ONTARIO'S PARLIAMENT.

A BIG DAY IN THE RAILWAY COM. MITTEE ROOM.

The Business of the House-The Number and Religion of the Civil Service-An Early

Vesterday was a private members day and there being no discussion on the business which they brought forward, it was quickly got through with, the house adjourning at 4.30, as in the absence of the icational report the estimates were not gone on with, educational items being next in order.

Mr. Bell introduced a hill to amend the public and separate schools act. The house went into committee on th

bill to amend the act respecting lunatic asylums and the custody of insane persons and passed it with amendments. A bill to amend the Ontario joint stock

company letters patent act was read a

second time. The bill to amend the agricultural and arts act was again considered in committee, and was finally reported with amendments. The agricultural and arts report was pre-sented; also a return as to the number of members appointed to office since confed-

Mr. Mowat said the estimates would not

be gone on with in the absence of the

be gone on with in the absence of the education report. Mr. Merrick again inquired as to the return of those in the civil service with their religion, as it was said the house was to adjourn the week after next. Mr. Fraser said it would be brought down as soon as it could be got ready. Mr. Meredith said that perhaps the ob-jection to and delay in producing it came from Mr. Fraser as he had taken a certain stand in regard to appointments of his coreligionists and it might not show well in regard to them.

ell in regard to them. Mr. Fraser said there was no objection or his part, but he thought it was more with nce to certain societies that Mr. Merrick wished the report.

Merrick wished the report. Mr. Morris thought there should be no difficulty about the report as the Dominion had brought down a similar one, including a much larger number of officials.

Mr. Hardy, who had just arrived, was well laughed at for jumping up to present the reports and returns which had pre-viously been given in by Mr. Fraser, and next. the house adjourned.

WORK IN COMMITTEE.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE. At the meeting of the railway committee

vesterday morning the Grand central station bill was again taken up. Mr. B. B. Osler urged the passage of the measure, and Mr. Bell, Grand Trunk railway solicitor, oppos-

Mr. Bell, M.P.P., did not think that it would be right to give the company power to expropriate lands.

to expropriate lands. Mr. Osler-We have withdrawn that. Mr. Oster-we have withdrawn that. Mr. Bell said that the promoters should have consulted the city council, and thought that before a bill of this kind was passed the matter should be more fully ventilated.

proper condition, he should be compelled to ppose the bill. Mr. Osler said he was not surprised at position of the Grand Trunk, as that the or sidered the whole front of the city road con. 'her own property. Mr. Townse. 'd, manager of the Northern, Mr. Townse. 'd, manager of the Northern, Said that they we not opposed to the bill, said that they we premature. The chairman said that after what had been said on behalf of the 'railways he was confirmed in the opinion he expressed on Wednesday that the scheme was hot in such a than sa to justify the granting of a charroad con WORK FOR THE COLLECTOR. The attention of Collector Patton and his shape as to justify the granting of a charer with expropriation powers. On a vote being taken the preamble was

ext was adopted, and the committee ad-journed until Monday, when the High park tramway bill will be reconsidered. -Nearly Three Hundred Lives Lost and Two Millions and a half of Property Swept Away. MUNICIPAL. The municipal committee met yesterday norning, Mr. Ross presiding. Mr. Waters' bill to amend the municipal DETROIT, Feb. 26 .- In his message to

Mr. Waters' bill to amend the municipal act was taken up. In 1880 an act was passed amending the municipal act and providing that the qualifications for mem-bers of municipal bodies should be held "over and above all encumbrances." Mr. Waters, by his bill, sought to strike out the words "over and above all encumbrances" in the amending act, so that the act should stand as fermerly. The bill was discussed briefly, the feel-ing being that while the qualification was required it should be a substantial one, and that the difficulty lay in the assessors not assessing up to the full value of property. The bill to give certain powers to muni-cipalities in the county of Hastings was taken up. The municipalities ask for power to dispose of minerals under road allowances; power not to increase the rate of taxation on the property of certain parties, in consideration of the promotion of a railway; and power to agree not to in a sulway; and power to agree not to in the way and power to agree the way tally and power to agree not to interthe special session of the legislature called to devise measures for the relief of the sufferers by the Michigan bush fires the

in consequence, by sufficiation and by burning. No reference is made in this es-timate to the losses of those who have

BUSH FIRES IN MICHIGAN

parties, in consideration of the promotion of a railway; and power to agree not to increase the rate of taxation of railway lands. There was a doubt expressed as to whether this bill should be considered by timate to the losses of those who have neither asked nor required assistance, which are known to have been of great magni-tude. Nor of those of a public nature, among which were 51 school-houses and a large number of churches and highway bridges. The destruction thus wrought left men, women and children destitute of either clothing, food or shelter. It cover-ed a territory of over eighteen hundred square miles, and the progress of its ravages swept the entire district within from two to four hours after it began. The wonder is not that so many perished, but so many secaned. The thanks of the state are due the private bills or municipal committees but pending a decision the bill was pro ded with Mr. John Bell, solicitor for the county of Mr. John Bell, solicitor for the county of Hastings, opposed the bill. He contended that the power to exempt property from taxation should rest with the county coun-cil, and not with the local municipalities. The bill was lost.

The committee adjourned.

PRIVALE BILLS.

to four hours after it began. The wonder is not that so many perished, but so many escaped. The thanks of the state are due to every individual who came to the belp of our suffering fellow-citizens at this try-ing juncture, and they especially belong to the men and women of OUR SISTER COMMONWEALTHS and the heighboring British provinces. In addition to large amounts contributed for this relief by churches, societies and in-dividuals directly to the sufferers of which there is no attainable record, but which is known to aggregate many thousands of dol-PRIVALE BILLS. The private bills committee met at 10:30 yesterday, Mr. Fraser in the chair. The bill to incorporate the Trust and Security company of Ontario was with-drawn, as the powers sought for can be ob-tained under the general act. Fees, less cost of printing, were remitted. The fees, less cost of printing, were re-mitted upon the bill relating to an errone-ous survey of the township of Harvey. The bill to vest certain property in the Stratford high school board was considered, several amendments made and reported. As the bill related to education the fees, less cost of printing, were remitted. less cost of printing, were remitted. It was decided to recommend the house to extend the time for reporting upon private bills until Thursday, March 2.

there is no attainable record, but which is known to aggregate many thousands of dol-lars, there has been received by the state fire relief commission, the Detroit and Port Huron committees, and committees of other localities, the sum of \$623,536,98 in cash, together with donations in kind, which when added to the cash contribu-tions would equal the sum of \$1,000,000. These people must be sustained until their crops mature. They also require seed for th's spring crops. The contributed funds will soon be spent and harvest is months in the future. The exigencies of the case de-The committee adjourned until Tuesday OSGOODE HALL NOTES.

An application was made to Judge Oslen the future. The exigencies of the case de mand action, and to afford relief is no long er a question of policy ; it is an imperative

An application was made to Judge Osler yesterday for a writ of prohibition restrain-ing the stipendiary magistrate at Niagara Falls from adjudicating upon a case now pending before him for payment of wages, on the ground that the magistrate is the solicitor for the person who is demanding payment of wages. The motion was or-dered to stand for notice to be served to the magistrate. duty.

Richard Stephens, charged with having stolen overcoats, was remanded till 3d March. the magistrate. - THE TORONTO P. O. ROBBERY. - THE TORONTO P. O. ROBBERY. An order was made yesterday for the admission to bail of Wm. Cook, charged be with stealing a yard and a half of Honiton lace from the postoffice, Toronto. A PATENT REFRIGERATOR CASE. Withrow v. Malcolm, the case now in the course of hearing at the chancery sit-tings is an action howork for damages The case of Jas. Nelson and Wm. Camp

bell, charged on remand with fighting on York street, was dismissed. The case of Ellen Michie charged mand with selling liquor without a license was adjourned till to-day. The charge of assault, brought by Mr. The charge of assault, brought by Mr. Guinane against Geo. P. Knight, was with-drawn on payment of costs. It was announced at Osgoode hall yester-day that Mr. Justice Morrison had improv-ed greatly since the previous dominant

POLICE NEWS.

AN EARLY MORNING IDYL. A World man was coming out of York

street (south) into King street this morning at 1 o'clock, when he heard a noise on the latter street, near St. Andrew's church. From the sounds he thought a circus was coming to town. The noise and its can to devise measures for the relief of the sufferers by the Michigan bush fires the governor siys the property of 3231 families was destroyed and 14,438 persons were made dependent upon public aid. In this calamity 1521 dwellings were consumed, together, with 1480 barns, hundreds of miles of fences, domestic animals in great numbers, and vast quantities of household furniture, clothing and agricultural imple-ments, with accumulated stores of flood. The losses of those who have asked and re-ceived aid as shown by sworn appraisals mounted to \$2,346,043, or an average of over \$726 for each family. To add to the terrible aspects of these dreadful misfor-tunes nearly 300 HUMAN BEINGS PERISHED in sonsequence, by suffocation and by burning. No reference is made in this es-timate to the losses of those who have to the losses of those who have assistance which ame nearer and the reporter next though

march was resumed. A Globe reporter who at this juncture entered King street from the north, end of York street became greatly excited and began at once to count the horses began at once to count the horses take their color, age and religion, and to ask what church they went to, and how many times they went last Sunday. As The World man turned into his office he heard one of the boys exclaim "here's that darned old mule again that we thought was lost," and he deftly threw a halter over the head of the Globe man and led him off.

BRIEF LOUALS.

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Ald. Geo. Evans will be acting mayor

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in the city yesterday, protessionally. Forty-two summonses were issued yester day for infractions of the snow by-law. The St. Lawrence coffee house is a great success so far. Five hundred people lunch ed there yesterday. Mr. Louis Kribbs leaves the city on Monday to assume editorial management

of the Barrie Advance. Prof. O. S. Fowler will repeat his fecture on "God and Immortality," to morrow (Sunday) evening in the Royal opera house. Prof. Smith, of the Ontario veterinary college, entertained the students of that institution to a banquet last night at his residence.

Thomas O'Brien, alias "nosey" O'Brien, was arrested last night on a warrant for striking Mary Murphy, and lodged in No. 3 station.

The police raided Nos. 53 and 55 Uni versity-street list night. Charlotte Ross, keeper, and Ida Clark were arrested and locked up in No. 2.



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lost by a vote of 21 to 5.

NIAGARA FALLS IMPROVEMENT. The two bills incorporating companies with the object of improving and preserv-ing the scenery in the neighborhood of Niagara Falls were withdrawn, Mr. Pardee stating that the government did not at pre-sent feel disposed to entrust these powers to private companies, and that in any event the time at the disposal of the committee was too short to enable the bill to be fully

the time at the disposal of the committee was too short to enable the bill to be fully considered. NORTHERN AND NORTHWESTERN JUNCTION. The consideration of the Northern and Northwestern Junction bill was resumed, and the measure was reported with several amendments. have done long ago.

CATHARINES AND, NIAGARA 'CENTRAL. The consideration of the St. Catharines and Niagara Central railway bill was re-

sumed.

Who are to play an engagement of three days at the Royal opera house, commencing next Monday evening, embrace several popular Irish comedians, among whom is Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brennan (late of Erin Capt. Neelon urged that the railway would give a connection with the Ameri-can railway system that would considerably reduce freight rates to the seaboard. A petition from the Canada Southern

A petition from the Canada Southern railway against the scheme, and petitions from the councils of St. -Catharines and Niagara in its favor, were read. Mr. Nicol Kingsmill urged that no charter should be granted unless the ap-plicants showed a clear necessity for the line. The fact was, however, that the people of the country through which it was proposed that the line should pass, were at present as well supplied with railways as any people in the world. Mr. McCraney said that the people of his section had no need for another road.

his section had no need for another road.

The chairman said that he understood the promoters were prepared to abandon that portion of the road across the western peninsula to the Detroit river, and merely pressed for a charter for the section be-tween Hamilton and Toronto, and to the Niagara river. Mr. Neelon briefly replied to Mr. Kings-

mill, after which the preamble was sub-mitted, and carried by a vote of 19 to 3.

The section locating the road was amended by striking out the clause authoramended by striking out the clause author-izing the extension of the line westerly to Windsor, or some other point on the De-trait river troit river. The limit for the commencement of the

line was fixed at three years and for com-pletion at five years from the passage of the bill. The clause confirming bonus by-laws was struck out, and the bill reported with amendments.

The bill authorizing the Port Rowan and Lake Shore railway to extend their line from Port Dover to Fort Erie, and also to construct a branch from Port Dover to Brantford, was taken up. Mr. Bruce Jackson, reeve of Simcoe. and Mr. Nicol Kingsnill opposed the bil

and Mr. Nicol Kingsmill opposed the bill and evening performance to day, when as a paper charter for a superfluous rail-Baron Rudolph will be produced.

Mayor Wilkes, of Brantford, Mr. Watson, of the Brantford board of trade, Mr. Smart, - reeve or Kingsville, Mr. Worrell, solicitor for the promoters, and Col. Collier addressed the committee in favor of the bill. The preamble was adopted by a vote of 16 to 9. The first section was amended by the insertion of a provision that the road should all asleep.

nsertion of a provision that the road should pass within one mile of Simole, and within half a mile of Waterford. It was also pro-vided that the Brantford branch should be constructed within two years, and that Brantford should be represented on the dir-ectorate. With these amendments the bill use, and we now declare it the best-th.

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A recommendation that the time for re-porting the bill be extended to Thursday with a vast majority.

the course of hearing at the chancery sit-tings is an action brought for damages for the infringement of the patent of a refrigerator known as the "Alexander re-frigerator," the right to manufacture which has been brought by the plaintiffs. The parties to the suit are Toronto people, and the case excites a good deal of interest. Margaret Brown Alias Smith was arrested at noon yesterday by P. C. Clark on a warrant charging her with being an in-mate of a house of ill-fame.

HICK'S HILLERNIAN MINSTRELS.

out next week.

Minnie Bell, Adelaide street west, plead ed guilty in two cases of selling liquor illicitly and was fined \$30 and costs or thirty days in each case.

staff is directed to the flood of questionable publication is that fill the windows and counters of many booksellers in the city. The World called attention to this facts, vesterday. The collected difference of the collected d yesterday. The collector distinguished himself on a former occasion to exhibit

W. & D. Grand were charged with not complying with the cab license law, but were allowed to go on payment of costs as they had afterward taken out a license. pernicious literature, and now a good op-portunity offers itself for more good work. The Police Gazette and publications of its ilk should be suppressed. Suppress them by all means, Mr. Collector. William Sweeney was charged on remand with having neglected to support his family, but as his wife had refused to live with him at his father's the case was dis-

HISSING SCHOOLMARMS. nissed. James Wadsworth, corner of Straham At the teachers' convention yesterday

avenue and Queen street, pleaded guilty of selling liquor on Sunday, but as he had been fined for selling the night before the case was withdrawn.

About twenty cases of neglecting to clean snow off the sidewalks were before the magistrate yesterday morning and the parties were fined on an average \$1 and oard deserve thanks for what they should

osts or ten days. Thomas Kane was charged with having maliciously damaged Minnie Bell's property on Adelaide street. Plaintiff said prisoner

and another person had broken nearly all the windows in her house. Robert J. Williams was charged with Charles Elliot, the only witness, swore that he and another person had bought liquor on Sunday, and the magistrate imposed a fine on Williams of \$20 and costs or thirty

John Whitfield was charged with selling liquor illicitly at 148 Front street. He said he had bought the furniture from another person on the understanding that the license would be transferred to him. He admitted the sale but said the house was now closed up. The case was adjourned for a month.

THE DRAUGHT TOURNAMENT. Wm. Burns, alias Cunningham, was charged with committing an aggravated as-sault on Annie Thompson, living on Univer-sity street. Plaintiff stated that defendant At the Caledonian rooms, Mutual street, last night in presence of a large number of admirers of the game of draughts, the opening games of the Toronto draught as-sociation were played. Much interest was centered in the events of the evening. The Herd Laddie and Carruthers opened the ball, the former winning two straight games. Wylie and Lane followsed with one game and a draw for the former. The remaining games were as follows: McDonald, lost three games to Wylie, O'Halloren lost three to Wylie, Flint lost two to Wylie, Ryan lost three to the same, and Malcolm lost one. The playing lasted until after 11 o'clock. The tournament will lastthrough-out next week. At the Caledonian rooms, Mutual street, sity street. Plaintiff stated that defendant wanted to marry her, but she did not think enough of him to marry him, so he struck, kicked and choked her and then pulled about sixteen ounces of hair from her head. She said he had often assaulted her before and she had forgiven him, but did not in-tend to do so again. Prisoner retorted that she always followed him and he had gone to her house to avoid a row in the street. Hattie Sylvester and Lizzie Burns corrobo-rated Thompson's statement and said pri-soner was not in Thompson's reom. Pri-soner was remanded till to-day.

A CANADIAN RLOOD IN BOSTON.

BARON RUDOLPH AT THE GRAND. Hugh Allan, son of Sir Hugh Allan, of the Allan line, who was master of a pack of The above pirce was presented at this theatre last night to a much larger audience hounds in Canada, is establishing a pack in Boston. Over sixty well known Boston than appeared on the previous evening. The piece is an excellent comedy and in the hancs of a magnificent company. It is well mounted. There will be a matinee to be a magnificent company in the second seco twenty-five will hunt in scarlet coats, white knee-breeches and top boxs. They will have a professional English hantsman. THE TRAIN AND TRACK A SLEEPY CONGREGATION.

THE TRAIN AND TRACK.

A Thornhill congregation was suddenly An office is being prepared at the union aroused two or three Sundays ago by the preacher closing his bible with a slap, and saying with some feeling in his voice, "I'll An once is being prepared at the union removed to his injuries a broken, and his injuries a midland combination. He will move to are not of a fatal nature. his new quarters some time next month. defer my remarks now, seeing that you are The receipts of the Occidental railway for the week ending the 15th inst. were \$19,391, an increase of \$4891 compared

with the same week of last year. The inrease for six weeks this year was \$21,365. MARRIED. use, and we now declare it the best-the

TYRRELL-WALERR.-On February 23rd, at Christ church, Brampton, by the Rev. C. C. Johnstone, R. S. Tyrrell, Esg., M.D., of Toronto, to Grace, eldest laughter of Dr. N. O, Walker of Port Dover.

The swimming bath at the island, east of Wm. Ward's residence, was destroyed by the late storm, which also washed away a large portion of the point shore. The cigar makers and their ladies as bled at Jones' hotel, Simcoe and Queen-streets last night and drove out to Weston where their annual ball and supper was held. On Wednesday night Johnnie Wells, a little boy living on Lunley street, drank some sour milk out of a cup in which there was a little blue stone. He suffered acutely, but finally recovered. Mr. Frank Gibson, representing Hyde & Beham's star specialty company of Brook-lyn, is in the city making arrangements for the appearance of his at the Royal opera house on March 3 and 4. held Another examination was held at the Another examination was held at the armoury yesterday forenoon, when fifteen cadets passed their examinations for second-class certificates creditably. The exami-nation was conducted by Sergeants Hew-lett and Moulson. A little son of Mr. Chas. Brown, livery stable keeper, fell from the roof of a shed fourteen feet high, yesterday afternoon, and was seriously injured about the neck and head. When picked up the lad was insen-sible, but he soon recovered. At 6 o'clock yesterday morning the body

At 6 o'clock yesterday morning the body of John Barrett who was killed at Winni-peg, arrived at the Union station and was taken in charge by Mr. V. P. Humphries, undertaker, who conveyed it to the resi-dence of deceased's brother, Don Mount. The funeral takes place to morrow. A middle aged woman named Martha Dixon, who hails from Highland Creek, was arrested by G. T. R. Constable Spence at the the Union station last night, for stealing a woollen muffler from John Tan-dam of Port Hope. She was locked up at police headquarters. dam of Port Hope. She was locked up at police headquarters. Visitors at the Zoo to-day:-Mr. D. Creighton, M. P. P.; Mr. J. P. Bull, treasurer county of York; Mr. Bell, Win-nipeg; Jas. Crowther and Miss Crowther, Mr. Peleg Howland, Mr. Watt and family, of Niagara: Mr. H. Hough of the Cobourg World; Dr. H. H. Wright and family, and about 2000 others. about 2000 others. Sarah Moran, an old rounder from Star

ley street, got on a drunk last night and raised the roof off York-street P. C. Vanghan, with difficulty, ran her into No. 1. When she was searched at the station two well filled packages were found

on her person. Sarah said she was a do mestic in a respectable house, and if her statement be true, ao doubt she helped herstatement be true, no doubt she helped her-self liberally to her mistresses' fragrant tea and pulverized sugar. She would not di-vulge the name of her employer. Joseph Linden, aged 16, of No. 153 Oa-tario-street, had a miraculous escape from death yesterday morning. He was in the entrance of a hoist on the fourth story of Market and show warehouse at

when the employees of the warehouse ran to his aid that they found him alive. He was removed to the hospital. No bones were broken, and his injuries although painful

INSOLVENCY.

MEALS AT ALL HOURS. eatly-fitted Ladies Dining-room with private en trance. J. QUINOLLE & F. ARNOLD. HOTEL BRUNSWICK KING STREET WEST, (Next Mail Office). Selected Lot of the Celebrated CANADIAN MALPEQUE OYSTERS, ist received this day from Prince Edward Island rved on the shell; try them. GEO. BROWN, Late of the Americar Hotel. WINNIPEG MAPS

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