

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

FOURTH PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

Monday, Feb. 21.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented :—

Mr. Dryden—Of the County Council of Ontario, praying for amendments to the school law respecting Collegiate Institutes.

Mr. Miller—For the passage of the Bill to erect Muskoka and Parry Sound into a judicial district.

Mr. McLaughlin—Of the Village Council of Newcastle, for certain amendments to the Assessment Act respecting the taxation of dividends.

Mr. Miller—Of the Township Council of Muskoka, to amend the Assessment Act in the same direction.

Mr. Lees—Of the Township Council of Drummond, to the same effect.

Mr. Parkhill—Of the Township Council of Mulmer, to the same effect.

Mr. McMahan—Of the Township Council of West Flamboro', to a similar effect.

Mr. Cook—Of residents of Simcoe, praying that no amendments be made to the liquor law respecting the hours of closing saloons, &c.

Mr. Baskerville—Of the City Council of Ottawa, asking for an alteration in the composition of the Board of Police Commissioners; also, against the abolition of market fees.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. PARDEE presented the 11th report of the Committee on Railways.

FIRST READINGS.

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

Mr. Mowat—A Bill to make further provision respecting the Central Prison and Andrew Mercer Reformatory and the Industrial Refuge for Girls.

Also a Bill to extend the powers of companies created under the Joint Stock Companies Letters Patent Act.

RAILWAY AID.

Mr. CALDWELL asked whether the Government intend cancelling the grants to those railways not being actively prosecuted, or where there was no reasonable prospect of completion.

Mr. MOWAT said that the question was a burning one, and was still under consideration.

In answer to Mr. Boultter, who asked whether it was the intention to place the townships of Wollaston, Limerick, and Cashel, in Hastings, under the Free Grants and Homesteads Act, and in reply to Mr. Parkhill, if it was the intention to place any sum in the Supplementary Estimates to help the county of Simcoe to pay for the administration of criminal justice in Muskoka and Parry Sound,

Mr. MOWAT said that these questions were also under consideration.

THIRD READINGS.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed :—

A Bill relating to Interpleader.

To authorize the village of London East to construct water-works and incorporate the village as a town.

Respecting the Prince Edward County Railway Company.

A Bill relative to the marriage settlement of B. H. Dixon.

Respecting the Canada Mortgage Company.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following Bills were reported in Committee :—

To incorporate the Weston and Duffin's Creek Railway.

Respecting the Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien.

To incorporate the Federal Fire Insurance Company of Ontario.

Respecting the debt of the county of Lennox and Addington, and to enable the said county to consolidate the same.

To change the name of the Sarnia Gas Company, to confirm a by-law of the town of Sarnia, and to extend the powers of the said Company.

The following Bills were read a second time :—

Respecting the Georgian Bay and Wellington Railway Company.

Respecting the Port Rowan and Lake Shore Railway Company.

To amend the Acts respecting the Trent Valley Railway Company.

Respecting the debenture debt of the county of Simcoe.

To consolidate the debt of the town of Windsor.