

# ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

## FOURTH PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, July 17.

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

### PETITIONS.

By Mr. Young, the petition of A. Andrews and others, of Galt, praying that no amendment may be made to the License Act respecting the closing of hotel bars.

By Mr. Robertson (Hastings), the petition of James Brown and others, of Belleville, praying for certain amendments to the License Act respecting the closing of hotel bars. By Mr. Hawley, the petition of Alex. Glen and others, of Napanee, to the same effect. By Mr. Harkin, of John McMaster and others, of L'Orignal, to the same effect. By Mr. Bell, of Edwin Smith and others, of Toronto, to the same effect; also by Mr. Bell, of Edwin Shepherd, of Toronto, to the same effect. By Mr. Morris, of Thomas W. Defries and others, of Toronto, to the same effect. By Mr. Morris, of John E. Mitchell and others, of Toronto, to the same effect.

By Mr. Crooks, the petition of the Township Council of North Oxford; Mr. Field, of the Township Council of Haldimand; Mr. Creighton, of the Township Council of Sullivan; Mr. Robinson (Kent), of the Township Council of Dover; Mr. Morgan, of the Township Council of Houghton; Mr. Bishop, of the Township Council of Tuckersmith; Mr. Robertson (Halton), of the Township Council of Nassagaweya; Mr. Robinson (Kent), of the Township Council of Tilbury East; Mr. Hay, of the Township Council of Logan; Mr. Chisholm, of the Township Council of Toronto; Mr. Field, of the Township Council of Alnwick; Mr. Creighton, of the Township Council of Sarawak; Mr. Creighton, of the Township Council of St. Vincent; Mr. Hay, of the Township Council of Mornington; Mr. Laidlaw, of the Township Council of the Eramosa; Mr. Chisholm, of the Township Council of Chinguaousy; severally praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act respecting the market tax on farm produce.

By Mr. Robinson (Kent)—The petition of John Ferguson and others, of Howard.

By Mr. Harkin—Of James Van Bridger and others, of Plantagenet.

By Mr. Boulter—The petition of E. D. O'Flynn and others, of Madoc, severally praying for certain amendments to the Ditches and Watercourses Act.

By Mr. Long—The petition of the County Council of Simcoe praying that an Act may pass to enable them to issue debentures.

By Mr. Bell—The petition of Francis Hew Eccles praying that an Act may pass to authorize the Law Society to admit him as a barrister-at-law.

By Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—The petition of Knox College praying that an Act may pass to enable them to confer divinity degrees.

By Mr. Baxter—The petition of the County Council of Haldimand, praying for certain amendments to the Voters' Lists Act respecting appeals.

By Mr. Hay—The petition of the Township Council of Logan, praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Act respecting the time for making assessments. Also of the same, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act respecting the number of councillors.

By Mr. Hunter—The petition of the County Council of Grey, praying that an Act may pass to prevent railway companies from dividing townships in order to carry bonuses therein.

By Mr. Wood—The petition of the County Council of Victoria, praying that a cut may be made on Scugog River. Also from the same, praying aid to the Grand Junction Railway. Also from the same, praying aid to the Victoria Railway Company.

### REPORTS.

Hon. Mr. Hardy presented the report of the Minister of Education.

### THE ADDRESS.

Hon. Mr. MORRIS resumed the debate on the Address. He thought the taunt of the leader of the Government that the Opposition favoured the abolition of the Local House was uncalled for. That hon. gentleman had instanced one member who held such an opinion, and who had a perfect right to his opinion. He alluded to the action of the hon. gentleman when a member of the old Parliament of Canada, in accepting office in the same Government as Sir John Macdonald, who, the hon. gentleman had maintained, at one time favoured legislative union. It was utterly impossible to do