third Session.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,  
TORONTO, Jan. 23.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.  
Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Sanson.

### PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented :—

Mr. Miller—Of the Township Council of the united townships of Draper, Ryde, and Oakley, and Township Council of Muskoka, that no Act may pass to erect the provisional county of Muskoka.

Mr. Watterworth—County Council of Middlesex, for certain amendments to the Municipal Act respecting Statute Labour.

Mr. McDougall (Middlesex)—County Council of Middlesex, for certain amendments to the School Act.

Mr. Monk, *et al.*—That the capital stock of the Ontario Insurance Companies may not be assessed for municipal purposes.

Mr. Bell—Ratepayers of Toronto, for abolition of tax exemptions.

Mr. Hunter—Ratepayers of Bentinck, Grey County, to the same effect.

Mr. Miller—Nine from the inhabitants of Muskoka, for certain amendments to the Division Court Act.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Deroche presented the first report of the Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. Clarke (Wellington) presented the first report of the Committee on Printing.

### FIRST READINGS.

The following Bills were read a first time :—

Mr. Crooks—An Act respecting the Port Dover and Lake Huron Railway.

Mr. Boulter—An Act respecting the Belleville and North Hastings Railway Company.

Mr. Deacon—An Act to consolidate the debt of the town of Brockville.

Mr. Creighton—An Act respecting Water-works at Owen Sound.

Mr. Chisholm—An Act to authorize the town of Brampton to construct Water-works.

Mr. Bethune—An Act to amend the law respecting Trial by Jury.

Mr. Flesher—An Act respecting a Survey in the township of Caledon.

Mr. McGowan—An Act to Incorporate the Arthur Junction Railway Company.

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

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

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

Mr. McGowan—An Act to incorporate the town of Harriston.

Mr. Bethune—An Act to provide for cumulative voting for municipal purposes.

Mr. Rishop—An Act to incorporate the town of Wingham.

Mr. Meredith—An Act to incorporate the Western University of London, Ont.

Also—A Bill entitled "The London Water-Works Amendment Act of 1878."

Also—An Act to confirm sales made by the Order of Good Templars.

Also—(In the absence of Mr. Patterson, of Essex)—An Act to incorporate the Toronto Land and Loan Company.

Mr. Williams—An Act respecting the Hamilton Girls' Home.

Also—An Act to incorporate the Equitable Fire Insurance Company of Hamilton.

Also—An Act relating to the Hamilton and North-western Railway Company.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE COMMISSION.