

Privileges and Elections—The Attorney-General, Messrs. Barr (Dufferin), Blezard, Bush, Caldwell, Charlton, Clancy, Clarke (Toronto), Conmee, Dack, Dowling, Dryden, Evanturel, Fraser, Gibson (Hamilton), Gilmour, Godwin, Harcourt, Hudson, Mack, Meacham, Meredith, Miscampbell, Monk, McKay (Victoria), McCallum, McMahon, Paton, Rayside, Rorke, Sharpe, Snider, Tait, Waters, White, Whitney, Wood (Hastings)—37.

Standing Orders—Messrs. Allan, Barr (Renfrew), Barr (Dufferin), Baxter, Biggar, Bishop, Bush, Campbell (Algoma), Campbell (Durham), Carpenter, Charlton, Cleland, Dack, Davis, Dowling, Fell, Ferguson, Field, Gibson (Huron), Glendinning, Godwin, Hammell, Hudson, Kerns, Lockhart, Loughrin, Monk, McCleary, Moore (Oxford), Clark (S. Lanark), O'Connor, Preston, Rayside, Rorke, Sharp, Smith (Frontenac), Smith (Peel), Smith (York), Snider, Sprague, Stratton, Tooley, Wood (Brant)—44.

Municipal Committee—Messrs. Allan, Awrey, Balfour, Barr (Renfrew), Bishop, Bronson, Bush, Campbell (Durham), Clancy, Clarke (Toronto), Cleland, Conmee, Davis, Dryden, Fell, Ferguson, Field, Fraser, Garrow, Gibson (Huron), Gilmour, Glendinning, Godwin, Guthrie, Hardy, Hiscott, Hudson, Kerns, Kirkwood, Lockhart, Loughrin, Mack, Mackenzie (W. Lambton), Magwood, Marter, Meacham, Meredith, Miscampbell, Monk, Moore, McCleary, McColl, McKay (Oxford), McKay (Victoria), McCallum, McKechnie, McMahon, O'Connor, Paton, McNaughton, Preston, Reid, Robillard, Rorke, Ryerson, Smith (York), Sprague, Stratton, Tait, Tooley, Waters, Willoughby, Wood (Brant), Wood (Hastings), Wylie—65.

Private Bills—Messrs. Allan, Awrey, Balfour, Baxter, Biggar, Bishop, Blezard, Bronson, Caldwell, Campbell (Durham), Carpenter, Clancy, Clarke (Toronto), Dack, Davis, Dowling, Evanturel, Ferguson, Fell, Field, Fraser, Garrow, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Gilmour, Guthrie, Hammell, Harcourt, Hardy, Harty, Hiscott, Hudson, Kerns, Kirkwood, Mackenzie (W. Lambton), Magwood, Marter, Meacham, Meredith, Monk, McColl, Clark (S. Lanark), McKay (Oxford), McCallum, McMahon, O'Connor, McNaughton, Preston, Rayside, Reid, Robillard, Rorke, Ryerson, Smith (Frontenac), Smith (Peel), Snider, Sprague, Stratton, Tait, Tooley, Waters, White, Whitney, Willoughby, Wood (Brant), Wood (Hastings), Wylie—67.

Railways—Messrs. Allan, Awrey, Balfour, Barr (Dufferin), Baxter, Biggar, Bishop, Blezard, Bronson, Caldwell, Campbell (Algoma), Campbell (Durham), Carpenter, Charlton, Clarke (Toronto), Cleland, Conmee, Dack, Davis, Dowling, Dryden, Evanturel, Fell, Ferguson, Field, Fraser, Garrow, Glendinning, Gibson (Hamilton), Gibson (Huron), Gilmour, Godwin, Guthrie, Hammell, Hardy, Harty, Hiscott, Hudson, Kerns, Lockhart, Loughrin, Mack, Mackenzie (West Lambton), Magwood, Marter, Meacham, Meredith, Miscampbell, Monk, Moore, McCleary, McColl, McKay (Victoria), McKechnie, Clark (South Lanark), McMahon, O'Connor, Paton, McNaughton, Preston, Rayside, Reid, Robillard, Rorke, Ryerson, Sharpe, Smith (Peel), Smith (York), Snider, Sprague, Stratton, Tait, Tooley, White, Whitney, Willoughby, Wood (Brant), Wood (Hastings), Wylie—79.

#### PETITIONS PRESENTED.

The following petitions were presented:—

By Mr. White—From ratepayers of Rochester Township, Essex County, asking for the partition of the township. The petition sets forth that the residents in the southern portion of the township do not get their share of the benefit from the heavy taxes they pay; that most of the Councillors live in the northerly portion of the township, and are interested accordingly; that the township has been engaged in several law suits which concern only the northerly portion, but which has increased the general taxes; and that the roads in the northern portion were opened at the general expense, while those in the south had to be paid for out of a special rate.

Mr. Ross (Middlesex) presented a petition from trustees and ratepayers of school section number five in Westminster Township, Middlesex, asking that the property of the City of London Water Commissioners situate within the limits of the section become liable to taxation for school purposes, from which they are now exempt.

By Mr. Caldwell—From a number of steam users of Ottawa City asking an amendment to the act respecting stationary engineers, requiring that persons in charge of a steam plant of over fifteen horsepower be required to obtain a certificate of competency from the Board of Examiners of the Ontario Association of Stationary Engineers.

By Mr. Ross (Middlesex)—From Middlesex County Council, asking an amendment in the act relating to the destruction of sheep by dogs.

By Mr. Barr (Dufferin), Mr. Tait, Mr. Marter, Mr. Ryerson, Mr. Stratton, in favor of giving Municipal Councils the right to raise revenue by a tax on land values.

By Mr. Wood (Brant)—From the editors of The Review and Star-Transcript of Paris, asking amendments to the libel law on a line similar to the amendments already advocated.

By Mr. Stratton—From the editors of Peterboro', asking the same.

By Mr. Gibson (Huron)—From Huron County Council, asking repeal of the clause in the municipal act compelling counties to contribute towards the construction and maintenance of bridges over streams of 100 feet and over in width; also from the same body, asking the reduction of fees of all county officials in the service of the Government.

By Mr. Tait—From Alex. King and others of Toronto, praying that an act may be passed to enable the executors of the estate of the late Richard Stubbs to lease certain lands.

By Mr. Harty—From the Town of Gananoque and Thousand Island Railway Company, to confirm an agreement between the two corporations.

By Mr. Field—From Mayor Wilson and 134 ratepayers of Cobourg, asking that no taxes be levied on improvements on land, or to grant power to Municipal Councils to carry this petition into effect.

By Mr. White—From the Water Commissioners of Windsor, asking to be allowed to issue debentures to \$500,000, and

for the validation of by-laws under which previous debentures have been issued.

By Mr. Ferguson—From Kent County Council, praying that the law may be altered regarding indigents confined in county gaols, and also asking to have determined the length of time a person has to be a resident before becoming a charge on the municipality. The petitioners, in regard to the first point, ask that the County Judge be given authority to order the removal of any aged or sick vagrant in counties where there is no House of Industry to some suitable institution, and asking also that the practice of municipalities giving railway passes from one station to another to such vagrants be declared illegal.

#### FIRST READINGS

The following bills were introduced and read a first time:—

An act for the preservation of life and property at railway crossings in cities, towns and villages—Mr. Waters.

An act to amend the pharmacy act—Mr. Balfour.

An act to amend the assessment act—Mr. Waters.

An act to amend the Public Schools act—Mr. Ryerson.

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#### THE AGRICULTURAL FARM.

Mr. Clancy asked the Minister of Agriculture when he expected the report on the Ontario Agricultural Farm to be ready.

Mr. Dryden said it would be ready in a few days.

#### PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Mr. A. F. Wood asked when the public accounts would be ready. Mr. Harcourt had promised they should be ready in a day or two at the beginning of the session, but that appeared to be only an easy way of getting over the difficulty.

Mr. Harcourt promised to use his best endeavors to have them down during the week.

Mr. Meredith asked why they could not be ready at the beginning of the session. Mr. Harcourt replied that if his hon. friend had a talk with the auditors he would appreciate some of the difficulties in the way of the accounts being brought down as early as he suggested. He had, however, done his best to hurry them up, and he thought a comparison of the last few years with previous years in this respect would show the department had not been dilatory. He promised the House that no trouble should be spared in hastening their preparation.

The House adjourned at about 3.30.

#### LIFE INSURANCE RETURN.

A return was laid before the House by Hon. Mr. Gibson, in accordance with an order passed in the session of 1893 at Mr. Monk's instance, and showed the names of life insurance companies doing business in Ontario among the industrial classes, and receiving premiums of \$1 or under weekly. It showed also all unusual conditions in