

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

Sixth Parliament --- First Session.

(By Our Own Reporters.)

WEDNESDAY, March 30.

FIRST READINGS.

The following bills were introduced and read the first time:—To amend the Assessment Act, Mr. Leys; respecting stationary engines, Mr. Garson; to amend the Assessment Act, Mr. Balfour; to amend the Mechanics' Lien Act, Mr. Gibson (Hamilton); to amend the Municipal Act, Mr. Conmee; respecting the Law of Libel, Mr. Balfour.

THIRD READINGS.

The following bills were read the third time and passed:—To declare and define the correct boundary between the Township of Smith and the Town of Peterborough, Mr. Stratton; to incorporate the Town of Parry Sound, Mr. Armstrong; to authorise the Corporation of the City of London to borrow certain moneys for Public school purposes, Mr. Meredith; respecting the Administration of Justice in the Districts of Algoma and Thunder Bay, Hon. O. Mowat.

PRIVATE BILLS.

In the Private Bills Committee the bill to extend the limits of the town of Waterloo was thrown out after some discussion. Mr. Leys, who had introduced the bill to give Toronto School of Medicine power to confer degrees, asked leave to withdraw the bill. This he did, he said, in view of the progress which had been made in the direction of University Federation and the measure relating to that question promised by the Government. After a short discussion the similar bill of Trinity Medical School was also withdrawn. The bill relating to the Township of Gofield and that relating to the Town of Gravenhurst stand over for further consideration.

NIAGARA FALLS RAILWAY.

Mr. MEREDITH asked (1) whether any Order in Council has been passed under the provisions of Section 18 of the Act incorporating the Niagara Falls Railway Company (48 Vic. cap. 77), directing the transfer of the railway and its rights and powers to another company, and if so, when, and to what company? (2) Whether any Order in Council has been passed under the authority of Section 30 of the said Act, authorising the company to proceed with the construction of its railway, and if so, when? (3) Whether any application has been made for the passing of the last mentioned Order in Council, and if so, what action has been taken upon it.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT answered the first and second questions in the negative. As to the third, application had been made and no action taken.

TIMBER DUES IN DISPUTED TERRITORY.

Mr. MEREDITH asked—1. Whether the Government has assumed to exercise and has been exercising, and if so, for how long, the right to collect dues for timber cut in that part of the district of Algoma, formerly known as the disputed territory, which lies west of the Provisional Boundary established in 1874. 2. What was the amount realised from timber