

# ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

## Sixth Parliament, Second Session.

(By Our Own Reporter.)

MONDAY, March 5, 1888.

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

### PRIVATE BILLS.

The following bills were considered in committee and reported :—

To incorporate the Town of Stayner—Mr. Wylie.

Respecting the Town of Bowmanville—Mr. McLaughlin.

To incorporate the Peterborough & Chemong Lake Railway Company—Mr. Leys.

Respecting By-law No. 402 of the City of Brantford—Mr. Hardy.

To amend the Acts respecting the St. Catharines, Merritton & Thorold Street Railway Company—Mr. Garson.

To authorise the Corporation of the Town of Peterborough to issue debentures—Mr. Stratton.

Respecting the Nicholls Hospital Trust—Mr. Stratton.

Defining a portion of the boundary between the Town of Sandwich and the Township of Sandwich West.

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

### SECOND READINGS.

The following bills were read a second time :—

To consolidate the debt of the Town of Ridgeway—Mr. Ferguson.

Respecting the Town of Port Arthur and the municipalities of Shuniah and Neebing—Mr. Connee.

To declare the effect of certain mortgages and conveyances made by the churchwardens of Christ church, Hamilton—Mr. Gibson (Hamilton.)

To incorporate the Village of Markdale—Mr. Rorke.

To incorporate the Port Arthur Water, Light and Power Company—Mr. Connee.

Respecting the floating debt of the Town of Woodstock—Mr. Freeman.

### UNIVERSITY SENATE MINUTES.

Mr. BALFOUR moved for an order of the House for a return containing the minutes of the Senate of Toronto University from the 4th day of July last to the end of the academic year 1887-8.

The motion carried.

Mr. SNIDER moved for an order of the House for a return showing separately the amount of fire insurance at risk on the 31st December for each of the years from 1881 to 1887, both inclusive; the number of policies in force on the 31st December in each year of which there is a correct record; the total amount of losses paid each year, and 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.

Hon. Mr. ROSS (Huron) suggested a verbal alteration in the motion. The suggestion was accepted and the motion carried.

### LIVE STOCK INSURANCE.

Mr. BISHOP moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Act respecting insurance companies. He explained that the object of the bill was to add power to insure live stock to existing mutual fire insurance companies. It could not be urged against the bill that there had been no demand for it, for the farmers of Bruce, Huron and Middlesex had been loud in urging the passage of such a bill. The hon. gentleman supported his contention that the bill would be popular with farmers with various quotations from speeches, etc., claiming that the proposed scheme for combining live stock insurance with fire insurance was the most convenient and advantageous possible.

Hon. Mr. ROSS (Huron) said he had no doubt the hon. gentleman had given great attention to this matter, but his remarks as to the advantages of combining live stock insurance with fire insurance did not agree with the representations made by the deputations from mutual fire insurance companies which had waited on the Government in opposition to this bill some time since. It had been shown by the members of that deputation that such systems had been tried and had failed in the United States and in England, and there was no reason to suppose that what had failed in those countries would succeed in Canada. At the present time the system of mutual fire insurance companies was working admirably in the Province, and it would be unfortunate if legislation or any thing else should cripple it. He had no objection, however, to the bill being amended so as to enable live stock insurance companies to be established on the mutual system and run on their own basis.

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

### COUNTY BRIDGES.

Mr. WATERS moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Municipal Act. He explained that the object of the bill was to define the jurisdiction of counties respecting county bridges and watercourses. As the law at present stood, the county had to build bridges over any river or stream forming part of a boundary line within any municipality within the county, and also to build a bridge over a river crossing a boundary line between two municipalities. A difficulty existed in regard to the interpretation of the word "river," and this bill proposed to remove the difficulty.