

THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Messrs. Harty and Barr Introduced to the House.

FRANCHISE FOR WOMEN.

Good Progress Made With the Estimates.

GUESTS AT THE SPEAKER'S DINNER—
PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING—THE CHICAGO FAIR.

TORONTO, March 1, 1892.

In the Legislative Assembly to-day among the petitions presented were the following:—

Mr. Waters—Of the Society of Friends, for the extension of the elective franchise to women.

Mr. McCleary—Of the farmers' institute, County of Welland, for the abolition of the market fee system.

Mr. Wood (Brant)—Of the Municipal Council of Caledonia, praying for the repeal of the bonus clause in the Municipal Act.

There was also a large number of petitions praying for amendments to the liquor license law, the abolition of the contract system on public works, etc.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The following bills were introduced and received a first reading:—

Mr. McMahon—Respecting the Dundas & Waterloo macadamised road.

Mr. Guthrie—To empower Mary Soden to sell certain lands in the City of Guelph.

Mr. Willoughby—Respecting the Township of Seymour.

Mr. Dack—Respecting companies supplying cities, towns and villages with gas and water.

Mr. McCleary—To incorporate the Village of Riverton.

Mr. Robillard—To amend the Assessment Act.

Mr. Ferguson—To confer certain powers on the Chatham Waterworks Company.

Mr. Cleland—To consolidate the debt of the Town of Owen Sound.

Mr. Tait—To incorporate the Toronto & Ashbridge's Bay Improvement Company.

Mr. Garrow—To consolidate the debt of the Town of Goderich.

Mr. Ross—To authorise the Town of Strathroy to issue certain debentures.

Mr. Gibson—To amend the act to incorporate the synod of the Diocese of Niagara and to authorise the sale of certain lands.

Mr. Gilmour—To confirm certain by-laws of North Toronto and for other purposes.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton)—To incorporate the Hamilton, Grimsby & Beamsville Electric Railway Company.

Mr. Harcourt—To incorporate the Niagara Falls Park & Queenston Electric Railway & Steamboat Company.

Mr. Conmee—To incorporate the Town of Rat Portage.

The Speaker announced that a representative (Mr. Harty) had been elected for the electoral district of Kingston.

TO AMEND THE LAW OF MORTMAIN.

The House then went into committee on bill No. 69, to amend the law relating to mortmain and charitable uses. Mr. Meredith objected that clause 4, requiring that land devised by will for charitable use should, except as afterwards provided for, be sold within one year, was altogether too drastic, and thought that the time should be extended. At the suggestion of the Attorney-General the time was extended to two years. The remaining clauses of the bill were adopted without discussion and the committee rose.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS.

At this point the two new members were introduced to the House, amidst the loud applause of the Liberals. Mr. William Harty (Kingston) was presented to the Speaker by Mr. Mowat and Mr. Tait, and