

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

FOURTH PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY, Jan. 18.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 p. m.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Robinson—From the County Council of Kent, that the Bill to extend the charter of the Erie and Huron Railway may not pass.

Mr. Patterson—From the village of Brockton, praying that the by-law passed by the Council incorporating the village as a separate municipality may not pass.

Mr. Meredith—From the London Board of Trade, that the London Junction Railway Company Act may be passed.

Mr. Striker—From the Prince Edward County Railway Co., praying that an Act may be passed to amend their Act of Incorporation.

Mr. Paxton—From John Hargrave and others, of Carden, praying for leave to annex to the township of Mara.

Mr. Mowat—From the Corporation of Oxford, to amend Voters' Lists Act, chapter 9, Revised Statutes of Ontario.

Mr. Paxton—From the Village Council of Port Perry, praying for certain amendments to the school law respecting the Government grant.

Mr. Blezard—From William Mills and others, of Ashburnham, praying for certain amendments to the Ditches and Water-courses Act.

Mr. Robinson (Kent)—From the Town Council of Chatham, for an Act to incorporate the Chatham and Charing Cross Railway.

Mr. Paxton—From the Village Council of Port Perry, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act respecting the nomination of candidates.

Mr. Near—From the Trustees of the Union Church, Port Colborne, praying that an Act may pass to enable them to sell certain lands.

Mr. Hardy—From County Council of Grey, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act respecting the building of bridges.

Mr. Hay—From James Rowe and others, of Hope, for an amendment to the Ditches and Water-courses Act.

Mr. Watterworth—From the Town Council, for certain amendments to the Municipal Act respecting the frontage tax.

Mr. Parkhill, from the Municipal Council of West Gwillimbury; Mr. Cascaden, from the Municipal Council of Southwold; Mr. Nairn, from Municipal Council of South Dorchester; Mr. Harcourt, from Municipal Council of Township of Bentinck, also from township of Gainsboro', also from township of Moulton; Mr. Widdifield, from East Gwillimbury; Mr. McCraney, from Duncan Campbell and others, of Boswell; Mr. Pardee, from Council of the Township of Enniskillen; Mr. Hardy, from Township Council of Ashland, also from Municipal Township Council of Brantford; Mr. Cascaden, from Municipal Council of County of Elgin; Mr. Awrey, from Walter McKay and others, of Bearbrook; Mr. Awrey, from the Council of Ancaster; Mr. Blezard, from the township of Dunmer; Mr. Striker, from the township of Hallowell; Mr. Watterworth, from the township of Caradoc; Mr. Morgan, from the township of Charlotteville; Mr. Striker, from the township of North Marysburgh; Mr. Blezard, from the township of Douro; Mr. Mowat, from the township of Nissouri East, also from the township of Blenheim; Mr. Fraser, from the township of the Front of Yonge; Mr. Patterson, from the township of Etobicoke; Mr. Waters, from the township of Lobo; Mr. Parkhill, from the township of Tiny; Mr. Ferris, from the township of Percy; Mr. Hardy, from the township of Burford; Mr. Harcourt, from the township of Harvey; Mr. Gibson (Huron township), from Geo. Hood, *et. al.*; Mr. Patterson, from William A. Duncan, *et. al.*; Mr. Near, from William Roskelly; Mr. Waters, from township of Biddulph; Mr. Blezard, from Township Council of Otonabee—praying for the abolition of the market fees on farm produce.

Mr. Neelon—From T. J. Jones and others, of St. Catharines, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the St. Catharines and Niagara Central Railway Company.

Mr. Nairn—From the Town Council of St. Thomas, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the town as a city.

Mr. Ferris—From the Village Council of Hastings, praying for certain amendments to the License Act, respecting the appointment of Inspectors.

Mr. Robinson (Kent)—From the County Council of Kent, for an Act to incorporate the Chatham and Charing Cross Railway.

Mr. Caldwell—From the Town Council of Almonte, praying for certain amendments to the License Act, respecting the number of licenses.

Mr. Meredith—From the Yorkville Loop Line Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Acts of incorporation.

Mr. Robinson (Kent)—From the Township of Tilbury East, for an Act to incorporate the Chatham and Charing Cross Railway.

Mr. Bell—From Edward Williams and others of Toronto, respecting the hours of closing hotel bars. Mr. Appleby—From Felix Galbourie and others of Tweed, to the same effect. Mr. Hay—From Samuel Wilson and others of Stratford, to the same effect. Mr. Widdifield—From J. C. Flintoiff and others, to the same effect.

THE ADDRESS.

Mr. WATERS continued the debate on the Address. He first referred to the Boundary Award, and considered that the Government in introducing the paragraph in the Speech with reference to that subject had only done their duty. There was no doubt of the value of the disputed territory. It was an important matter, inasmuch as the representation of Ontario in the Dominion House would be increased by the addition of that territory. It was gratifying to him to see the manner in which the reference to the Agricultural Commission had been received. It would be of immense advantage to the country to