

# ONTARIO LEGISLATURE:

## Fourth Parliament—First Session.

TORONTO, JANUARY 12.

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

### PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. Sinclair—From the County Council of Bruce, for sundry changes in the school law.

By Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—From the Sisters of St. Joseph in Hamilton, praying for confirmation of their title to certain lands in the township of Lancaster.

By Mr. Waters—From the County Council of Middlesex, for certain amendments to the license law.

Also from the Presbyterian congregation of Lobo, for confirmation of their title to certain lands.

By Mr. McMaster—From the trustees of Williamstown St. Andrew's Church, for an Act to authorize them to sell certain lands.

By Mr. Broder—From the trustees of the Iroquois High School, for an increase in the grant to High Schools.

By Mr. Cook—From the trustees of Orillia High School, for the same.

By Mr. Ross—From the Town Council of Wingham, for an Act respecting water-works in that town.

By Mr. Lyon—From James D. Edgar and others, for an Act to incorporate the Sault Ste. Marie Railway Co.

By Mr. Cook—From the town of Orillia, for an Act to remove any doubt as to the legality of a certain by-law.

Also from the County Council of Simcoe, for a Commission to enquire into the practicability of lowering the waters of lakes Simcoe and Couchiching.

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. MOWAT moved the appointment of the following to strike the standing committees:—The Attorney-General, Messrs. Baxter, Boulter, Ferris, Ross, Gibson, Hardy, Lauder, Meredith, Morris, Scott, and Wood.

### SUPPLY.

Mr. Mowat presented a message from the Lieutenant-Governor, transmitting Preliminary Estimates.

On motion of Mr. Wood they were referred to a Committee of Supply.

### PUBLIC WORKS REPORT.

Mr. Hardy presented the report of the Committee of Public Works for 1879.

The House adjourned at 3:15.

### NOTICES OF MOTION.

The Attorney-General—Wednesday—A Bill to make further provisions respecting supplementary drainage by-laws.

Also—Bill for the incorporation of cemetery companies by letters patent.

Also—Bill respecting coroners.

Mr. Cooke—Wednesday—Order for a return from county treasurers for money collected and disbursed, and how expended, in 1868 and '69.

Also—Order for a return from each county clerk for the number of municipalities, either township, village, or town, the name of each, the number of Reeves and Deputy-Reeves, &c.

Also—Bill to provide for the examination and licensing of engineers employed elsewhere than on steamboats.

Also—Bill to amend the General Railway Act.

Mr. Morris — Wednesday — Inquiry whether any regulations or orders have been adopted by the Government prohibiting officers of the Local Government acting as mayors, Reeves, or aldermen; also whether any rule or orders have been adopted prohibiting officers of the Local Government from taking part in Dominion or Legislative elections except voting.

Mr. Ross—Thursday—Order for a return of the elections held in June last, showing (1) the population in each electoral division; (2) the number of voters on the

voters' lists; (3) the number of votes polled for each candidate; (4) the number of spoiled ballots in each sub-division.

Also—Wednesday—Bill to amend the Act respecting Public, Separate, and High Schools.

Also—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Wigle—Wednesday—Order for correspondence, &c., relating to the dismissal or resignation of Mr. Johnson, Principal of the School of Agriculture, and the appointment of his successor.

Mr. Waters—Thursday—Bill to repeal sections 1, 2, and 3 of cap. 1, sec. 9, of the Revised Statutes, and to amend the law relating to Grand Juries.

Also—Bill to amend section 15 of the Public Schools Act.

Mr. Dryden—Wednesday—Order for a return showing (1) the number of County Councillors in the Province; (2) the number of miles travelled; (3) the number of sessions held in 1879, with the duration of each, and the amount paid for attendance of members.

Mr. Metcalfe—Wednesday—Order for a return showing the cost of Grand Juries in each county in 1875, 1876, 1877, and 1878.