

February 29-1888
ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.
 Sixth Parliament, Second Session.

(By Our Own Reporter.)
 TUESDAY, Feb. 28, 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 Homesteads Exemption Act—Mr. Balfour.
- To amend the Municipal Act—Mr. Conmee.
- To regulate the width of sleighs on public highways—Mr. Bishop.
- To amend the Municipal Act respecting drainage—Mr. Fell.

THE GAME LAWS COMMITTEE.

Mr. PHELPS moved that Messrs. Murray and Cruess be added to the special committee on the Game Laws. The motion carried, and Mr. Monk was also added.

THIRD READINGS.

The foll wing bills were read a third time:—
 To enable the Orphans' Home, Ottawa, to borrow money—Mr. Bronson.
 Respecting a certain debenture debt of the

Township of Bexley—Mr. Fell.
 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 (Toronto).
 Respecting the incorporation of the Village of East Toronto—Mr. Smith.
 To consolidate certain debts of the Village of London West—Mr. Tooley.
 To amend the Act incorporating the St. Patrick's Asylum, Ottawa—Mr. Bronson.

COUNTY BRIDGES.

Mr. WATERS moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Municipal Act, the object of which is to throw the cost of bridges of over 100 feet in width on counties rather than townships. He admitted that this bill had been fully discussed and thrown out last session, but he hoped the House had changed its views in the interim. He would prefer having the fate of the bill decided at once rather than that it should be referred to the Municipal Committee and there quietly slaughtered.

Mr. MEREDITH thought it useless again to discuss a measure so fully considered last session, but approved of the suggestion that it be disposed of at once.

Hon. Mr. FRASER said he was still opposed to the bill, and was glad the hon. member who introduced it wanted it disposed of at its second reading. He thought there was no objection to a brief discussion.

Messrs. MURRAY, WOOD, (Hastings), LEES and FELL continued the discussion.

Hon. Mr. HARDY commended the hon. gentleman who had introduced the bill for his industry in bringing it in year after year, and suggested he should try and secure more information on the subject. He could get from some of the county officials information as to the manner in which any such change as that proposed would affect the taxation of the various municipalities, etc. He did not say that the securing of such information would be sufficient to warrant the House in passing the bill, but the House certainly could not pass the bill until it had such information.

Mr. CLANCY and Mr. FERGUSON having spoken,

Mr. DRURY said he thought it was a waste of time to further discuss the Act. Many hon. members, he said, perhaps overlooked the fact that there was a permissive section of the Act which it was proposed to amend which permitted County Councils to aid in the construction of bridges.

Mr. O'CONNOR was in favor of the bill being sent to committee in spite of the advice of the mover.

Mr. RORKE having spoken,

Mr. WATERS repudiated the insinuation which he said had been thrown out by Mr. Drury that he was wasting the time of the House. He did not care either to be taunted by that hon. gentleman with not having properly considered the measure. He believed he gave at least as much time and attention to mastering bills that came before the House as the hon. gentleman in question, and save on one day he had been absent but one hour from the House during nine sessions.

Mr. DRURY said the difference between himself and the hon. gentleman who had just sat down was that he (the speaker) went home on Sundays, whereas the hon. gentleman stayed in the city all Sunday studying municipal law. (Laughter.)

Mr. PRESTON moved that the bill be read a second time that day three months.

Mr. WATERS asked leave to explain that, although he stayed in, town on Sundays, he did not study municipal law. He had never put pen to paper or so much as opened a book on municipal law or any other subject on a Sunday.

Mr. PRESTON withdrew his amendment, and a vote was taken on the second reading of the bill.

Following is the result of the division:—

YEAS.—Bishop, Clancy, Clarke, H. E. (Toronto), Conmee, Creighton, Fell, Ferguson, Garson, Graham, Guthrie, Hess, Hudson, Marter, Meredith, Metcalfe, Miller, Morin, Nairn, O'Connor, Ostrom, Rorke, Ross (Middlesex), Smith, Snider, Stewart, Tooley, Waters, Wilmot, Wood (Hastings), Wylie—30.

NAYS.—Allan, Armstrong, Awrey, Balfour, Ballantyne, Blezard, Blyth, Bronson, Chisholm, Clarke (Northumberland), Clarke (Wellington), Craig, Cruess, Drury, Dryden, Evanturel, Field, Fraser, Freeman, French, Gibson (Hamilton), Gilmour, Hammell, Harcourt, Hardy, Ingram, Lees, Leys, Lyon, McAndrew, McKay, McLaughlin, McMahon, Mack, Master, Meacham, Monk, Morgan, Mowat, Murray, Pacaud, Phelps, Preston, Rayside, Robillard, Ross (Huron), Sprague, Stratton, Whitney, Widdifield—57.

BILLS WITHDRAWN.

The following measures were withdrawn by consent of the House:—
 Bill to amend the Act respecting coroners—

Mr. Stewart.
 Bill to amend the Municipal Act—Mr. Lees.
SECOND READINGS.

The following bills were read a second time:—

- To amend the Municipal Act—Mr. Awrey.
- To amend the Municipal Act—Mr. Balfour.

THE MINING RESOLUTIONS.

At the suggestion of Hon. Mr. FRASER the resolution standing in the name of Mr. Meredith in favor of appointing a committee to inquire into the extent and nature of the timber and mineral resources of the Province, was allowed to stand over, the time now being too late to allow of the matter being discussed that afternoon.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following bills were considered in committee and reported:—

- To amend the Act to incorporate Trinity Medical School—Mr. Widdifield.
- To further amend the Acts respecting the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western Railway Company—Mr. Conmee.
- To provide for the union of the Townships of Front of Yonge and Front of Escott—Mr. Fraser.

The House adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

- Mr. Morin—On Thursday next—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.
- Mr. Guthrie—On Thursday next—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.
- Also—Bill to amend the Assessment Act.
- Mr. Balfour—On Thursday next—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.
- Mr. Harcourt—On Thursday next—Bill to amend the Ditches and Watercourses Act.
- Mr. Balfour—On Friday next—Order of the House for a return containing the minutes of the Senate of Toronto University from the 4th of 1887, to the end of the academic year 1888.

Consider—Order of the House—For a return separately the amounts of fire insurance on 31st December, for each of the years from 1871 to 1887, both inclu-

sive; the number of policies in force on the 31st December in each year of which there is a correct record; the total amounts of losses paid each year; the total amount of expenses during each year; the percentage of losses and expenses; the cost of expense on every \$1,000 at risk in purely mutual, mixed mutual and cash and stock companies doing business under Ontario charters.

COMMITTEES.

The Private Bills Committee met yesterday and reported bills respecting the Nicholls Hospital Trust; authorising the Town of Peterborough to issue debentures; incorporating the Village of Markdale; declaring the effect of conveyances made by the churchwardens of Christ church, Hamilton; respecting the Town of Port Arthur and the Municipalities of Shuniah and Neebing, and consolidating the debt of Ridgetown. The Railway Committee reported bills relating to the Manitoulin & North Shore Railway Company; the St. Catharines, Merritton & Thorold Street Railway Company, and the South Norfolk Railway Company. The Committee on Butter and cheese heard the evidence of Mr. Cheesman, who disapproved of the dairymen's proposition for the prevention for the adulteration of milk, and proposed instead the making of a standard for milk—say 13 per cent. of solids. He held that it was unfair to punish one man for skimming a little cream from exceptionally rich milk, while another man was allowed with impunity to sell milk which was diluted by poor feeding.

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