

Fifth Parliament --- Third Session.

WEDNESDAY, February 3.

(By Our Own Reporters.)

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were presented :—

Mr. Ferris—Of John Burns and others, for an Act to incorporate the Toronto Fire Insurance Co.

Mr. Conmee—Of R. E. Mitchell and others, for an Act granting a charter to construct a railway from Port Arthur to Rainy River.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—Of Alfred Wilmon and 550 others for an amendment to the law relating to the income tax—raising the exemption to \$1,000.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—Of F. Moore and 600 others for an amendment to chapter 133, R.S.O., relating to masters and servants.

FIRST READINGS.

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time :—

Hon. C. F. Fraser—To secure compensation for workmen in certain cases.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—To amend the Revised Statutes respecting Master and Servant.

Hon. C. F. Fraser—To amend cap. 123 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—To amend the Assessment Act.

REPORTS, ETC.

Hon. A. S. HARDY presented the following :—An Order in Council with reference to the commutation of the surrogate fee of local masters ; the report of the Inspector of Insurance for 1885 ; a return of the Toronto General Trusts Company ; report of the Inspector of Prisons respecting the educational institutes for the blind and deaf and dumb ; the report of the Elgin House of Industry.

CENTRAL PRISON.

Mr. MEREDITH asked when the report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Central Prison would be presented.

Hon. A. S. HARDY—The report is in type and will be ready in a few days.

EXEMPTIONS.

Mr. WATERS asked if the Government intended to introduce any assessment measure dealing with the question of exemptions.

Hon. O. MOWAT suggested that notice should be given of the question.

The House adjourned at 3:25.
