

to this particular measure, and in order that the House might be justified in denying this motion, and what in proper and reasonable cases, and when asked as a privilege and a courtesy, is sometimes granted, he proposed the following amendment, seconded by Mr. O'Donoghue:—

"That all the words in the motion after "that" be struck out, and instead thereof the following be substituted, "No notice of the intention to apply to this House for an Act to incorporate the Orange Association of Eastern and Western Ontario has been published, either in the *Ontario Gazette* or any other paper; that the only notice which in any manner could be said to have reference to such an intended application is one alleged to have been published in a newspaper called the *Orange Sentinel*, and is in these words:—

"NOTICE.

"I hereby give notice that an application will be made at the next Session of the Legislature of the Province of Ontario, to incorporate the Loyal Orange Association for Ontario West, and the subordinate Lodges now, or which may hereafter be, under the jurisdiction of the aforesaid Grand Lodge.

"(Signed,)

R. GOURLAY,

"Grand Secretary, Ontario West."

That said last mentioned notice, as published in said *Orange Sentinel*, bears no date whatever, and its first insertion in said newspaper was on the 13th of December last past, being at least two insertions less than required by the rules of this House. That said notice only refers to an intended application for an Act to incorporate the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West. That no notice of any intended application for an Act of incorporation has in any manner been given, or published by, or on behalf of, said Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East; that the irregularity in, and the want of such proper notices respecting the bill mentioned in the original motion, was brought to the attention of this House and its members on the second day of the present session; that thereupon the mover of said original motion, the now promoter of the bill, sought to be introduced, and intitled "An Act to Incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of Eastern and Western Ontario," from his place in this House informed this House in effect that the said Grand Lodges were not intending to ask for an Act of incorporation at this present session, because that by oversight certain petitions in favour of said incorporation, and which were to have been circulated for signa-

ture had not been so circulated, and consequently could not be in readiness for presentation to this House at its present session; that afterwards the said proposed Act of Incorporation was brought before the Standing Orders Committee of this House, and the regularity of the necessary notice therefor inquired into by said Committee, but the promoters of said bill did not produce to said Committee any notice, or the proof of any notice having been given or published either in the *Orange Sentinel*, or otherwise, of the intention to apply for such an Act; that the said Standing Orders Committee so reported to this House on 25th of January last past; that the time for the introduction of private bills at this session expired on 29th January last past, being the 21st day of this session; that if said promoters had desired to proceed regularly, any motion for the suspension of the rules of this House and to permit the introduction and first reading of said bill, ought to have been made not later than said 29th day of January; that instead thereof notice of the proposed original motion was not given until the 8th day of February instant (being the 31st day of this session), and then only to the effect that the said motion would be made upon the 12th day of February instant, but said motion was not then made; that if a private bill were introduced and read a first time to-day, being the forty-eighth day of the session, the rules of this House require that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, but before such Committee could consider such bill it must be printed and distributed to members, and five days' clear notice of the time of considering the same by said Committee be posted up in the lobby; that the last day for reporting upon private bills by the said Committee expired upon the 15th day of February instant, and, therefore, any bill only introduced and read a first time this day cannot now regularly be considered or reported upon by said Committee to this House; that none of the rules of this House relating to private bills have been complied with by said promoters, and, therefore it appears to this House that the delay in making said original motion, and the non-compliance with the rules of this House in respect to said proposed bill are inexcusable."

[A motion for the adjournment of the debate was then carried, and the promoters of the bill were excused from having openly to confess that they had nothing to say in reply to Mr. Fraser's brilliant and exhaustive speech, by the fact that the question was not again reached during the few remaining days of the session.]