

**PETITIONS.**

Among the petitions presented were the following:—

- Mr. Morris—From the City Council of Toronto, asking for the abolition of exemptions.
- Mr. O'Connor—From the County Council of Bruce, to the same effect.
- Mr. O'Connor—From the County Council of Bruce, for alterations in the Assessment Act.
- Hon. A. S. Hardy—Several petitions from a large number of residents of Algoma, praying for the division of that district for electoral purposes.
- Mr. McGee—From the County Council of Dufferin, praying for a change in the land laws, and the adoption of the Torrens' system of land transfer.
- Mr. Preston—From the County Council of Leeds and Grenville to the same effect.

**BILLS.**

- Hon. C. F. Fraser introduced a bill to amend the Division Court Act.
  - Also a bill to amend the Act respecting the registering of chattel mortgages and deeds of sale.
  - Also a bill to further amend the Registry Act.
- The above were severally read a first and second time.

**LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES.**

A message was received from the Lieutenant-Governor, accompanied by the following letter from the Marquis of Lorne, acknowledging the receipt of a congratulatory letter from the Ontario Legislature on the occasion of his retirement from the Governor-Generalship of Canada:—

KENSINGTON PALACE,  
April 2, 1884.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the honour of the receipt of an address from the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, sent by you to the Governor-General for transmission to England.

I request that Your Honour will be so good as to convey to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly my grateful sense of the courtesy shown to the Princess and myself in this token of their remembrance of us. It will be our desire during all our lifetime to render what service we may to the people of Canada, knowing that we can never repay the kindness shown towards us during the years we had the happiness to represent the Queen in that great and free country.

I remain,  
Your obed't servant,  
LORNE.

His Honour, the Lt.-Governor of Ontario.

The SPEAKER read a message from the Lieutenant-Governor respecting the provision of certain sums of interim supply.

**THE STANDING COMMITTEES.**

Hon. O. MOWAT moved the appointment of the usual special committees to strike the standing committees—Awrey, Baxter, Creighton, Ferris, Fraser, Gibson, Hardy, Monk, Meredith, Morris, Merrick, A. M. Ross. Carried.

**THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.**

Hon. O. MOWAT moved the appointment of the Library Committee, as follows:—Messrs. Mowat, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Harcourt, Meredith, Morris, O'Connor, Ross (Middlesex), White, Wood.

**INTERIM ESTIMATES.**

On motion of Hon. A. M. ROSS, the House went into Committee of Supply on the interim estimates of \$350,500, needed from Jan. 1st, 1885, to the time when the regular estimates are passed. The motion was agreed to, passed through Committees of Supply and Ways and Means, and reported.

**RETURNS.**

Hon. A. S. HARDY stated in reply to Mr. Meredith that the returns ordered last session from the Crown Lands Department, were in course of preparation he understood.

Hon. C. F. FRASER stated in reply to Mr. Meredith that the returns ordered with respect to timber limits and farming lands on the north shore of Lake Superior were of such a character, and so voluminous, that it might be two years before they were ready.

**THE PUBLIC BILLS.**

Hon. O. MOWAT in reply to Mr. Meredith stated that several bills were already in type, and would possibly be introduced this week. The House adjourned at 3:45.

**ONTARIO LEGISLATURE**

**Fifth Parliament—Second Session.**

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Tuesday, Feb. 3.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

**PETITIONS.**

Among the petitions presented were the following:—

- Mr. Morris—From the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, of Toronto, for an Act to amend its Act of Incorporation.
- Hon. O. Mowat—From the County Council of Oxford praying the Legislature to take steps to secure from the Dominion Government all sums

granted as bonuses to Provincial railways now declared by the Dominion authorities to be for the general advantage of Canada.

Mr. Harcourt—Several petitions from different parts of the Province praying the Legislature to take steps for the restoration and improvement of Niagara Falls and vicinity.

Mr. Baskerville—From the corporation of the city of Ottawa for amendments to the Assessment Act.

**STANDING COMMITTEES.**

Hon. A. S. HARDY presented the report of the Special Committee appointed to strike the Standing Committees of the House, as follows:—

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.**—Messrs. Ferris, Awrey, Balfour, Ballantyne, Carnegie, Clarke (West Toronto), Creighton, Harcourt, Hardy, McCraney, McLaughlin, Meredith, Merrick, Mulholland, O'Connor, Waters, Wood.

**PRINTING.**—Messrs. Baxter, Balfour, Broder, Caldwell, Carnegie, Clancy, Creighton, Gillies, Gould, McKenzie, McLaughlin, Ross (Middlesex), Wood.

**STANDING ORDERS.**—Messrs. Widdifield, Badgerow, Baskerville, Bishop, Blythe, Border, Caldwell, Dill, Dowling, Drury, Dryden, Freeman, French, Gibson (Hamilton), Gillies, Gould, Hagar, Hart, Hudson, Kerr, Kerns, Laidlaw, McKim, Master, Merrick, Metcalfe, Monk, Murray, O'Connor, Phelps, Preston, Rayside, Robillard, Sils, Snider, White.

**MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE.**—Messrs. Fraser, Badgerow, Balfour, Bishop, Blythe, Broder, Carnegie, Clancy, Clarke (West Toronto), Cooke, Creighton, Drury, Dryden, Ermatinger, Fell, Freeman, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Gillies, Graham, Harcourt, Hardy, Hart, Kerns, Laidlaw, Lees, McCraney, McIntyre, Master, Meredith, Merrick, Monk, Neelon, O'Connor, Ross (Cornwall), Ross (Huron), Waters, White, Wood.

**PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.**—Messrs. Harcourt, Mowat, Badgerow, Ballantyne, Biezard, Brereton, Broder, Cascaden, Creighton, Dryden, Ermatinger, Ferris, Fraser, French, Graham, Gray, Hagar, Hart, McIntyre, McKenzie, McMahon, Meredith, Merrick, Metcalfe, Monk, Morin, Morris, Murray, Neelon, Rayside, Ross (Cornwall), Sils, Snider, White.

**RAILWAYS.**—Messrs. Pardee, Awrey, Badgerow, Balfour, Ballantyne, Baxter, Baskerville, Bishop, Biezard, Blythe, Brereton, Caldwell, Carnegie, Cascaden, Chisholm, Cooke, Clarke (West Toronto), Creighton, Denison, Dill, Drury, Dryden, Ermatinger, Fell, Freeman, French, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Gillies, Gould, Gray, Hagar, Harcourt, Hart, Hess, Kerns, Kerr, Laidlaw, Lees, McColman, McCraney, McIntyre, McKay, McKenzie, McKim, McMahon, McLaughlin, Master, Meredith, Merrick, Metcalfe, Monk, Morgan, Morris, Morin, Murray, Neelon, O'Connor, Phelps, Preston, Rayside, Ross (Huron), Robillard, Sils, White, Widdifield, Wood, Young.

**PRIVATE BILLS.**—Messrs. Gibson (Hamilton), Awrey, Badgerow, Balfour, Baskerville, Baxter, Biezard, Brereton, Broder, Cascaden, Clancy, Clarke (West Toronto), Chisholm, Cook, Creighton, Dowling, Drury, Dryden, Ermatinger, Ferris, Fraser, Freeman, Gibson (Huron), Gillies, Graham, Hagar, Hammill, Hardy, Harcourt, Hart, Laidlaw, Lees, McColman, McCraney, McGhee, McIntyre, McKay, McMahon, Meredith, Merrick, Monk, Morgan, Morin, Morris, Mulholland, Murray, Neelon, O'Connor, Phelps, Robillard, Ross (Cornwall), Snider, Waters, White, Widdifield, Wilnot, Wood.

Mr. MEREDITH observed that the name of a gentleman was included, who, he said, was not now a member of the House—Mr. Drury. He thought his name should not have appeared. The report was adopted.

**DR. DOWLING INTRODUCED.**

At this stage of the proceedings Mr. Dowling was escorted into the Chamber by the Hon. A. S. Hardy and Mr. McLaughlin. He was presented to the Speaker by Mr. Hardy, who said, "I beg leave to introduce to you Dr. John Francis Dowling, the newly-elected member of this Legislature for South Renfrew, who has taken the oaths, and now claims the right to take his seat." His reception by the Speaker was the signal for loud applause of welcome, which was kept up until the new member had taken his seat.

**FIRST READINGS.**

Bills were introduced and read a first time as follows:—

- Mr. WATERS—Respecting outlets for drainage.
- Also, to amend the Municipal Act of 1883.
- Also, to enable widows and unmarried women to vote for members of the Legislative Assembly.

**RETURNS.**

Hon. A. S. HARDY brought down a return of the expenditure on colonization roads in 1883.

Also a return of copies of all Orders in Council for the sale or disposal of timber or timber berths or land in the Thunder Bay District.

Also a return showing the name of the caretaker wood ranger, or other officer of the Government having charge of the crown lands and timber at Rondeau Point.

Also a return showing in detail the timber lots or berths in the Thunder Bay District which have been sold or disposed of, with the names of the persons to whom the same have been sold or disposed of.

Also a return showing the total number of

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Friday, Jan. 30.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

**MESSAGE FROM THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR.**

The SPEAKER presented a message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor acknowledging the receipt of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

**REPORTS.**

Mr. HARDY presented the report of the Commission charged with the investigation of the Bribery Conspiracy.

Also the report of the Inspector of Insurance Companies for 1884.

The House adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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Monday, Feb. 2.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

**ELECTION RETURN.**

The SPEAKER presented a legal certificate of the return of John Francis Dowling as member of the Legislature for South Renfrew.