

# ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

## FOURTH PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

TORONTO, March 1.

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

### REPORTS.

Mr. ROSS presented the report of Municipal Committee.

Mr. PARDEE presented the fourteenth report of the Committee on Railways.

### QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. HARCOURT said before the orders of the day were proceeded with he would like to rise to a question of privilege. He had been reported in the *Mail* newspaper as voting in favour of Mr. White's amendment to the Orange Incorporation Bill. This was not the case, as he had voted against both the amendment and the motion.

Mr. LAUDER rose to correct a report in one of the papers which stated that he was in favour of drinking lager beer. This was incorrect. What he did say was that he had been in a country where lager beer was drunk freely, namely, Germany, with very few evil effects. He was a temperance man and did not drink it himself.

Mr. HARDY—But you would like to see your neighbours drink it.

Mr. LAUDER—Yes, sooner than see them drink whiskey.

### THIRD READINGS.

The following Bills were read a third time:—

To amend the Ontario Drainage Act.

To make provision for the greater safety of railway employees and the public.

To consolidate the debt of the town of Windsor.

Respecting the Hamilton and Dundas Street Railway Company.

Respecting the Midland Railway of Canada.

Respecting the Whitby, Port Perry, and Lindsay Railway Company.

To amend the law respecting the registration of births, marriages, and deaths.

### GRAND JUNCTION RAILWAY.

On the motion for the third reading of the Bill respecting the Grand Junction Railway,

Mr. BOULTER said that he would move that the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill, and moved that the Bill be amended so as to extend the charter and allow the Company to construct a line eastward to connect with the Canada Central Railway.

Mr. PARDEE explained the action of the Committee in deciding against the extension of the charter eastward to the Canada Central. The matter might be brought up at next session, when perhaps the extension might be granted in view of the circumstances then prevailing. The Committee thought the charter was asked rather to cover the ground than with a view to construction.

Mr. BLEZARD said that the granting of the charter while the Toronto and Ottawa enterprise was pending might defeat both. Therefore he supported the action of the Committee.

Mr. MEREDITH said the action of the Government at Ottawa had altered the question since the Bill had been discussed in the Railway Committee.

Mr. PARDEE said that the action of the Government at Ottawa had not altered the case at all.

Mr. BOULTER urged the amendment granting the extension on the ground that the Company was acting *bona fide* with a view to construction, and had an equal claim for a charter with other companies.

On a division the amendment was lost by 47 to 24

YEAS.—Messrs. Appleby, Baskerville, Baxter, Bell, Bishop, Boulter, Broder, Calvin, Creighton, French, Jelly, Kerr, Lauder, Long, Meredith, Merrick, Monk, Morgan, Morris, Near, Parkhill, Richardson, Tooley, White—24.

NAYS.—Messrs. Awrey, Baker, Badgerow, Ballantyne, Blezard, Bonfield, Caldwell, Cascaden, Crooks, Dryden, Ferris, Field, Fraser, Freeman, Gibson (Huron), Gibson (Hamilton), Graham, Harcourt, Hey, Hunter, Laidlaw, Lees, Livingston, Lyon, McCraney, McKim, McMahan, Mack, Miller, Mowat, Murray, Nairn, Neelon, Pardee, Patterson, Paxton, Peck, Robinson (Cardwell), Robinson (Kent), Robertson (Halton), Ross, Sinclair, Striker, Waters, Watterworth, Wood, Young—47.

Mr. BOULTER moved another amendment, to the effect that the Company be authorized to extend the road north from Chemong Lake to Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls—to a point of junction with the Victoria Road.

Mr. PARDEE said no notice of this motion had been given, and it was impossible to tell what effect the proposed amendment would have on other railway charters. Under these circumstances it would be better to leave the matter over until next session, when a Bill could be introduced and the matter dealt with properly.

Mr. BOULTER said the notice of motion had been given to the Committee. This was merely an amendment to the third clause. There had been no argument against the proposed extension, either in Committee or in the House.

Mr. PARDEE said if it was the fact, as stated by the last speaker, that the question of the proposed northward extension was not considered in the Committee, but that it was merely struck out because it was embraced in the same clause as the

stern extension, there might be good grounds why it should pass. If the Bill were allowed to stand the matter would be rectified.

The Bill was allowed to stand.

### KINGSTON-ROAD TRAMWAY.

On motion for the third reading of the Bill relating to the Kingston-road tramway.

Mr. MORRIS said before the Bill was read a third time he would like to draw the attention of the Government to the fact that it interfered with other Acts. There was an Act permitting the use of traction engines on tramways. The present Bill would interfere with that Act. The property-holders along the line of the Kingston Road Tramway had not been heard by the Committee, and he had a petition from these property-holders declaring that if the Bill was passed it would seriously diminish the value of their property. By the