

THE LEGISLATURE.

Discussing the Recent Cabinet Appointments.

MR. MOWAT'S STATEMENT.

Mr. Meredith Criticises the Choice of Mr. Bronson.

Sharp Reply of Mr. Fraser—Mr. H. E. Clarke Heard From—Government Bills Introduced.

TORONTO, March 11.

In the Legislature this afternoon there was a lively passage-at-arms over the recent Cabinet changes. The session was no longer but a good deal livelier than that of yesterday. A number of Government measures were introduced.

Petitions.

The following petitions were presented:—

Mr. Tait—From District Assembly 125, K. of L., and the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local Union 27, for amendment to the Municipal Act to allow the whole municipal electorate to vote on money by-laws. Also from the same bodies, for an act to tax all lands held for speculative purposes to its full value according to its location and natural advantages. Also from Local Assembly 5,743 and the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local Union 27, for an act to provide for examination and licensing of persons having charge of stationary steam engines and other devices worked under pressure. Also from the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local Union 27, for amendment of Municipal Act that Municipal Councils may regulate the erection and construction of scaffolds and appointment of inspectors.

Mr. Meredith—From London Trade and Labor Council, for amendment to Municipal Act to allow entire electorate to vote on money by-laws. From the same body and London Typographical Union, for an act to tax land held for speculative purposes to its full value. From same bodies, for an act to regulate the construction of scaffolds. Also from same bodies, for an act to license persons having charge of stationary steam engines.

Hon. Mr. Mowat—From the Council of the County of Oxford, asking for repeal of sec. 533 (a), chapter 184 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1887, relating to bridges 100 feet in length or more.

Mr. Allan—From the Council of the County of Wellington, for the extension of the Torrens system of land transfer to that county.

Mr. Wood (Hastings)—From the Council of the County of Hastings, for the extension of the Torrens system of land transfer to that county. Also from the same body, for an enlargement of the Government grants to Public and High Schools, and an amendment to the school law to allow County Councils to form or enlarge or change High School districts.

Mr. Biggar—From the Council of the County of Hastings, to make no change in the law with regard to gaolers.

Dr. McKay—From the Council of the County of Oxford, for an amendment to the Public Schools Act to make Government grants payable to the treasurer or secretary of the school section.

Mr. McLenaghan—From the Council of the Township of South Sherbrooke, asking a grant of \$1,500 to make a road through that township.

Mr. Mack—From the Counties Council of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, for increase in the High School grants, and for authority to County Councils to change High School rates; also against any change curtailing the present powers of County Councils over gaols.

Mr. Magwood—From Stratford Assembly, K. of L., for the equal taxation of land and exemption of improvements; for the licensing of stationary engineers; for the appointment of scaffolding inspectors, and to give all electors the franchise on money by-laws.

Mr. Hudson—from the Hastings County Council, for the appointment of Provincial inspectors of milk in cheese-making districts.

Mr. Preston—From J. B. McMurchy of Gananoque and others, for changes in the game laws; also from the Leeds and Grenville Counties Council, for increase in the school grants.