

## THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

## The Bill to Incorporate the Surveyors Discussed.

## AMENDMENTS MADE TO IT.

## Legislation Requested by a Deputation of Grangers.

## MR. MOWAT WILL INTRODUCE A MEASURE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF COUNTY COUNCILLORS.

TORONTO, March 3, 1892.

In the Legislative Assembly to-day the usual number of petitions was presented in favor of amendment of the liquor license law. There were also the following:—

Mr. Tait—From the City Council of Toronto, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act.

Mr. Preston—From the united Counties of Leeds and Grenville, praying for certain amendments to the school law respecting high schools.

Dr. Gilmour—From the County Council of York, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act respecting the collection of taxes.

Mr. Kerns—From the County Council of Halton, praying for the repeal of the bonus clause in the Municipal Act.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

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

Mr. E. F. Clarke—Respecting the Toronto Street Railway.

Mr. E. F. Clarke—Respecting the City of Toronto.

Mr. Smith (York)—To further amend the law respecting assignments and preferences by insolvent persons.

Mr. Garrow—To separate a portion of the Town of Wingham therefrom and to annex the same to the Township of Turnberry.

Mr. Fell—To amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Guthrie—To amend the act respecting municipalities.

Mr. Field—To consolidate the debt of the Town of Cobourg.

Mr. Magwood—To confirm a certain by-law of the Township of Elma.

Mr. H. E. Clarke—To incorporate the Hospital for Sick Children.

## FOR THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

Mr. Awrey, in accordance with the resolution of the Public Accounts Committee, moved for the production before the Public Accounts Committee of all orders in Council, extracts therefrom, or letters of instruction from heads of departments, authorising the payment of any sums to officials of public institutions in lieu of rent, water, light, fuel or table allowance from 1831 to 1891 inclusive.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton) said he had no objection to the motion. He supposed there was some necessity for going back to the original documents, but the motion was rather comprehensive, and he would not promise that the information wanted could be laid down all at once. Due diligence would be exercised in getting the information ready, but he might just as well state that it could not be done in 24 hours, or even some time longer. But the information would be brought down as soon as possible. The motion was then adopted.

## MORTMAIN AND CHARITABLE USES.

The House then went into committee on Bill No. 69, to amend the law respecting mortmain and charitable uses. Two clauses were added, one to provide that the bill shall not be construed to take away any rights now possessed by any corporation, and another to provide that the jurisdiction of the High Court may be exercised by a judge in chambers in a summary manner so as to avoid expense. The bill was then reported.