

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE:

Fourth Parliament—First Session.

Friday, Jan. 16.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

THE NEW MEMBER FOR DUFFERIN.

Mr. SPEAKER announced the election of Mr. Wm. Jelly for the county of Dufferin.

The new member was at once introduced by Messrs. Meredith and Parkhill amid the cheers of the Opposition, and conducted to his seat.

PETITIONS PRESENTED.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. Gibson (~~King~~)—From Joseph Gray and others, for incorporation of the Toronto and Nipissing Eastern Extension Railway Company.

Also—From the Toronto and Nipissing Railway, for an Act to legalize a bonus by-law of the Provincial County of Haliburton.

By Mr. Meredith—From the Rector and Wardens of St. Paul's Church, London, to dispose of certain lands.

Also—From the English Loan Company, London, for authority to issue debentures, &c.

By Mr. Graham—From Jacob White and others, for an amendment to the game law.

Also—From the Executive Committee of the Dominion Grange, for the abolition of market fees in cities, towns, and incorporated villages.

By Mr. Springer—From J. E. Harding and others, for a Bill to incorporate the St. Mary's, Credit Valley, and Huron Railway.

By Mr. Baskerville—From the Corporation of Ottawa, for amendments to the Act incorporating the Ottawa City Passenger Railway Company.

By Mr. Monk—From the Rector and Churchwardens of Christ Church, Ottawa, for a Bill to enable them to issue debentures to the extent of \$20,000.

By Mr. Richardson—From the Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, for shortening the long summer vacation in rural districts.

By Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—From the Great Western Railway Company, against the passing of an Act relating to the London Junction Railway Company.

By Mr. Nairn—From the Alma College, St. Thomas, for amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

By Mr. Hunter—From the Council of Shuniah and others, for power to sell lands for taxes.

Also—From A. C. Mackenzie and others, for amendments to the Act incorporating the Georgian Bay and Wellington Railway Company.

By Mr. Neelon—From the City Council of St. Catharines, for an Act to legalize certain by-laws.

PRIVATE BILLS.

Among the reports presented was one from the Private Bills Committee, recommending the extension of time for the reception of petitions for private Bills to Tuesday, the 20th inst. The report was adopted.

FIRST READINGS.

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

Mr. Robinson—To amend the Act respecting water courses.

Mr. Meredith—To remove doubts arising out of the Act respecting chattel mortgages.

Mr. Waters—To authorize the Presbyterian congregation of Lobo to sell certain lands.

Mr. Waters—To amend section 15 of the Public Schools Act.

Mr. Morgan—To incorporate the Port Rowan and Lake Huron Railway Company.

Mr. Waters—To repeal sections 12 and 13 of cap. 179, Revised Statutes of Ontario.

Mr. Nairn—To incorporate the Erie Fire Insurance Company.

Mr. Waters—To amend the Act respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Mr. Ross—To amend the Act respecting