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(*In the Committee.*)

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. Haythorne, from the said Committee, reported that they had taken the said Bill into consideration and made some progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Abbott, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Smith, it was

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again at half-past seven o'clock this evening.

The Honorable Mr. Abbott, a Member of the Privy Council for Canada, presented to the House,—A Return to an Address dated the 27th March, 1888, to His Excellency the Governor General; praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a copy of the proceedings of the Colonial Conference at London, in 1887, so far as they relate to Imperial postal and telegraphic communications through Canada, together with any correspondence between the Imperial authorities and the Dominion Government or any of its Departments on that subject since the date of the Conference.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. .*)

It being six o'clock, His Honor the Speaker left the Chair, to resume the same at half-past seven o'clock.

7.30 P.M.

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Title read and postponed.

Preamble read and postponed.

First to fourteenth clauses severally read and agreed to.

Upon the fifteenth clause being read,

It was moved that the said clause be amended as follows:—

Page 5, line 13.—After "Act" insert "or otherwise in writing."

Page 5, line 21.—After "character" insert "and did not materially affect the result of the election."

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the negative.

Clause fifteen being again read, was agreed to.

It was moved that the following clause be added to the Bill as Clause A.

*Clause A.*

"The following persons shall not solicit any vote for any candidate at an Election of a member to serve in the House of Commons of Canada, canvass for any such candidate, speak for or against the interest of any such candidate at any meeting held during such Election, or take any part in such Election other than voting:—

"(a) Members of the Civil Service of Canada, within the meaning of "The Civil Service Act," whether belonging to the inside or outside division thereof.

"(b) All persons employed in the North-West Territories in or under the several departments of the Executive Government of Canada, or receiving for such employment a fixed salary payable out of the public funds of Canada.