

MONDAY, Feb. 25.

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. GIBSON (Hamilton) presented the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

#### FIRST READINGS.

Mr. PARDEE—Bill protecting the public interest in rivers, streams, and creeks.

Mr. MOWAT—Bill to amend the election law, for the better prevention of corrupt practices.

Mr. McCRAVEY—Bill to amend the Act respecting Public, Separate, and High Schools.

#### A "MAIL" MISSTATEMENT.

Mr. ROSS (Huron), on a question of privilege, said—In the report of the speech of the non-member for East Grey given in the *Mail* on Friday, where it referred to the statement that I omitted to tell them that the expenditure of the Dominion Government had increased \$9,000,000, and the increase had been in proportion to the revenue, I was made to give the following interjection: "We can keep it up by taxation." What I did say was that "the increased revenue had been obtained by increased taxation." (Hear, hear.)

#### PRIVATE BILLS.

The House in Committee of the Whole, Mr. Baxter in the chair, considered the Bill to further amend the Act incorporating the Roman Catholic Bishops of Toronto and Kingston in Canada in each Diocese. The bill is one dealing chiefly with the power to acquire and convey land. The following bills were also reported:—To authorize the township of Colchester South to borrow certain moneys. Respecting the Synod of the Diocese of Huron. To amend the Act to incorporate Knox College. To authorize the town of Collingwood to issue certain debentures. Respecting the debt of the county of Middlesex. To authorize the Corporation of the town of Orangeville to purchase land for a post-office site. To authorize the Trustees of the estate of James Stock, deceased, to mortgage certain property. Respecting churchwardens in the Diocese of Toronto. This last bill provides that churchwardens of free as well as pewed churches be a corporation.

#### SECOND READINGS.

The following bills were read a second time:—To incorporate the Sarnia & Lambton Southern Railway Company; to incorporate the Brockville, Westport, & Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company; to incorporate the Midland Junction Railway Company; respecting the Gananoque & Rideau Railway Company; respecting a certain by-law of the town of Trenton; respecting the Toronto & Nipissing Eastern Extension Railway Company; to reduce the capital stock of the English Loan Company, and for other purposes.

#### THE CREAMERIES.

Mr. CREIGHTON moved for a return showing the location of the three creameries erected under the Act passed last session, the cost of each, and names and salaries of the officers. He accused the Government of having dangled the creameries before constituencies.

Mr. ROSS (Huron) said there was no doubt the increased value to be derived by this Province from a general improvement in the quality of butter. There were several reasons why the Government had not been able to carry out the project, and they were explained at the time the bill was introduced. At that time it was explained that due care should be taken that they should not be established in places where failure was more certain than success, owing to the local circumstances; that they should not be placed in localities where these factories would compete with them; and information should be gathered as to the most improved methods of manufacture. These were reasons given for delay at the time, and they were the reasons which had prevented the erection of the creameries. During the summer a committee of the Dairymen's Association had visited different localities, with a view of obtaining information, and they had embodied their views in a report. Honourable gentlemen would see that in the estimates there was a sum (\$2,000) under the head of public buildings for the erection of a creamery at the Agricultural College at Guelph. It had been thought better to establish one central creamery at Guelph, as there was no doubt it was an important part of the education of farmers. The students would thus be instructed in the most improved methods of butter-making. An experienced butter maker would be engaged, who would also lecture on the subject and give information to others on improved butter-making. He concluded by remarking that, if built at Guelph, the creamery would be visited by great numbers of farmers who annually visited the farm.

Mr. BRODER said they had been a long time teaching young men scientific farming at the Agricultural College, but they found very few farmers who farmed in a scientific manner. He thought there should be some means by which the people could get information at their homes without going to Guelph for it. The pamphlet sent out by the Government was a good idea, but it was too diffuse. It was too lengthy. If the butter made in this Province in future was not better than in the past its sale in foreign markets would be shut out altogether.

Mr. CARNEGIE thought the "creamery kite" had fallen flat since the elections. The