

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Sixth Parliament, Second Session.

(By Our Own Reporter.)

February 2, 1888.

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

PETITIONS.

Among the petitions presented were the following:—

By Mr. Bishop—From a large number of citizens, praying that laws be passed to provide for the mutual insurance of live stock on the same basis as fire insurance is now carried on.

By Mr. Chancey—From the County Council of Kent, praying for the exemption of farm stock from assessment; also praying for legislation that will promote the making of roads.

By Mr. Stratton—From the Town Council of Peterboro', praying for the equal assessment of vacant and improved land in towns.

By Mr. Harcourt—From the County Council of Haldimand, praying for increased grants to High and Public schools, also for the election by the people of sheriffs and other officers whose salaries are paid in whole or in part by fees, and for the appointment by County Councils of police magistrates and other officers who are paid by County Councils.

By Mr. Fell—From the Town Council of Lindsay, praying for amendments to the Frontage Tax Law so as to make all property benefited by such works as sewers assessable in proportion to the benefit received.

By Hon. Mr. Ross—From the County Council of Huron, praying that Scott Act counties be relieved of two-thirds the cost of enforcement or have power to check expenditures by the license commissioners.

By Mr. Stewart—From the County Council of Dufferin, praying for the exemption of farm stock from assessment.

By Mr. Ferguson—From the County Council of Kent, to authorise the assessment of lands benefited by works under the Ditches and Watercourses Act, for payment for the same.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following private bills were read the first time:—

To amend the Act incorporating Trinity Medical School—Mr. Widdifield.

To authorise the Town of Almonte to issue certain debentures—Mr. Hilliard.

Respecting the debenture debt of the Village of Brussels—Mr. Gibson (Huron).

MUNICIPAL FIRE INSURANCE.

Mr. SNIDER presented a bill respecting municipal fire insurance, which was read the first time.

MUNICIPAL ACT.

Mr. STEWART presented a bill to amend the Municipal Act, which was read the first time.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT presented a bill respecting the Department of Agriculture and other industries, which was read the first time.

ARBITRATION WITH QUEBEC.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT presented a bill respecting arbitrations with the Province of Quebec, which was read the first time.

REMOVAL FROM OFFICE.

Mr. WOOD (Brant) moved for papers relating to the removal of B. B. Miller, of Wiarton, from the office of clerk of the Division Court and issuer of marriage licenses and from the

commission of the peace. Carried.
The House adjourned at 4.35 o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Leys—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Leys—Bill to amend the Assessment Act.

Mr. Leys—Bill to amend the Registry Act.

Mr. O'Connor—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Clancy—Bill to amend the Registry Act.

Mr. Lees—Order of the House—For a return of all estimates of expenses of license commissioners approved by the Provincial Secretary for the years 1886-87 and 1887-88, including the salary and expenses of the police magistrates.

Mr. Harcourt—Order of the House—For a return showing: (1) Number of persons committed to gaol in each county in the Province under Division Court process during 1887. (2) The number of these who remained in gaol for a period exceeding one month. (3) The number of these against whom the judgment recovered was for an amount less than ten dollars.

Mr. Meredith—On Monday next—Order of the House for a return showing what progress or other estimates have been issued in favor of the contractors for the new Parliament and departmental buildings and the amount expended to date on account of such buildings.

Mr. Graham—Resolution—That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that the reporters of the press be allowed to occupy the press galleries during the reading of prayers by the Speaker.