

# ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

## THIRD PARLIAMENT—FOURTH SESSION.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

January 14.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Briggs, of the Metropolitan Church.

### PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. Deroche—From J. Hickson, general manager of the G. T. R., for an Act to legalize a certain agreement with the city of Brantford.

By Mr. Richardson—From the County Council of Norfolk, for certain amendments to the Assessment Act.

By Mr. Crooks—From the Town Council of Ingersoll, for an Act to amend the proclamation declaring the limits of the town.

By Mr. Monk—From the County Council of Carleton, and Ottawa and Gloucester Road Co., for an Act to legalize a certain agreement between them.

By Mr. Lyon (Algoma)—From John McIntyre and others, for an Act to construct roads.

By Mr. Wilson (in room of Mr. Williams)—From the Barton and Glandford Road Co., for an Act to grant them further time for completion of a portion of their road.

By Mr. Wilson (in room of Mr. Williams)—From John Harvey and others, for an Act to incorporate the Prudential Life Assurance Co. of Ontario.

By Mr. Scott—From the County Council of Peterborough, for an Act respecting the burying ground of the town and county.

By Mr. McLaws—From the County Council of Elgin, for certain amendments to the Assessment Act.

### THE ADDRESS.

Mr. FRASER thanked the House for their courtesy in permitting the adjournment of the debate last night, and said that this afternoon he would be brief in his remarks. He had yesterday showed conclusively the want of honour in the members of the Opposition who were endeavouring to force the amendment to the amendment to the Address. Though moved by the member for South Simcoe, it was evidently the work of older heads. The amendment to the Address was in the handwriting of the member for East Grey, who had had sufficient experience in the House to be familiar with the way in which any expression of opinion from either side of the House could be cut off. The amendment to the amendment was in a different handwriting, whose it was he would not mention then. It had originally been intended to be moved by the hon. member for Peterborough, but it had evidently been found necessary that somebody else should take that gentleman's place. That somebody else was the member for South Simcoe, who, if he (Mr. Fraser) had rightly understood him yesterday, had said he made the motion in fulfilment of a pledge given by him to his constituents. He had read the address of the member for South Simcoe when he went before them for election, and he had found no reference in it whatever to expenditures and salaries, or on account of indemnities. He did find in it that the hon. gentleman promised, if he were elected, to endeavour in this the last session of this Parliament to emphasize the desperate misconduct of the Government of the day. (Hear, hear.) He (Mr. Fraser) thought that when the House had finished the hon. member for South Simcoe would find instead that he had emphasized the misconduct of those who sought to force this amendment. He would add a little further to his remarks on this curious chapter on the political history of this country, which was attempted to be written by hon. gentlemen opposite and their new leader. There was on the 5th of February, 1876, a debate upon the proposed increase to Ministers' salaries, and also with reference to the proposed increase in the indemnity to members. It was reported in the organs of both the political parties, and in the *Mail* of the 7th of February they would find the following report of Mr. Cameron on the motion for concurrence on the report of the Committee of Supply. Mr. Cameron