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Hon. Messrs.

Armand,
Baillargeon,
Chaffers,
DeBlois,
Howlan,
Macfarlane,Montgomery,
Power,
Prowse,
Read,
Robitaille,
Smith.—12.

The Senate adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Thursday, February 20th, 1890.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 8:30 p.m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

SECOND READINGS.

Bill (24) "An Act respecting the St. Stephen's Bank." (Mr. Wark.)

Bill (33) "An Act respecting the People's Bank of New Brunswick." (Mr. Wark.)

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (O) "An Act to amend the Steamboat Inspection Act, Cap. 78 of the Revised Statutes of Canada."

Bill (27) "An Act to incorporate the Sault Ste. Marie and Hudson's Bay Railway Company." (Mr. Read.)

Bill (28) "An Act to incorporate the Ottawa, Morrisburg and New York Railway Company." (Mr. Read.)

Bill (22) "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Belleville and Lake Nipissing Railway Company." (Mr. McKindsey.)

Bill (21) "An Act to incorporate the Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Pontypool Railway Company." (Mr. Clemow.)

Bill (14) "An Act respecting the Port Arthur, Duluth and Western Railway Company." (Mr. MacInnes.)

Bill (20) "An Act respecting the Goderich and Canadian Pacific Junction Railway Company, and to change the name of the company to the Goderich and Wingham Railway Company." (Mr. Macdonald, B.C.)

MARRIAGE LAW AMENDMENT BILL.

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. MACDONALD (B. C.) moved the second reading of Bill (F) "An Act to amend an Act respecting offences relating to the Law of Marriage." He said: Hon. gentlemen are, no doubt, aware that the Government promise legislation of some kind on this subject, and I propose to ask the House to allow this Bill to be read the second time and referred to a committee. In the meantime we can confer with the Government and ascertain what course should be pursued, whether the Bill should be dropped altogether or not. I hope, in moving the second reading of this Bill I shall carry with me the feeling of the members of the Senate that such a measure is necessary. If there are Mormons in the North-West Territories, wherever they settle they will practise the tenets and customs of their sect. It is, therefore, necessary and wise that we should at once prevent the spread of this canker in our country. I am not in possession of any figures bearing on this subject. I do not know how many Mormons there are in the North-West Territories, or to what extent they practise their peculiar customs, but it is said, wherever they are they are sure to practise polygamy. I think the best feature of the Bill is that which disqualifies offenders from being candidates for election to serve as members of the House of Commons of Canada, or Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories, to serve as jurors, or to hold any office under the Crown or any public or municipal office in the North-West Territories. It will be one of the chief means of obtaining information and securing convictions under the Act. At election time, no doubt those people will take different sides, and their opponents will find out all the weak spots in their characters.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY BILL.

POSTPONED.

The Order of the Day being called, Committee of the Whole House on Bill (C) "An Act respecting the Depart-