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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO.

Monday, Feb. 11.—Petitions were presented from the inhabitants of the Township of Hagar praying for a charter for a Grammar School to be established in that village.

Mr. McGill, from the committee on Private Bills, reported in favor of the prayer of the petition of the inhabitants of Perth, praying that the fees payable on the establishment of an Opera House in that town may be reduced.

Mr. McGill, from the committee on Private Bills, reported in favor of the prayer of the petition of the Hon. W. H. Draper, R. B. Sullivan, and others, ratepayers of Toronto, praying that the City may be brought into the working of the Common School system of Upper Canada, and that the Act 29th Vic. cap. 61, with a view to compelling the City of Toronto to do so, be amended so as to authorize the City Council to raise a sum for the support of Common Schools in the City, and extending the provisions of the Act so as to include the education of children not now provided for.

Mr. Oliver, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported in favor of the prayer of the petition of Butter and Cheese Manufacturers, reported the same with amendments.

Mr. Henry Smith, from the Committee on Elections, reported the following resolution:—That the Committee do consider the complaint of the Electors of the Township of Clark (Chairman, Mr. Graham, Messrs. McDougall, and Craig, dissenting) and the following Bills were read a second time and passed:—

To authorize the Crescent Petroleum Company to hold and dispose of certain lands.

To extend the powers of the Gore District Insurance Company.

On motion of Hon. J. S. Macdonald, the House went into Committee. Mr. McLeod in the chair—on the Bill respecting the Organization of the Supreme Court. The first clause, providing that the enacting clause of the Act, shall be in the following words:—"Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, enacts as follows," was agreed to.

The fourth clause was amended by striking out "in the name of Her Majesty," and inserting in lieu thereof a reference to the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor in Her Majesty's name.

Some other clauses were amended by striking out the word "Assent," wherever it occurred, and inserting other clauses, the designation of the Speaker as "Speaker," was substituted for "Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."

The Committee having reported the amendments, the Bill was ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of Hon. J. S. Macdonald, the House concurred in the resolutions reported from the Committee of the whole on the inspection of Public Works Accounts.

The House went into Committee of the whole on the Bill relating to Registration, but after some remarks the matter was postponed.

Mr. Sexton moved the second reading of Bill (No. 75) relating to Registrars.

Mr. McKellar—Surely this Bill should have the preference of the Attorney-General's Bill on the same subject.

Hon. J. S. Macdonald said it had a superior preference, but perhaps it might be as well to allow it to stand.

Mr. Henry Smith—I would advise the gentleman who has charge of the Bill to stand back in the Attorney-General's place, if he does, he will certainly lose it altogether.)

Mr. Sexton thought there was no reason why this Bill should be delayed.

The Bill was then read a second time and ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

Mr. Boulter moved the second reading of Bill relating to Dentistry.

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Hon. J. S. Macdonald—That may be considered in committee.

The Bill was then read a second time and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. McGill, Dr. Baxter, Sir Henry Smith, Mr. Blake, McCall (Norfolk), Eyre and Grover.

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Mr. Henry Smith had no objection to the principle of the Bill, but he would like the duties to be transferred to some one other than the County Attorney. So far as his observation went, County Attorneys were more than Sheriffs.

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The Bill, as amended, were agreed to, and the committee reported the Bill.

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Mr. McKellar, Hon. J. S. Macdonald said the Estimates would be on the table to-morrow or next day.

The House adjourned at a quarter to [illegible]

There are quarries of stone in the immediate vicinity of Chicago, composed of carbonate of lime impregnated with bitumen, from which it is proposed that an asphaltum pavement, not inferior to that of Paris, can be made.

A correspondent of a Pittsburgh paper says "Society is becoming the "thing" at weddings in New York for all the gentlemen present to kiss the bride, and all the ladies present to kiss the groom. He does not state whether the new practice has had any influence in increasing the number of weddings.

SCENES IN PARIS.

The second remarkable interference of the Police within a late date took place recently at the Chateau d'Eau. The night was cold and sharp, the pavement of the Boulevard frozen to the exact degree of hardness so highly approved by the citizens of Paris for converting into a slide. A circular path open to the four winds of heaven, where the foreign corps stood opposite the barracks, offered a most desirable space for the amusement, and no less than no time was it covered with a formidable mob of that mischievous portion of the community [illegible] and by other slang appellations, always indicative, however, of the sack grade, who do work, inherited or by wire, swarm in every great city and are the terror and of horror of all more respectable folk. [illegible] Thousands of them congregated, swarming from the four quarters of the [illegible] observers to some [illegible] darting in the highest wind as they flew obviously along the [illegible] and [illegible] grimy caps tossed high in the air as they reached the goal without a tumble. A vast assemblage of persons had collected round the spot where the [illegible] were on the icy pavement, and the greatest merriment was excited by the exhibitions when suddenly the [illegible] of the barracks appeared [illegible] issued a company [illegible] and marched with fixed [illegible] sabre, was marched to the spot, and drawing up close to the parapet stood waiting for orders, while the Commissaire of Police passing as it [illegible] to know the truth, and [illegible] death, [illegible] the same time [illegible] the scene who had [illegible] spot, [illegible] what was [illegible] looking on [illegible] or their amusement. At the city [illegible] the usual [illegible] the edge of the pavement. A [illegible] and [illegible] among the [illegible] special [illegible] the scene, for the more [illegible] he gave a [illegible] distance which every [illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible] besides sundry impalatable [illegible] of the Municipal [illegible] of the police agents as the latter [illegible] station, and dragged away the [illegible] prisoners to the ordinary [illegible] longing to the [illegible] Dandins, Kicks, and [illegible] [illegible] and by [illegible] of the [illegible] were [illegible] about to the [illegible] neighbourhood, where they remained for the space of twelve hours, in the prison van was sent to fetch them to undergo examination at the Prefecture, and it was not till after the lapse of six and forty hours of famine, cold, and [illegible] that they were restored to their families.

While this scene was enacting at the Chateau d'Eau, the Bas de Bout was all alive with light and gaiety. The Skating Club had issued invitations for a grand fete and a Public [illegible] and all its traditions of [illegible] flying a loss the [illegible]