

TUESDAY, MARCH 20.

## JUNIOR JUDGE.

Mr. Hoyle Opposed to One in Ontario County.

## TRAVELLING SHOWS.

Attorney-General Has a Bill to Further Regulate Them—Medical Men and Dr. McKay's Bill.

At yesterday afternoon's sitting of the Legislature rows of empty benches denoted that members had not returned from spending Sunday at home. The only interesting feature of the short sitting was the discussion on the motion for second reading of Mr. Hoyle's bill to prevent in future the appointment of a junior Judge for the County of Ontario. Mr. Hoyle wanted to have a vote on the bill, but as there is an unwritten rule that no divisions should take place on Friday or Monday, when the attendance is slim, the measure had to stand.

### The Paris Exposition.

The estimates contain \$5,000 for the Paris Exposition, but the Government have not yet considered the question of sending anyone to the French capital to act as commissioner. The matter will not be taken up until after the session.

### Travelling Shows.

The bill in regard to travelling shows, of which the Attorney-General has given notice, provides that all travelling shows must be able to display a certificate showing they have paid the Provincial license fee of \$50 before they are allowed to exhibit in any municipality. If gambling or games of chance are permitted at the shows the license will be revoked.

### Second Readings.

The following private bills were given their second reading:—

Mr. Gibson—Incorporating the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Mr. Auld—Respecting the Town of Leamington.

Mr. Hill—Respecting the Davenport Methodist Church burying grounds.

Mr. Powell—Respecting St. George's Church, Ottawa.

Mr. Gibson—To consolidate the debenture debt of the Village of Arthur.

Hon. Mr. Dryden informed Mr. Wardell that Mr. W. M. Orr is not now in the employ of the Government.

### Sale of Mortgages.

In reply to Mr. Matheson the Premier stated that there were four mortgages which were sold, making up the total of \$59,562 mentioned in statement No. 10 of the Financial Commission's report, three of which were sold in 1889 and one in 1890. For the three mortgages \$35,955 were received, and for the one \$12,686, and all bore 5 per cent. interest, payable half-yearly. The single mortgage was sold to the trustees of University College, and the three were assigned to the Toronto General Trusts Company, who advanced thereon the funds of lunatics' estates.

In reply to another question from Mr. Matheson the Premier stated that the Sault Ste. Marie debentures, \$29,152, mentioned in statement No. 9 of the Finance Commission's report, were issued by the Town of Sault Ste. Marie and accepted by the Government under the authority of 56 Victoria, cap. 6. Inasmuch as they were securities taken on account of the purchase money of Crown lands and held by the Treasury Department for collection, they were not set out in the investment account of the public accounts. Four payments of interest coupons of \$511.45 each have been made, but interest since January 31, 1896, was overdue and unpaid.

### Distribution of Statutes.

Mr. Carnegie moved for a return showing correspondence between any member of the Government and any official thereof relating to the distribution of statutes. He desired to call the attention of the Attorney-General to the fact that under the existing regulations those living in sparsely-settled districts, who were entitled to them, had frequently to travel 50 miles to get their copy from the Clerk of the Peace. He suggested distribution by mail from Toronto direct.

Hon. Mr. Gibson agreed with Mr. Carnegie that that method of distribution entailed some hardship, and thanked Mr. Carnegie for calling his attention to it. The motion passed.

### Junior Judge of Ontario.

Mr. Hoyle moved the second reading of a bill providing that there should be no junior Judge in the County of Ontario. He argued that there were now three Judges in the county doing the business that one could discharge without being overworked. The people were complaining of the millstone around their necks in the form of taxes required for the administration of justice. The bill would go into effect in the event of a vacancy occurring in the Judiciary of the county.

Hon. Mr. Gibson read a petition signed by nearly all the members of the bar in the County of Ontario, which was presented to Sir Oliver Mowat when Minister of Justice, asking for the appointment of a second Judge. The petition set forth that from 1873 to 1896 there were two Judges in the