

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

A Heavy Batch of Reports Brought Down.

ROUTINE BUSINESS DONE.

Preliminary Estimates Put Through the House.

INSPECTOR CHRISTIE'S REPORT ON ASYLUMS— INSURANCE INSPECTOR'S REPORT— NOTICES OF MOTION.

Legislative Chamber, Feb. 16.

A very brief and formal sitting was today's, the proceedings not lasting over half an hour and being purely routine. They were marked merely by the presentation of a number of petitions, by the usual number of notices of motion and by the Provincial Secretary's bringing down a goodly list of reports and returns. The preliminary estimates, amounting to \$500,000, were brought down and passed through the necessary committees without discussion. The only break in the routine was a question of Mr. Clancy's as to the date of issuing of the public accounts, Hon. Mr. Harcourt's answer being satisfactory to that gentleman.

PETITIONS.

The list of petitions came first and for a while the pages were kept busy. They are as follows:—

Mr. Harcourt—James Henry Carpenter of Dunnville, to authorize him to practise dentistry.

Mr. Paton—Township Council of Flos, regarding the issue of debentures.

Mr. Kirkwood—The Municipal Council of West Luther, regarding the single tax.

Mr. Campbell (Durham)—The Town Council of Port Hope, regarding the consolidation of the town debt.

Mr. McKay (Victoria)—The Town of Lindsay, regarding the taking over of the waterworks of the town.

Mr. McKay (Victoria)—The Township Council of Carden, regarding the single tax.

Mr. Tait—The People's Life Insurance Co., to amend their act of incorporation.

Mr. Tait—The Toronto Railway Co., regarding certain changes in the charter of the company.

Mr. Tait—The International Brotherhood of Bookbinders' Union, No. 28, regarding the single tax.

Mr. Wylie—The Town Council of Collingwood, regarding the single tax.

Mr. Meacham—The Town Council of Napanee, regarding the single tax.

Mr. Meacham—The County Council of Lennox and Addington, in favor of the reduction of fees payable to county officials appointed by the Government.

Mr. Charlton—The County Council of Norfolk, in favor of the appointment by County Councils of officials paid by them.

Mr. Charlton—The County Council of Norfolk, in favor of a railway passenger rate in Ontario of two cents a mile.

Mr. Harty—the Cataraqui Bridge Co., regarding the disposal of fines for fast driving.

Mr. Tooley—The Village Council of London West, regarding the issue of debentures to the extent of \$39,500.

Mr. Balfour—The Township Council of Malden, regarding the single tax.

Mr. Balfour—The Township Council of Tilbury North, regarding the single tax.

Mr. Waters—The Village Council of Ailsa Craig, regarding the single tax.

Hon. Mr. Hardy—The newspaper publishers of Brantford, regarding amendments to the libel law.