

# THE LEGISLATURE.

## A Brief and Featureless Sitting of the House.

### THE EDUCATIONAL BILLS.

#### Some Account of Measures to Be Taken Up.

Public Works Report—Personal Notes—Chairmen of Committees Elected—Press Gallery Organisation.

TORONTO, March 12.

In the Legislature to-day the following petitions were presented:—

Mr. Biggar—From the Midland Railway of Canada, that an act be passed to ratify an agreement with the Grand Trunk Railway.

Mr. McColl—From the Council of the County of Elgin, for the appointment of milk inspectors.

Mr. Monk—From the County Council of Carleton, praying that no alteration be made in the law respecting the control of county gaols by County Councils.

Mr. Rayside—From the Roman Catholic bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria, for an act to incorporate the Roman Catholic bishop of Alexandria in Ontario as a corporation sole.

Mr. Biggar—From the Town of Midland, for an act to ratify an agreement with the Midland & Grand Trunk Railway.

Mr. E. F. Clarke—From St. George's Society, Toronto, for an act to empower the society to acquire shares in the capital stock of the St. George's Hall Company.

Mr. McKay (Victoria)—From the Town of Lindsay, that an act be passed to authorise the issue of debentures to pay off the floating debt.

Mr. Mack—From the Knights of Labor, Town of Cornwall, No. 6,583, for an act regulating the construction of scaffolds. From the same body, for an amendment to the Municipal Act to tax land held for speculative purposes to its full value. From the same body, for an amendment to the School Act. From the same body, praying that all persons having charge of stationary engines should undergo an examination. And another for an amendment to the Municipal Act to allow the whole electorate to vote on money by-laws.

Mr. Clancy—From the Kent and Essex Mutual Fire Insurance Co., for certain amendments to the law for greater protection against fires arising from the use of steam engines. Also from the Council of the County of Kent, for legislation to authorise the appointment of milk inspectors.

Mr. Allan—From the Council of the County of Wellington, asking for enlarged grants to Public and High Schools.

Hon. Mr. Bronson—From the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Ottawa, for an act to enable the churchwardens to borrow money for the erection of a rectory and other buildings.

The House adjourned at 3.25 p.m.

#### Public Works Department.

The report of H. C. F. Fraser, Commissioner of Public Works, has been distributed. Respecting the new Parliament buildings, the report shows that the masonry and brick work of the western wing are nearly completed and ready for the roof, the work on the central portion and eastern wing is also in a forward state, and the whole building will be roofed in before the close of the building season of 1891. The expenditures last year on the new building aggregated about \$142,000, and the total expenditure to the end of the year was \$572,650. The work in connection with the cottages at Mimico was continued during the year, and the grounds round the four northern cottages graded and levelled. Five of the cottages are now occupied by about 300 patients. The sixth cottage will be occupied on the 3rd of February, and the seventh about the end of that month. The remaining eighth cottage will be completed before the 1st of May next, at which time the whole institution will be in good working order. These buildings will afford accommodation for 500 patients.

At the other public institutions necessary repairs have been kept up and improvements made. The total expenditure of the department for the year was \$625,029.