ONTARIO ASSEMBLY.

THIRD LEGISLATURE—FOURTH SESSION

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 29.

ORANGE INCORPORATION.

Petitions in favour of the incorporation of the Orange body were presented by Mr. Parkhill, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Miller, Mr. Lander, Mr. Currie, Mr. Monk, Mr. Hay, Mr. Barr, Mr. Troley, Mr. Bell, Mr. Wills, Mr. Lyon (Halton), Mr. Springer, Mr. Rothwell, Mr. Wood, Mr. Morris, Mr. Creighton, Mr. Reeder, Mr. Code, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Boulter, Mr. Rosevear, Mr. Merrick, Mr. Keen, Mr. Preston, Mr. Williams and Mr. Mostyn. The petitions numbered in all three hundred and thirty-three.

THE MERCER ESTATE.

Mr. FLESHER moved for an order of the House for copies of all correspondence, affidavits or papers filed in the office of the Attorney-General from any person or persons claiming the south half of lot number twelve, in the tenth concession of the Township of Tyrone (part of the Mercer estate) or from any person or persons claiming that the lot put out the said half lot.

The motion carried.

THE LAND IMPROVEMENT FUND OF 1868.

Mr. GIBBONS moved for an order of the House for a return showing the amounts received at the Crown Lands Department on account of the Land Improvement Fund for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1878, from which date it has been paid till 1877, from which date it has been paid till 1877.

The motion carried.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

On the orders of the day being called,

Mr. SCOTT said:—Mr. Speaker, before the orders of the day are proceeded with, I desire to ask the consideration of the House and the country of a matter which we have to deal with at some time during the session, and which I am in hopes may be disposed of at an early date, and that is the question of the constitutionality of the Legislature sitting during the month of March. I am not in a position to say what the wishes of the Government are in the matter, but I am in hopes that they will be able to give us a definite answer, and that there is no question of prorogation or adjournment for that purpose.

Mr. MOWAT—I would like my hon. friend to defer the consideration of this question for a day or two, in the hope that we will know by then what we are doing in regard to the business of the country.

Mr. SCOTT—I would prefer Friday.

Mr. MOWAT—I would prefer Friday. We have other matters to deal with before the end of February, and if we do that we may be able to get through with the business of the session in a month, so that the necessary legislation may be introduced.

Mr. MOWAT—Suppose we say Friday?

Mr. SCOTT—I think to-morrow would be better, if my hon. friend will agree to it.

Mr. MOWAT—Then I will do the best I can, and I will agree to it, if I have time to look over the papers.

Mr. SCOTT agreed.

Mr. MOWAT moved the adjournment of the House.

The House adjourned at 4.15.

THURSDAY, Jan. 30.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

Mr SCOTT said, before the orders of the day are proceeded with, I desire to call the attention of the House to a matter which I think should be disposed of at an early date, if it can be disposed of satisfactorily to the House and the country. I mean