

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table :—

By the Honourable Mr. Clemow,—Of John E. Hardman, of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, and others, of elsewhere.

By the Honourable Mr. Vidal,—Of Henry O'Hara and others, of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario.

By the Honourable Mr. Boulton,—Of the Municipality of Archie, in the Province of Manitoba.

By the Honourable Mr. Dandurand,—Of W. Guerin, of the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were severally read :—

Of George M. Logan, President, and J. R. Shaw, Secretary of the Canadian Furniture Manufacturers' Association; praying for the passing of Bankruptcy legislation.

Of the Canada Eastern Railway Company; praying for the passing of a Bill intituled: "An Act to authorize the Canadian Eastern Railway Company to convey its railway to the Alexander Gibson Railway and Manufacturing Company."

Of J. R. Booth, of the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario; praying to be incorporated, with power to carry on a general forwarding business from any part of Canada, and for other purposes;—and

Of the Canada Atlantic Railway Company; praying to be incorporated, with power to extend their line of railway from a point near the Richelieu River, in the County of Missisquoi, to the International boundary line, and for other purposes.

The Honourable Mr. Miller, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into certain matters relating to the Drummond County Railway Company, presented their First Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, and it is as follows :—

THE SENATE,

COMMITTEE ROOM No. 8,

WEDNESDAY, 23rd March, 1898.

The Select Committee appointed by Order of Your Honourable House made on Monday, 21st March instant, to inquire into certain matters relating to the Drummond County Railway Company, beg leave to make their First Report, as follows :—

Your Committee recommend that their quorum be reduced to seven members.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM MILLER,

Chairman.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Miller, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Clemow, it was,

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the Senate to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. Clemow, from the Special Committee appointed to investigate and report upon the advisability of, and the advantages which would accrue to the Dominion from the construction of a canal uniting the waters of Lake Huron with those of the St. Lawrence via the Ottawa River, presented their First Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

THE SENATE,

COMMITTEE ROOM No. 2,

WEDNESDAY, 23rd March, 1898.

The Select Committee appointed to investigate and report upon the feasibility of, and advantages which would accrue to the Dominion from the construction of a canal