

(By Our Own Reporters.)

FRIDAY, Feb. 15.

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. Gould—From Reach Township Council, praying for the abolition of exemptions with a few exceptions.

By Mr. Wood—From the Township Council of Dungannon and Faraday, praying for aid for the extension of the Midland Railway into the Free Grant districts.

By Mr. Ross—From the Council of the Town of Goderich, praying for an Act to simplify the laws for the transfer of real estate.

By Mr. Hardy—From the township of Humphrey, for an Act to authorize the Midland Railway Company to build a branch to Gravenhurst.

By Mr. Badgerow—From the Queen City Assembly Knights of Labour, for an extension of the franchise.

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By Mr. Hardy—From the Township Council of Tilbury East, praying for an Act to simplify the law for the transfer of real estate.

By Mr. Wood—From W. Harmyett, praying for aid to extend the Midland Railway into the Free Grant districts.

By Mr. Drury—From the Township Council of Morrison, praying that the municipal and parliamentary franchise be extended to women holding the necessary property qualification.

By Mr. Balfour—From the Town Council of Amherstburg, praying for relief on account of their engagements with the Canada Southern Railway Company.

By Mr. Ferris—From the Municipal Convention, praying for amendments to the Municipal Act.

STANDING ORDERS.

The Committee on Standing Orders reported a number of Private Bills as having complied with the Standing Orders.

Mr. FRASER explained that there were some questions with reference to bills of which proof had not been given, and he made a motion, which was carried, that the time for the Standing Orders Committee to present reports be extended till Wednesday next.

REPORTS.

Mr. Hardy presented a report from the Queen's Printer showing the disposal of sessional papers and revised statutes; and another report showing the number of High School teachers, their salaries, and the amount of Government grant to each school.

ESTATES BILLS.

The Speaker informed the House that he had received the report of the judges on the Estates Bills.

FIRST READINGS.

Mr. WILMOT—Bill to amend and consolidate the Act respecting the Napanee River Improvement Company.

Mr. MORRIS—Bill respecting the city of Toronto.

Mr. MCINTYRE—Bill to incorporate the village of Woodville.

Mr. FERRIS—Bill respecting the Yorkville Loop-Line Railway Company.

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton)—Bill for the transfer of securities of the Anglo-Canadian Mortgage Company to the Omnium Securities Company.

Mr. CALDWELL—Bill to amend the Consolidated Municipal Act.

Mr. SILLS—Bill to amend certain by-laws of the town of Trenton.

Mr. BADGEROW—Bill to incorporate the Annual Conference of the Free Methodist Church of Canada.

Mr. NEELON—Bill respecting the St. Catharines & Niagara Central Railway Company.

Mr. ROSS stated that the Estimates would be laid on the table of the House on Monday next, and the financial statement would be given on Tuesday.

The House adjourned at 4 o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Ferris—On Monday next—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Ross (Huron)—On Tuesday next—Resolution—"That the House concurs in the agreement laid before the House by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, bearing date the 27th day of December, 1883, and expressed to be made between John R. Barber, of the village of Georgetown, in the county of Halton, of the one part, and Her Majesty the Queen of the other part."

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—On Tuesday next—Bill to amend the Consolidated Municipal Act.

Mr. Badgerow—On Tuesday next—Bill to amend the Assessment Act of Ontario. Also—Bill to amend the Act respecting pawnbrokers and pawnbroking, cap. 148, R.S.O.

Mr. Hardy—On Monday next—Bill respecting license duties.