

# ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

## FOURTH PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, Jan. 24.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

### PETITIONS.

Hon. Mr. Morris—Of the Corporation of Toronto, praying for amendments to the Municipal and Assessment Acts.

Mr. Hardy—Of the Sarnia Gas Company, for an Act to change its name and for other purposes.

Mr. Mowat—Of the churchwardens of St. Paul's Church, Woodstock, in regard to the application of money for a new site for the parsonage; from the trustees of Knox Church, Woodstock, to a similar effect.

Mr. McMaster—Of the trustees of St. Andrew's Church, Williamstown, praying for power to sell certain lands. Also—Of the Credit-Foncier Franco-Canadian, praying for power to carry on its business in Ontario.

Mr. Patterson—From the village of Parkdale, for an Act to construct water and gas works.

Mr. Nairn—Of the Town Council of St. Thomas, against the abolition of the market fees unless tolls are abolished.

Mr. Miller—From the residents of Muskoka and Parry Sound, praying for incorporation as a judicial county.

Dr. Widdifield—From residents in the counties of Simcoe and North York, praying for the lowering of the waters of Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching.

Mr. Striker—Of the Trent Valley Railway, for power to increase their capital stock.

Mr. Gibson—Of 403 citizens of Hamilton, for an extension of the hour for the sale of liquor on Saturday nights.

Mr. Boulter—Of the Grand Junction Railway Company, for various purposes.

Mr. Crooks—From the Bishop of Toronto and the Anglican clergy of the diocese, praying that the hour for selling liquor be not extended on Saturdays.

Hon. Mr. Morris—For conferring further powers on the Toronto and Ottawa Railway.

Mr. Parkhill—Of residents of Alliston, to the same effect.

Mr. Wells—To incorporate the Canada West Railway Company.

Mr. Chisholm—Of Peel County Council, for a reduction in the number of jurors.

Mr. Waters—Of a number of farmers, for the abolition of market fees.

Mr. Chisholm—From Peel County Council, in favour of biennial municipal elections.

Mr. Badgerow—To incorporate the Weston and Duffin's Creek Railway Company.

Mr. Hunter—To amalgamate the Port Dover and Lake Huron, Stratford and Huron, and Georgian Bay and Wellington Railway Companies.

### EDUCATIONAL DEPOSITORY.

In reply to Mr. Harcourt,

Mr. CROOKS said that the Depository in connection with the Education Department was now practically closed, and that no further sum would be asked for its maintenance.

### PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTORS.

In reply to Mr. Harcourt,

Mr. CROOKS said it was not the intention of the Government to take away from Public School Inspectors the supervision of Mechanics' Institutes, but that fuller reports would have to be furnished by them.

### SCHOOL VACATIONS.

Mr. WATERS moved for a return showing the number of rural School Sections which have taken advantage of the late amendment to the School Act respecting the shortening of summer vacations.

Mr. CROOKS said he had no objection to the motion. The number, as would be shown by the return, was very small.

The motion then carried.

### FIRST READINGS.

Mr. Monk—A Bill to regulate the precedence of counsel in the Courts.

Mr. Waters—A Bill for an Act to amend the Municipal Act.

The House adjourned at 3:45.