

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

THIRD PARLIAMENT—FOURTH SESSION.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

January 21.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock. Prayers were read by Rev. Father Bergen.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. Chisholm—From the Trustees of the Toronto General Hospital, for an Act to remove doubts as to the validity of certain debentures.

By Mr. McMahon—From Wm. Hoskins and others, of Hamilton, for an Act to incorporate the Provincial Land Surveyors of Ontario.

By Mr. Code—From the County Council of Lanark, that fewer grand and petit jurors may be selected for County Courts.

By Mr. McCraney—From the County Council of Kent, for an Act to amend the Act incorporating the Erie and Huron Railway Company.

Also—From the Town Council of Strathroy, for an Act to legalize a certain by-law in favour of one Richard Pincombe.

By Mr. Hay—From Roger Hedley and others, of St. Mary's, for an Act to alter the boundaries of St. Mary's.

By Mr. Watterworth—From the Strathroy, Port Franks, and Port Stanley Railway Company, for an Act to extend their time for building the road.

By Mr. Wigle—From George Wilson and others, of the township of Colchester, in the county of Essex, for the division of the township.

By Mr. Meredith—From the Council of the village of Grimsby, for amendments to the Municipal Act respecting the enforcement of statute labour.

By Mr. Ferris—From the village Council of Brighton, for the same.

Also—From the village Council of Colborne, for the same.

By Mr. Williams—From Alex. Manning and others, for an Act to incorporate the Ontario Steam-heating Company.

By Mr. Currie—From the St. Catharines and Welland Canal Gaslight Co., for an Act to extend their powers.

By Mr. Harcourt—From the Town Council of Niagara, that the Bill relating to the Queenston and Grimsby Road Co. may not pass.

By Mr. Bethune—From the Consumers' Gas Co. of Toronto, for an Act to amend their several Acts of Incorporation.

Also—From the Ottawa City Passenger Railway Co., that the Bill respecting the Company may not pass.

By Mr. O'Donohue—From the City Council of Ottawa, for an Act to amend the Act incorporating the Ottawa City Passenger Railway Co.

Also—From the same, for an Act to vest in them the powers accorded to the Ottawa Water-Works Commission.

Also—From the same, for an Act to enable them to aid the construction of a certain bridge.

Also—From the Union St. Joseph of Ottawa, for an Act to amend their Act of Incorporation.

By Mr. Morris—From the Hand-in-Hand Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Toronto, for an Act to amend their Act of Incorporation.

EXPLANATORY.

Mr. SNETSINGER and Mr. McMAHON made corrections of the reports of their speeches in the *Mail*. The latter gentleman remarked that what he had said appeared to be garbled in that paper.

THE ADDRESS.

Mr. PAXTON resumed the debate on the Address. He expressed sincere regret that Hon. Mr. Cameron had left this House, for in him they had an honourable and honest opponent, and his high character had been of great advantage to the members whom he led. In the high position he now occupied Mr. Cameron would, he believed, perform his duty honourably and impartially. So far as his successor was concerned, he believed he was disposed to discuss the questions that came before the House in a fair and gentlemanly manner. He regret-