

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

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THE FUSION OF THE DIVISIONAL COURTS—THE DUNDAS AND WATERLOO MACADAMISED ROAD.

TORONTO, March 4, 1892.

In the Legislative Assembly to-day the Speaker presented the report of the commissioners of estate bills upon Mr. Guthrie's bill to enable Mary Soden to sell certain lands in Guelph. They are of opinion that the bill should not pass into law, because it appears by the preamble and by the petition on which the bill is based that the principal part of the land and premises for which a power of sale is sought is a settled estate within the meaning of Section 32 of the Judicature Act, and that the High Court has jurisdiction in such a case to authorise a sale whenever the interests of the parties require it. As to the other part of the land, it appears by the preamble that Mary Soden is the owner and requires no aid from the Legislature to sell it. The report is signed by Chief Justice Hagarty and Justice Maclellan. The report was received. The bill not being allowed to pass in its present shape, it will probably be recast and presented again.

Among the petitions presented were the following:—

Mr. Kirkwood—From the Municipal Council of West Luther, praying for an amendment to the Assessment Act with reference to the imposition of taxes on the Bank of Upper Canada lands.

Mr. Biggar—From the International Bridge Co. of Montreal, praying that no act may pass to incorporate the Village of Riverton.

Mr. E. F. Clarke—From the Switchmen's Mutual Aid Association of Toronto, praying for the abolition of the contract system in the erection of public works.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

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

Mr. Guthrie—To amend the act respecting joint stock companies formed to supply cities, towns and villages with gas and water.

Mr. Conmee—Respecting the Town of Port Arthur.

Mr. McMahon—To amend the act respecting implements.

Mr. McCleary—To amend the Ontario Anatomy acts.

Mr. Dowling—To enable the Village of Renfrew to issue debentures for \$30,000.

Mr. Waters—For the protection of persons employed in places of business other than factories.

Mr. Conmee—To amend the law respecting the Municipality of Neebing.

Mr. Biggar—To consolidate the Mortgage Act.

Mr. Meredith—To confer a certain agreement between the Western Pacific Railway, the Ontario & Quebec Railway and the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Corporation of London, and to declare valid certain by-laws.

Mr. Allan—To amend the Municipal Act.

Mr. Glendinning asked—Is it the intention of the Minister of Education to amend the Public Schools Act, defining clearly how the costs of issuing debentures of school sections by municipalities are to be met, having regard to the decision of Judge Dartnell in the case *Union School Section No. 4, Manilla, v. the Township of Brock*, and the dissent expressed therefrom by the Minister of Education?