

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee of the Senate appointed to "inquire into the circumstances of a debt alleged to devolve upon the Dominion Government by the *British North America Act*, and said to be now due to the Honorable *Benjamin Beveridge, James Tibbits*, and others, but the payment of which is withheld for some cause unknown, with power to send for persons and papers," and

The same being again read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Read*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Boyd*, it was

*Ordered*, That the said Report be adopted.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled: "An Act further to amend the Act therein mentioned, respecting the Militia and Defence of the Dominion of *Canada*," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, it was

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled: "An Act to remove doubts as to the power to imprison with hard labour under the Acts respecting Vagrants," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, it was

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled: "An Act to increase the salaries of the Judges of the Superior Court of *Prince Edward Island*," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, it was

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled: "An Act to provide for the incorporation of a company to establish a Marine Telegraph between the coast of *Canada* and *Asia*," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, it was

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act with reference to the *Andrew Mercer, Ontario Reformatory for Females* and the Central Prison for the Province of *Ontario*."

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*In the Committee.*

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After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Benson*, from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, it was

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read a third time.