

THE LEGISLATURE.

Several Bills Introduced and
Many Petitions Received.

BUDGET ON THURSDAY.

**Inquiries Set Down For Information
Respecting the Niagara Power
Co's. and Printing Contracts.**

Parliament Buildings, Feb. 7.

The Legislature this afternoon received a number of petitions, and three measures were introduced and given first readings, after which an adjournment was taken. It is expected that the estimates for the year will be brought down on Wednesday, in which case the Provincial Treasurer will deliver his budget speech on Thursday.

The measures which were introduced to-day were the following:—

Mr. John Smith (Peel)—Bill respecting the County Council elections, the object of which is to do away with the double voting at County Council elections and give voters only one vote for each candidate. They have now the privilege of casting both votes for one candidate if they prefer to do so.

The Attorney-General—Bill respecting voters' lists in unorganized territory, which suspends the operation of part 3 of the Ontario voters' list act for two years, the preparation of voters' lists in unorganized territory being an expensive matter, which, it is provided by part 3 of the voters' list act, shall take place annually. There being no present necessity for the making up of voters' lists, as they only apply to Provincial elections, it has apparently been deemed advisable to do away with the necessity for preparing any voters' lists. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, however, order one to be prepared if required.

The Attorney-General—Bill to amend the railway act of Ontario. This act provides that the cost of arbitrations upon the expropriation of lands by railways shall be taxed by the Clerk of the County Court instead of by the Judge, as heretofore.

To Strike Committees.

The Attorney-General moved that the following be a select committee to prepare and report with all convenient