

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

Fifth Parliament—Second Session.

(By Our Own Reporters.)

Friday, Feb. 27.

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

ALGOMA ELECTION.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received the report of the Judges on the protested election in Algoma.

REPORTS OF JUDGES.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received the report of the Judges with regard to Bill 21, respecting the old cemetery in the town of Palmerston, and Bill 45, respecting St. John's Church in the town of Cornwall. The report in the first case was against the Bill, and in the second in favour of the Bill.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton) presented the 7th Report of the Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. Baxter presented the 2nd Report of the Committee on Printing.

FIRST READINGS.

Mr. Young — To amend the Assessment Act.

Mr. Waters—To amend the Municipal Act.

RETURNS.

Hon. A. S. Hardy presented a return showing the emoluments of Registrars.

PRIVILEGE.

Mr. MURRAY said he found that in the editorial comments of The Mail of this morning upon the views expressed by the various speakers on the propositions to erect new Parliament Buildings, he was reported to have said "that the public were not willing to vote the money, and that a majority of those supporting the Premier were anti-buildingites." He did not think that in the few remarks he made any one who was within hearing of his voice could have so understood him. He did not say it was a wilful misrepresentation, but he did not see how it could come that he should have been reported to have made such a statement. What he did say was, that in the session of 1880 he voted for the expenditure of half a million dollars for new buildings, that he supported the propriety of erecting Parliament Buildings, that he agreed with the Government in pursuing a cautious course in the matter, and that he was prepared to go as far as voting for a further expenditure of \$800,000.

THIRD READINGS.

Mr. Young—To legalize a certain by-law of the town of Paris

Hon. A. S. Hardy—To amend the Act incorporating the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral of St. Alban the Martyr, Toronto.

Hon. O. Mowat—Respecting the Woodstock Methodist Cemetery.

Mr. Phelps—To extend the provisions of the Act empowering the trustees under the will of the late Joseph Bitterman Spragge, to sell certain lands in the township of Blenheim, in the county of Oxford.

Mr. Ferris—Respecting the debt of the town of Napanee.

THE GUELPH LIVE STOCK.

Mr. PRESTON moved, "That inasmuch as the live stock heretofore sold by the Ontario Agricultural Farm has passed largely into the hands of non-residents of Ontario, it is the opinion of this House that the surplus stock of that institution should be sold, subject to such conditions and terms as will ensure its retention within the Province." He contended that the farmers were