

# ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

## Sixth Parliament, Second Session.

(By Our Own Reporter.)

FRIDAY, Feb. 24, 1888.

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock

### FIRST READINGS.

The following bills were introduced and read a first time.

To amend the Voters' List Act; also to amend the Act relating to innkeepers—Mr. Gibson (Hamilton).

### INSPECTION OF BOILERS.

Mr. CARSON moved the second reading of the bill respecting the examination of engineers and inspection of boilers. He said the nature of this bill had prepared him for encountering a good deal of opposition in his attempt to carry it through the House. He wanted a serious consideration of the bill and would be quite satisfied if the House would consent to its being sent to a special committee. The total number of boilers in Ontario was about 6,000. There was some system of boiler inspection carried on by the Boiler Insurance Company, but this embraced only a small minority, for not more than about 600 boilers were insured in the Province. Of the boilers examined by the inspectors of this insurance company, however, about eleven per cent. were found to be dangerous. Now, if eleven per cent. of the boilers for which insurance was asked were dangerous, it was fair to reason that eleven per cent. of the remainder were also dangerous, which would make nearly 700 dangerous boilers in the Province. There was a law in the Dominion statute books requiring an inspection of marine boilers and an examination of engineers, and it was a remarkable fact that during the whole of the 30 years that Act had been in force there had been no boiler explosion in any case where the engineer in charge had a certificate under the Dominion Parliament. When this bill relating to marine engines was introduced nobody had expected such success as this. The promoter certainly had not hoped for such results, and he thought such marked success was a strong argument in favor of the House taking into its serious consideration the propriety of instituting a system of inspection with regard to stationary engines and of the examination of engineers. The system of examination had been proved most satisfactory in its operation on the lakes under the Dominion Act. The various railway companies in the Dominion, seeing the necessity of such examinations and recognising the lack of legislation in the matter, had made laws for themselves, and, as a consequence, railway engineers had to pass very strict examinations before they could commence their duties. Under these circumstances, it was only reasonable to ask the Government to ensure the same competency for other engineers as railway authorities recognised as necessary for their employees.

Hon. Mr. FRASER thought there was no objection to its going to a select committee, as Mr. Garson proposed. He was much impressed by the statistics quoted by Mr. Garson, and would only mention in regard to them that the inspectors in the service of the Boiler Insurance Company had to carry out their system in accordance with conditions of the most rigid and technical character. Consequently the public never heard of the explosion of any boilers that were insured in the company. The company did not insure boilers on which there was apparently even the remotest possibility of their sustaining a loss. However, there was much to be said in favor of something being done along the line suggested in the bill, and it would be well to have the whole matter thoroughly considered in committee. He understood Mr. Garson would be satisfied with this arrangement and that he hardly expected legislation on the matter this session.

The debate was continued by Messrs. Craig, Rayside, Meredith, Fraser, Phelps and Ingram, and the bill was then read a second time and

referred to the following committee:—Messrs. Garson, Fraser, Balfour, Gilmour, Gibson (Huron), Gibson (Hamilton), Hess, Hudson, Ingram, E. F. Clarke, McAndrew, Widdifield, Wood (Hastings), Dryden, H. E. Clarke, Whitney, Phelps and Rayside.

### PROTECTING LOCAL PRINTERS.

Mr. MURRAY moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Municipal Act, the effect of which, he explained, was to require travelers or agents employed by printers to carry a license when they seek business outside the municipalities in which their employers do business.

Mr. WATERS said the principle of the bill was "protection run mad."

Several other members spoke in opposition to the bill, and it was withdrawn.

### MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Mr. NAIRN moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Municipal Act, and explained briefly that its object was to require a public statement of the financial standing of a municipality to be made at the time of the municipal nominations.

The bill was read a second time and referred to the Municipal Committee.

### REPAIR OF ROADS.

Mr. MONK moved the second reading of the bill to amend the general Road Companies Act. He considered that when a road needed repairs, a delay of six days was unnecessary, and the bill proposed to do away with the necessity for six days' notice.

The bill was read the second time and referred to the Municipal Committee.

### RETURNS OF NON-RESIDENTS.

Mr. MONK moved the second reading of a bill to amend the Assessment Act by providing that the return of non-residents shall be made by the 1st March instead of the 1st April. The bill was read the second time and referred to the Municipal Committee.

### CONVEYANCE OF BURYING-GROUNDS.

Mr. GARSON moved the second reading of a bill to amend the Municipal Act by facilitating the conveyance of burying-grounds from cemetery companies to municipalities. The bill was read the second time and referred to the Municipal Committee.

### PRIVATE BILLS.

The following private bills were read the second time:—

To incorporate the Central Canada Exhibition Association—Mr. Bronson.

Relating to the Toronto General Hospital—Mr. Leys.

To amend the Methodist Church Act, 1884—Mr. H. E. Clarke.

Respecting the Methodist church at Aurora—Mr. Widdifield.

To incorporate the Town of Stayner—Mr. Wylie.

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

To consolidate certain debts of the Village of London West—Mr. Tooley.

Respecting the Town of Bowmanville—Mr. McLaughlin.

To authorise the Trustees of the Toronto General Burying-grounds to sell certain lands—Mr. E. F. Clarke.

Respecting the Town of Parkdale—Mr. Leys.

To amend the Act incorporating the St. Patrick's Asylum, Ottawa—Mr. Bronson.

Respecting a certain agreement made between the Town of Lindsay, the Midland railway of Canada and the Grand Trunk railway of Canada—Mr. Leys.

The House adjourned at 5 p.m.