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THE HOTELKEEPERS OF TORONTO PROTEST
AGAINST ANY INCREASE IN THEIR
LICENSE FEE.

TORONTO, Feb. 26, 1892.

In the Legislative Assembly this afternoon the Speaker read the certificate of the returning officer announcing the election of Mr. Barr for North Renfrew.

Among the petitions presented were the following:—

Mr. Conmee—From the municipality of Neebing, praying for an act defining its position in the separation therefrom of the Town of Fort William.

Mr. Wood (Brant)—From the Municipal Corporation of North Oxford, praying for the repeal of the bonus clauses of the Municipal Act.

Mr. Caldwell—From Bennett Rosemond and others of Almonte, praying that an act may pass to incorporate the Carp, Almonte & Lanark Railway Company.

Mr. McCleary—From John T. James and others of Victoria (Welland County), praying that an act may pass to incorporate the Village of Victoria.

Mr. E. F. Clarke—From Messrs. Blake, Lash, Cassells and others, praying that the registry and sheriff's offices, Toronto, be empowered to close on Saturday afternoons.

Mr. Willoughby introduced a bill to amend the Municipal Act, which was read a first time.

Mr. Miscampbell moved for a return showing (1) an inventory of the chattels at each of the public institutions in the Province; (2) the prices paid for each article of the same; (3) the present value of each article of the same to the 31st of December, 1891. He said that in the past four years the principal institutions had spent \$278,150 in this way, or \$70,000 annually. Without imputing anything wrong, he said he thought such inventories would be a sort of check on the expenditure.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton) said he had no doubt the object was a proper one, but he thought the mover had not considered the amount of labor it would involve. During the past year minute inventories were made at most of these public institutions, and the work was still going on in case of other institutions. In a short time there would be complete inventories. They had such inventories now for all the asylums but one. These inventories may be examined in the department or before the Public Accounts Committee. But to bring them before the House would be useless. No one would dream of printing them because they were too voluminous. It was the intention of the Government to have these inventories made at stated intervals, if not every year, at least every two years. He therefore suggested that Mr. Miscampbell should withdraw the motion.

Mr. Miscampbell adopted the suggestion and withdrew his motion.