HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WEDNESDAY, 29th February, 1888.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

MEMBER INTRODUCED.

The following member, having previously taken the oath according to law, and subscribed the roll containing the same, took his seat in the House:—

George F. Baird, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Queen's, N.B., introduced by Sir John A. Macdonald and the Hon. Mr. Foster.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE DEBATES.

Mr. DESJARDINS presented the First Report of the Select Committee appointed to supervise the Debates of this House. He said: With the leave of the House I move that this report be now adopted. It is desirable that no delay should occur in the arrangements for the reporting and publishing of the Debates. These are only preliminary arrangements, and ought to be adopted immediately in order that the work may go on.

Mr. MITCHELL. I think, before we adopt that report, we ought to know what it is.

Mr. DESJARDINS. It has just been read.

Mr. MITCHELL. I think it should lie upon the Table of the House, in order that we may have an opportunity of studying it.

Mr. DESJARDINS. There is nothing in it but the appointment of a reporter to succeed Mr. Eyvel, and a recommendation of the same arrangements that we have made the last two years, because the Government printing establishment is not yet in operation.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I think it had better stand over.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved:

That the report of the Special Committee appointed to strike the Select Standing Committees be adopted.

He said: With the consent of the House, I propose to strike from the Committee on Agriculture the name of the Minister of Militia, and insert the name of Mr. Gigault.

Mr. LAURIER. I would at the same time propose that the name of Mr. Langelier (Montmorency) be substituted for that of Mr. Chouinard.

Motion agreed to; said committees being composed as follows:—

No. 1 .- ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.

Messieurs

Amyot,	Girouard,	McIntyre,
Barron,	Hall,	Mills (Bothwell),
Beauso!eil,	Hudspeth,	Moncreiff,
Blake,	Ives,	Muloek,
Caron,	Kirkpatrick,	Patterson (Essex).
Casgrain,	Langelier(Montmor'cy)	.Préfontaine.
Chapleau,	Langelier (Quebec),	Prior,
Colby,	Langevin,	Riopel,
Costigan,	Laurier,	Royal,
Curran,	Lister,	Temple,
Davies,	Macdonald (Sir John),	Thompson,
Desaulniers,	Mackenzie,	Tupper (Oumberland),
Desjardins,	McCarthy,	Weldon (Albert), and
Edgar,	McDonald (Victoria),	Weldon (Albert), and Weldon (St. John).—42.
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No. 2.—ON EXPIRING LAWS.

Messieurs

McIntyre, Perley (Assiniboia), Armstrong, Ferguson (Renfrew), Freeman, Guillet, Audet, Cameron, Putnam, Royal, Ste. Marie, Coughlin, Hale, Hesson, Couture, Daly, Daoust Tyrwhitt, Ward, and Yeo.—25. Labrosse. Lang, Livingston, De St. Georges, Doyon,

And that the Quorum of the said Committee do consist of Seven Members.

No. 3 .- ON RAILWAYS, CANALS AND TELEGRAPH LINES.

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Fisher, Mulock, Amyot, Patterson (Essex), Perley (Assiniboia), Perley (Ottawa), Armstrong, Bain (Soulanges), Bain (Wentworth), Foster, Gaudet. Geoffrion, Gillmor, Girouard Perry, Baird, Pope, Porter, Barron Beausoleil, Godbout, Béchard Gordon, Préfontaine, Prior, Purcell. Bergeron, Grandbois, Bergin, Bernier, Guay, Guilbault, Rinfret, Haggart, Hale, Hall, Blake, Riopel, Robillard. Borden. Bourassa, Ross, Bowell, Hesson, Royal, Bowman, Boyle, Rykert, Scarth. Hickey, Henderson. Scriver, Brien, Holton, Hudspeth, Brown, Shanly, Skinner, Bryson Innes, Small, Smith (Montreal), Smith (Ontario), Ives, Burdett. Jones (Halifax), Burns, Cameron, Cargill, Carling, Kenny, Kirkpatrick, Sproule, Stevenson Caron, Labelle, Landerkin, Sutherland, Cartwright, Taylor, Temple Casey, Casgrain, Landry, Langelier (Quebec), Thérien, Thompson, Tisdale, Chapleau, Langevin, Laurie. Charlton, Trow, Ohoquette, Laurier. Tupper (Cumberland), Tupper (Pictou), Tyrwhitt, Lavergne, Lister, Livingston, Chouinard, Cimon, Clayes, Cockburn, Macdonald (Sir John), Muckenzie, Vanasse, Wallace, Colby, McCarthy,
McCulla,
McDougald (Pietou),
McDougall (U. Breton),
McGreevy,
McIntyre,
Watson,
Weldon (Albert),
Weldon (St. John),
White (Cardwell),
White (Renfrew), Ward, McCarthy, Cook, Costigan, Coursol, Couture Curran, Daly, White (Rentrew),
Wilmot,
Wilson (Argenteuil),
Wilson (Elgin),
Wllson (Lennox),
Wood (Brockville),
Wood (Westmoreland),
Wright and McKay, McKeen Davies, Davis. McMillan (Vaudreuil), Dawson McMullen, Madill, De St. Georges, Desjardins, Mills (Annapolis), Mills (Bothwell), Dessaint. Wright, and Yeo.—155. Edgar, Ferguson (Leeds & Gr.), Mitchell, Ferguson (Welland), Montague Montague

No. 4.-ON MISCELLANEOUS PRIVATE BILLS.

Messieurs

Armstrong, Ellis, M.	· W · ·
Barrow, Gillmor, Manager Gillmor, Manager Girouard, Manager Guilbault, Guilba	cKay, cMillan (Huron), cMillan (Vaudreuil), adill, ara' arshall, offatt, oncreiff, ontague, ontplaisir, ulock, eid, obillard, owand, oriver, nall,