

THE LEGISLATURE.

The House Has Not Yet Got Down to Business.

SOME BILLS INTRODUCED.

Additional Assistance Asked for Industrial School.

The Budget Speech on Tuesday Next—College of Embalming—Consideration of Measures Postponed.

TORONTO, March 17.

The Legislature held another short sitting yesterday and did nothing in particular. The Ministers are the busy men of the place, as a great deal has to be done in preparing measures yet to be presented, and hearing deputations of all sorts and conditions of men asking for pretty nearly every kind of thing that it is in the power of the Administration to grant.

There were a great many petitions presented, and six bills, particulars of which are given below, were introduced. When "Government Orders" was called, the Attorney-General promptly responded with the proposal to go on with the second reading of the bill to amend the law respecting the solemnisation of marriage. Mr. Meredith objected that this and other Government bills had been only lately distributed, and that he had not had an opportunity to examine them. He opposed undue haste in legislation. Mr. Mowat assured the Opposition leader that there was no desire to press the bills unduly and expressed his willingness to allow further time. He suggested that the bill to regulate the charters of the loan companies might be gone on with, explaining, as Mr. Meredith seemed inclined to object, that it affected only future charters and covered features which had already been adopted in the Dominion law, and which had been incorporated with all the late charters under this Legislature. Mr. Meredith wanted further time, however, and all the bills were put over for the time being.

Mr. Meredith wanted to know what was to be done about the Easter adjournment. The Attorney-General replied that the Government would not ask the House to sit on Good Friday, but whether the adjournment would be made to Monday or Tuesday following had not been decided. On Mr. Meredith stating that the opinion on his side of the House seemed to be in favor of an adjournment from Thursday to Tuesday, Mr. Mowat said he would propose that that course be taken when the time came. He further stated that the Treasurer would make his financial statement on Tuesday next. "On Good Friday," suggested Mr. Meredith. "I see my hon. friend does not want to hear it," replied the Premier, with a Mowatesque smile.

The House adjourned at 3.30 p.m.

College of Embalming.

The bill which Mr. Tait introduced in the House this afternoon with regard to embalming and organic chemistry is of the greatest interest to the undertakers of the country and to the public generally. The bill provides for the establishment of "the Ontario College of Embalming and Organic Chemistry," for the purpose of giving instruction with regard to embalming and organic chemistry, the nature of post-mortem appearances and the disinfectant treatment of contagious diseases. The college will also, it is proposed, collect data on cremation and other methods for the disposition of cadavers. The provisional council of the new college is named as follows:—J. B. McIntyre, St. Catharines; C. D. Blachford, Hamilton; John Ferguson, London; F. W. Turner, Toronto; D. Belleghem, Peterboro'; A. Millard, Toronto; J. L. Bradshaw, Stratford; C. Rogers, Ottawa; L. F. Latshaw, Dundas; T. Gibbard, Napanee; W. H. Koyle, Cannington; J. Reid, Kingston, and A. Dodds, Bolton. It is provided that the council shall hold examinations and grant diplomas twice a year. The restrictions of the act against the use of the title "Registered Undertaker and Embalmer" are to come into effect on the 1st July, 1891.

O., B. & N. Railway Company.

Mr. Blezard's bill, which was introduced today, is to incorporate the Ontario, Belmont & Northern Railway Company. Messrs. J. M. Ashley, jun., A. P. Pousette, A. V. R. Young, Edmund Bristol and Douglas Armour are the promoters of the company, and ask for powers to build and operate a railway from the Grand Junction Railway, between Hastings and Campbellford, to run north to some point on the Central Ontario Railway through the northern part of Belmont Township, in the County of Peterborough. The capital stock is put at \$100,000.

U. C. College Accounts.

The statements of cash transactions to 30th June, 1890, by Bursar J. E. Berkeley Smith of Upper Canada College have been presented. The receipts on capital account, including a balance of \$7,599, were \$40,170, which total amount stands as a balance on hand. There is a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements on revenue account, showing receipts in all of \$83,410, of which \$14,610 was tuition fees and \$22,500 board dues. The expenditures were all for salaries, fuel, repairs, printing, furniture, supplies, etc., leaving a