

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Sixth Parliament, Second Session.

(By Our Own Reporter.)

February 6, 1888.

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

MUNICIPAL ACT.

Bills to amend the Municipal Act were presented by Mr. Wood (Brant) and Mr. Garson, and were read a first time.

MORE SHARP PRACTICE.

Mr. FRENCH rose to move the following resolution, of which he had given notice:—
Order of the House for a return from each registrar of deeds in Ontario, showing the number of instruments registered against lands, which purport to have been made for the purpose of procuring credit on the sale of goods, or whereby a purchaser of goods merely represents that he owns certain lands.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT pointed out that this return would involve a great deal of expense, and that the object desired could probably be more directly arrived at if the mover would send him a copy of any such documents as referred to which had been brought to his (Mr. French's) notice. Or if the mover had any remedy to suggest he might bring in a bill on the subject.

Mr. FRENCH said the object of bringing up the motion was merely to have the matter discussed. As to bringing in a bill, if he did so no doubt it would be appropriated by the Government and the Government would take credit for it. The documents referred to were of a character to make the debt for an agricultural implement a lien on the purchaser's land, the purchaser signing it without any knowledge of its effect. He would send one of these documents to the Attorney-General. He would be glad to introduce a bill but for the point he had named.

Hon. Mr. MOWAT—If the hon. gentleman will introduce a good bill I will support it.

After some further discussion the motion was allowed to stand.

NEW PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

Mr. MEREDITH rose to move a resolution calling for statements showing the expenditures upon the new Parliament Buildings up to date.

Hon. Mr. FRASER said the Public Accounts, which would be down in a very few days, would give this information, unless it was wanted in detail.

Mr. MEREDITH suggested that perhaps the Minister could give the total of expenditure up to date at once.

Hon. Mr. FRASER said that up to date the sums paid amounted in all to \$160,075 44.

The motion was allowed to stand in the meantime.

PRESS AND PRAYERS.

On the order of the day for Mr. Graham's motion in favor of admitting the newspaper reporters to the chamber during prayers,

Mr. MEREDITH—Perhaps the Government would take charge of this resolution. (Laughter.)

Mr. FRENCH—Perhaps it would be well to amend it so as to make it "compelled" instead of "allowed" to occupy the gallery during prayers. (Renewed laughter.)

The House adjourned at 3.35 o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Waters—Wednesday next—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Also—Wednesday next—Bill to amend the Assessment Act.

Mr. Leys—Wednesday next—Bill respecting hire receipts.

Mr. Evanturel—Monday next—Order of the House for a statement showing the various sums expended in the last five years for colonisation purposes; the counties in which they were spent; the amount given to each county respectively and the nature of the work performed; also the amount, if any, spent since Confederation in the counties of Prescott, Russell, Glengarry, Stormont and Dundas for similar purposes.

Mr. Monk—Wednesday next—Inquiry of the Government whether the attention of the Attorney-General has been called to the decision of the Chancellor in the case of re Gilchrist and Island 11 Ontario Reports, 537.

(2) Whether it is proposed to introduce any legislation to validate titles which according to that decision are invalid.

Mr. Creighton—Wednesday next—Inquiry of Ministry whether the \$500,000 Dominion bonds, belonging to the Province, were disposed of pursuant to the advertisement calling for tenders, and if so at what rate, if not sold the highest bid offered for them.

Mr. Wood (Hastings)—Select committee to consider and report as to the sufficiency of existing legislation for the formation and carrying on of the operations of companies for the manufacture of cheese and butter and to consider and report as to the best means to be adopted to secure the delivery by the patrons of such companies of pure and unadulterated milk.