

Wednesday, Feb. 9th.

MANY PRIVATE BILLS GIVEN FIRST READING

Chief Interest Centres in One Respecting Old Beaver- ton Church

ONE TORONTO BILL READ

Chief in interest among the private bills given first reading in the Ontario Legislature yesterday was that introduced by George Shields, Conservative member for Toronto Woodbine, and dealing with the status of the "old stone church" at Beaverton.

At present the church is unoccupied. Through the medium of the Shields bill Continuing Presbyterians seek possession of the edifice. The congregation of the church voted into Union, it will be recalled, but the church itself was afterward abandoned. The bill also aims at possession of the church's cemetery.

Others given first reading were bills respecting the Village of Humberside, the City of Toronto, the City of Hamilton, the Hamilton Street Railway Company, the City of Port Arthur, the Board of Managers of the House of Refuge of the Thunder Bay District, the Town of Kapuskasing, the Township of East York, the Township of North York, the Corporation of the Village of Forest Hill, the Township of Thorold, the Township of Sandwich West, the Village of Windermere, the Village of Fort Erie, and the Town of Dunnville.