

ARIO LEGISLATURE.

Sixth Parliament, Second Session.

(By Our Own Reporter.)

February 10, 1888.

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

CORRECTION.

Mr. BALLANTYNE, rising to a question of privilege, called attention to the report made by a morning paper of his remarks on the motion of the member for Hastings (Mr. Wood) regarding the cheese and butter industry. He (Mr. Ballantyne) was represented as saying that at the factory in a German settlement 70 per cent. of the milk sent in was found to be adulterated. He did not mention nor did he refer to a German settlement. In the district he referred to he doubted that there was a single German contributing milk to the factory. He had the management of two factories in a German district and he believed there was no place in the world where purer milk was supplied. (Hear, hear.)

NEW MEMBER FOR DUNDAS.

Mr. CREIGHTON and Mr. FRENCH then introduced Mr. Whitney, the newly-elected member for Dundas, who took his seat amidst the cheers of his friends.

MUNICIPAL ACT.

Mr. MURRAY and Mr. CLANCY (for Mr. Wood, of Hastings,) introduced bills to amend the Municipal Act, which were read the first time.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following private bills were presented and read the first time:—

Respecting the incorporation of the Village of East Toronto—Mr. Smith.

To enable the Orphans' Home in Ottawa to borrow money—Mr. Bronson.

To consolidate the debenture debt and extend the limits of the Village of London West—Mr. Tooley.

To legalise a certain by-law of the Town of Sault Ste. Marie—Mr. Leys.

To authorise the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in London to sell certain lands.—Mr. Meredith.

Concerning a certain railway debenture debt of the Township of Laxton—Mr. Fell.

Respecting by-law 402 of the City of Brantford—Hon. Mr. Hardy.

The bill respecting the debt of Brussels was read the second time.

PAYMENT OF CROWN WITNESSES.

Mr. INGRAM presented a bill to amend the Act respecting the payment of witnesses for the Crown, which was read the first time.

GRIST MILLERS' GRAIN.

Mr. GIBSON (Huron) presented a bill respecting the payment of grist millers for grinding, which was read the first time.

The House adjourned at 3.50 o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. O'Connor—On Tuesday next—Bill to amend the Execution Act.

Mr. Monk—Tuesday next—Bill to amend the Assessment Act.

Also, Bill to amend the General Road Companies Act.

Mr. Nairn—Tuesday next—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Meredith—Tuesday next—Inquiry of the Government—1. Whether any journal or other record of the proceedings of the conference of certain members of the executive councils of this and certain other of the Provinces, held in Quebec in October last was kept. 2. If any such journal or other record was kept if it is the intention to lay a copy of it before the House.

Mr. French—Inquiry of Ministry—Whether in view of the recent considerable increase of jurisdiction of the Division Courts and the narrowing down thereby of the jurisdiction of the County Courts, it is the intention of the Government during the present session to abolish the present jurisdiction of County Courts, and transfer such jurisdiction to the Division Courts or, on the other hand, to largely increase the present jurisdiction of the County Courts.

ASSEMBLY NOTES.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC:—The Attorney-General's bill respecting an arbitration with the Province of Quebec authorises his Government to unite with the Government of Quebec in the appointment of three arbitrators to whom shall be referred the questions which have arisen between the Governments of Ontario and Quebec upon the construction and effect of the award made on the 3rd of September, 1870, relating to the claim of Ontario on behalf of the municipalities to the Upper Canada Improvement Fund, in respect of collections from sales of Crown lands before Confederation; and also to the period from which Ontario, under the award, is liable to account for moneys received from school lands since the 30th of June, 1867. The award must be made within three months from the date of the appointment of the arbitrators. It shall be final and conclusive as to the questions in dispute, and shall be binding upon the Province and the municipalities.

THE CLERGY PRAYING:—Mr. Meredith presented a petition from the Ministerial Association of the Methodist Church of London, composed of twenty clergymen, praying for the passing of Hon. C. F. Fraser's bill to regulate the closing of shops.

PROTECTION FOR PRINTERS:—Mr. Murray has introduced a bill to carry out the demands of the country job printing offices. He proposes that all persons or agents for persons not resident within the county, city or separated town, who solicits orders for printing to be afterward delivered within the county, or any person not a printer or publisher who solicits such orders, shall be required to take out a hawker's or peddler's license. The general feeling of the House is that it is an exceedingly narrow-gauge bill. It is likely to die young.

ANTI-BONUS:—Mr. Garson presented a petition from the Village of Beamsville, for the repeal of the clause of the Municipal Act empowering municipalities to grant bonuses to and to exempt factories from taxation.

FLOUR AND FEED:—Mr. Gibson, of Huron, has a bill to amend the old statute which declares that no owner or occupier of a mill shall demand or take a greater proportion of any grain brought to be ground and bolted than one-twelfth part thereof for grinding and bolting. Mr. Gibson has discovered that this Act was passed in 1792 in the first Parliament after the dissolution between Upper and Lower Canada, and that during all these years it has never been amended. It is said, however, that the roller mills contend that they are not affected by this statute and refuse to be governed by it. These mills, it will be understood, simply exchange flour for grain, and but rarely, if ever, grind for the farmer the grist he takes to the mill. It is whispered, too, that in not a few cases the mills of a district have entered into arbitrary and unjust combinations against their patrons. Mr. Gibson proposes, therefore, to make the old statute apply to exchanging as well as to grinding. He seeks to put no unfair restrictions upon the mills, but simply to give the public a fair measure of protection, and he will welcome any suggestions from the Assembly that will assist him to effect his object.

THE CONFERENCE:—Mr. Meredith will ask if any record was kept of the Inter-Provincial Conference at Quebec, and if so, if it is the intention of the Government to lay it before the House.

FROM DUNDAS:—Mr. Whitney, of Dundas, was introduced to the Speaker by Mr. Creighton and Mr. French. He got a round of applause from the Opposition as he moved to his seat. He is a comparatively young man, who follows the law for a living, and is entitled to rank as one of the best-looking men on Mr. Meredith's side of the House. He took his seat in the back row. On the principle that they laugh best who laugh last the Liberals will go the Opposition one better when Mr. Clarke takes his seat on Monday.

ACTIVE HOSTILITIES:—It is expected there will be but a short sitting on Monday, that the Budget debate will come on on Tuesday, and that the rest of the week will be devoted to the consideration of the resolutions of the Inter-Provincial Conference.

CERTIFICATED ENGINEERS:—Mr. Garson's bill respecting the examination of engineers and inspection of boilers provides that an inspector shall have a technical and practical knowledge of steam used for any purpose, and shall have not less than five years' experience as a working engineer. He proposes that there shall be four grades of certificated persons, first, second and third class engineers and firemen. The license fee for persons operating engines or boilers when the Act takes effect is to be \$2. To persons afterwards seeking certificates the fee will be \$5. The fee for the annual inspection of the boiler is to be \$5. The penalty for using a boiler before inspection or placing one in charge of an uncertified person is to be not less than \$10 and not more than \$250. The inspectors are to receive as compensation the fees paid for inspection and for examining candidates for certificates. An engineer will have to give notice when repairs are needed, and a proprietor failing to make necessary repairs will become liable to a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500. The provisions of the bill do not apply to any boiler operated at a pressure of ten pounds or less to the square inch.

THE COURTS:—Mr. French will ask if the Government, in view of the increase of jurisdiction of the Division Courts, will move to abolish the present jurisdiction of County Courts and transfer such jurisdiction to the Division Courts, or, on the other hand, to increase largely the present jurisdiction of the County Courts.

PERSONAL:—Senator McKindsey, of Halton, was about the House for a short time.

Miss Freeman and Miss Farley, of St. Thomas, in charge of the Liberal whip, were among the lady visitors to the Chamber.

Mr. Clarke, the new Liberal member for East Northumberland, will probably be introduced to the Speaker on Monday.

Mr. Robt. Holmes, of The Clinton New Era, has a seat in the press gallery. Mr. Holmes conducts one of the finest weeklies in Western Ontario. The Liberals of Huron owe a great deal to his splendid advocacy of their cause and the prosperity The New Era enjoys is good evidence that his work is appreciated.

DURATION OF VACANCIES:—The Provincial Secretary laid on the table a return showing what offices of Registrar, Sheriff or County Crown Attorney became vacant from Jan. 1, 1884, to March 23, 1887, the date on which the vacancy occurred, and when the new appointment was made.

The return shows the duration of vacancies to have been as follows:—

County Crown Attorneyship of Prescott and Russell, vacant eight days.

Registrarship of Peterboro', vacant one year.

Registrarship of Peel, vacant eight months.

Shrievalty of Essex, vacant one month.

Registrarship of Perth, vacant a few days.

Shrievalty of Elgin, vacant twelve days.

Shrievalty of Leeds and Grenville, vacant five months.

Shrievalty of Northumberland and Durham, vacant one day.

Registrarship of Kingston, vacant a few days.