

court, Hislop, Holmes, Latchford, Loughrin, Lumsden, Malcolm, Munro, Mutrie, McKay, McKee, Pattullo, Preston, Richardson, Ross, Russell, Stratton—38.

The following were paired:—Messrs. Dryden and Hoyle, Harty and Foy, Ferguson and Reid (Addington), Bowman and McDonald, Pardo and Jamieson, Hill and Gallagher, Pettypiece and Boyd, Taylor and Robson, Pardee and Lucas, Clarke and Fallis, Smith and Kribs, Heys and Thompson, Truax and Miscampbell.

#### Many Second Readings.

A large number of public bills were then given their second reading in order that they may be considered in committee at an early date. Mr. Carnegie's bill respecting county boundaries was opposed by Hon. Mr. Stratton, and was declared lost on division.

Mr. Graham's bill giving municipalities authority to allow or disallow trading stamps was referred to a small special committee of the House.

Mr. Graham withdrew his bill to amend the municipal light and heat act.

The House adjourned at 6.30.

#### Protest Against A. O. F. Bill.

Mr. Carscallen presented a petition from a number of Hamilton members of the Ancient Order of Foresters protesting against the passage of a bill respecting that order now before the House. This bill declares that all the assets, interests, rights, etc., belonging to the Subsidiary High Court A. O. F., incorporated by Provincial charter, 1877 (the Provincial corporation), shall be vested in the Subsidiary High Court A. O. F., incorporated by Dominion Parliament in 1898, and also that the members of the Provincial corporation are members of the Dominion corporation.

#### Committee Work Delayed.

The Railway and Public Accounts Committees of the Legislature were unable to transact business yesterday owing to lack of a quorum. The Private Bills and Municipal Committees were barely able to muster a quorum. The latter committee fixed the consideration of Hamilton and Toronto bills asking important amendments to the municipal and assessment acts for Tuesday next. In the Private Bills Committee the measure allowing the Town of Peterboro' and the Village of Ashburnham to place a fixed rate of assessment on the property of the American Cereal Company for 42 years was the only measure of importance, and it was passed after some discussion.

#### Against Sunday Cars.

A deputation from the Lord's Day Alliance of Toronto and the Niagara district waited on Premier Ross yesterday to ask that measures be taken to prevent or restrict Sunday traffic in that peninsula. There were present Rev. J. H. Ratcliffe, Alderman Reed, St. Catharines; Rev. John Crawford, Niagara Falls; Rev. A. J. Irwin, Port Colborne; Chancellor Wallace, Rev. J. G. Shearer, Field Secretary Lord's Day Alliance; Alex. Mills and A. E. O'Meara, Toronto.

Rev. Mr. Ratcliffe said that notwithstanding the Provincial law to the contrary, live electric railways in the Niagara peninsula operated on Sunday:—Hamilton, Grimsby & Beamsville; St. Catharines, Merritton & Thorold; the Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Railway; Niagara Falls Park and River Railway, and the tramway between Niagara Falls and Drummondville. Mr. Ratcliffe urged particularly the danger of the Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Railway, from Niagara Falls to Port Dalhousie, which had bought a boat and evidently proposed to run it to Toronto every Sunday during the coming season, which example might be followed by other companies. Mr. Ratcliffe also asked that the Provincial Exhibit at the Pan-American Exposition be closed on Sunday. Public meetings had been held in the peninsula, and feeling was strongly in favor of the restriction of Sunday traffic.

Other speakers urged that the Sunday traffic from the Pan-American was likely to demoralize the peninsula.

Rev. Mr. Irwin of Port Colborne objected to the distribution of Sunday newspapers and the Sunday excursions in his neighborhood.

The Premier, in reply, announced that the deputation need have no fear respecting the Provincial exhibit at Buffalo. The Government would exercise their right and see that it was closed on Sunday. The other matters would be considered by the Government and by the Railway Committee, before whom the bills would come.

#### Drainage Comes High.

A deputation from Essex and Kent Counties waited on the Premier yesterday and asked for assistance for the extensive drainage works under the terms of the drainage aid act. Messrs. Auld and McKee introduced the deputation, which consisted of Reeve Dodson of Tilbury West, Reeve Selkirk of Mersea, Reeve Fox of Romney, Thomas Anderson, Clerk of Tilbury West, and William Newman, Windsor. The Town-

ships affected have already spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on the drainage works, which affect 46,000 acres. Tilbury West has spent \$170,000 and Mersea, \$88,000, alone.

#### A Strange Request.

A somewhat belated request has reached the Commissioner of Crown Lands from a resident of Owen Sound. The correspondent states that his father left his home near Albany, N.Y., in 1813, with the intention of settling in Ontario. With his wife, he sailed for this city, then the Village of York, bringing enough goods to start a store. The war of 1812 was then in progress, and the authorities confiscated the man's goods, which were sold by private sale. The immigrant never received any compensation, and, according to the letter, he brought up a family of ten and died in poverty and ruin. The son now asks that compensation be given him in the form of a timber limit, in a location where a mill could be established, as he has a son in the lumber business.

Hon. Mr. Davis has replied that the law provides that public auction or by tender is the only way to dispose of