

# ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

THIRD PARLIAMENT—FOURTH SESSION.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

January 28.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock. Prayers were read by Rev. J. D. Cayley.

## REPORTS.

Mr. DEROCHE presented the first report of the Committee on Standing Orders, which was adopted.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:—

To extend the limits of the Town of Walkerton—Mr. Sinclair.

Respecting the Yorkville Loop Line Railway Company—Mr. Lauder.

To revise and amend the Act incorporating the Ontario Mineral Railway Company—Mr. Deroche.

Respecting Billing's Bridge, and to legalize the transfer thereof to the Ottawa Road Company—Mr. Monck.

Respecting an agreement entered into between the City of Brantford and the Grand Trunk Railway Co.—Mr. Deroche.

To amend the Act authorising the Churchwardens of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, to issue debentures—Mr. Bell.

To incorporate the Industrial Exhibition Association of Toronto—Mr. Bell.

To legalize certain tax sales in the county of Renfrew—Mr. Deacon.

To enable the county of Carleton to sell certain lands in the city of Ottawa—Mr. Monck.

To legalize a certain by-law of the town of Strathroy—Mr. McCraney.

Respecting certain property in the town of Peterboro'—Mr. Scott.

Respecting the Port Hope Harbour Company—Mr. Rosevear.

To consolidate the debt of the county of Middlesex—Mr. Tooley.

Respecting the Lake Simcoe Junction Railway Company—Mr. Lauder.

To amend the Building Societies' Act—Mr. Bethune.

To extend the boundary line of the town of Ingersoll—Mr. Crooks.

Respecting the debenture debt of the London and Port Stanley Railway Company—Mr. Meredith.

To repeal the Act relating to the Queens-  
ton and Grimsby Road—Mr. Meredith.

Respecting the Water-Works of the town of Port Hope—Mr. Rosevear.

Respecting the Brockville Mutual Building Society—Mr. Cole.

To incorporate the Waterloo, Wellington, and Georgian Bay Railway Company—Mr. Springer.

To extend the powers of the Hand-in-Hand Mutual Fire Insurance Company—Mr. Harcourt.

To amend the Municipal Act—Mr. Sexton.

To amend the Jurors' Act—Mr. Sexton.

Respecting the Georgian Bay and Wellington Railway Company—Mr. Hunter.

To amend the Acts relating to the Brantford, Norfolk, and Port Burwell Railway Company—Mr. Wilson.

To incorporate the Brantford Street Railway Company—Mr. Meredith.

To incorporate the town of Mount Forest—Mr. McGowan.

Relating to the Hamilton and North-Western Railway Company—Mr. Williams.

Respecting the municipality of Shuniah—Mr. Lyon (Algoma).

Respecting the Whitby, Port Perry, and Lindsay Railway Company—Mr. Paxton.

To authorize the sale of certain lands in the village of London East, heretofore known as the Methodist Cemetery—Mr. Meredith.

To amend the General Road Companies' Act—Mr. Sexton.

To incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of Ontario West and the Loyal Orange

Association of Ontario East—Mr. Merrick.

To further amend the Act incorporating the Hamilton Gas Light Company—Mr. Williams.

To incorporate the Prudential Life Insurance Company of Ontario—Mr. Williams.

To incorporate the Ontario Steam and Heating Company—Mr. Williams.

To incorporate the Snowdon Iron Mining and Blast Furnace Company—Mr. Williams.

To amend chapter 84 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario—Mr. Sexton.

Respecting the property of the congregation of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Almonte—Mr. Fraser.

To amend chapter 174 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, respecting municipal institutions—Mr. Scott.

Respecting the Whitby and Bobcaygeon Extension Railway Company—Mr. Paxton.

## REPORTS AND RETURNS.

Mr. HARDY presented the report of the School of Practical Science, and the prospectus of the course of instruction therein; the report of the Depository Branch of the Educational Department; the statement of the Bursar of the University of Toronto and Upper Canada College of the cash transactions for the year ending the 30th June, 1878; the report of the distribution of the Revised Statutes of Ontario and the Sessional Statutes; and the eleventh annual Report of Asylums, Prisons, and Public Charities.

## THE SCHOOL LAW.

Mr. CROOKS introduced a Bill respecting Public, Separate, and High Schools. He said it contained three prominent features, viz., it extended the franchise, provided for a less expensive mode of holding school elections, and made provision for placing checks on the expenditure on capital account both for Public and for High Schools. These checks would be in the vote of the rate-payers in certain cases, and in others the councils of cities and towns would have a certain discretion in complying or not with the demands made upon them from time to time by School Boards. The Bill also contemplated remedying some defects which experience had shown to exist in the law as it now stood. He would make fuller explanations on the second reading of the Bill.

Mr. MEREDITH—Is it proposed to extend the ballot?

Mr. CROOKS replied in the negative.

The Bill was read a first time.

## EAST KENT LICENSE INSPECTOR.

Mr. HARDY—In answer to the question asked yesterday by my hon. friend the member for London in regard to the License Inspector for East Kent, I may say that no appointments have been made this year to the position spoken of, and that none will be made so long as the individual indicated continues in the position of Reeve.

## CARDWELL LIQUOR LICENSES.

Mr. FLESHER moved for an order of the House for a statement showing in detail the total amount received by the License Commissioner of Cardwell for tavern and shop licenses and fines for infringement of the license laws during 1878. Also, to show in detail all payments out of the License Fund of Cardwell since the 1st of May, 1878, the person or persons to whom, and the authority on which, such payments were made, and the amount of the balance on hand on the 1st day of January last.—Carried.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR 1878.

Mr. MEREDITH asked when the abstract of the receipts and expenditures for 1878 would be brought down.

Mr. MOWAT said that in the absence of his hon. friend the Treasurer he was not able to state the exact time.

Mr. MOWAT moved the adjournment of the House.

The House adjourned at 3:45.

## NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Sinclair—On Thursday next—Enquiry of Ministers:—Whether it is the intention of the Government, now that the arbitration is finally settled, to apportion and distribute without delay, to the municipalities entitled to it, the sum of \$124,685 18, being amount of the Upper Canada