

build the tunnel, and this is to enable them to float their bonds and get more money with which to build a bridge instead of a tunnel. As far as the principle of the bill is concerned, I know very little about it, but when it goes before the Railway Committee there will be ample opportunity for all parties opposed to it to present their case there.

The motion was agreed to and the bill was read the second time.

SABLE AND SPANISH BOOM AND SLIDE COMPANY'S BILL.

SECOND READING.

Hon. Mr. McCALLUM moved the second reading of Bill (33) "An Act to amend the Act to grant certain powers to the Sable and Spanish Boom and Slide Company of Algoma (Limited)."

He said: This is a bill in amendment of the charter granted this company. It is purely a domestic arrangement to enable them to collect tolls in order to pay for the improvement of the dams and sildes on the river. I know they have done a great deal of good already by their operations.

The motion was agreed to and the bill was read the second time.

The Senate adjourned at 3.45.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Wednesday, 29th May, 1895.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE CHUTE DIVORCE CASE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Hon. Mr. KIRCHHOFFER, from the Committee on Divorce, presented their eighth report on the petition of Julia Ethel Chute. He said: The effect of this is, not that she may be relieved of all expenses, but that the deposit of \$200, that ordinarily is made in such cases with the Clerk of the Senate, be dispensed with. A number of affidavits have been laid before the committee from which the committee are satisfied that neither the

petitioner nor her near relatives or friends can pay the money. In view of these facts the committee recommend that the rule requiring a deposit of \$200 with the clerk be dispensed with. I move that the report be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

THE ODELL DIVORCE CASE.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Hon. Mr. KIRCHHOFFER, from the Committee on Divorce, presented their ninth report, on the Odell divorce case. He said: On a former occasion the recommendation of the committee was that this matter should be deferred until such time as both parties could be heard by counsel. The committee have heard both parties by their respective counsel, and have decided to recommend that the petition be proceeded with. I move that the report be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

THE POST OFFICE SERVICE IN VICTORIA, B. C.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. McINNES (B.C.) inquired:

Is it the intention of the Government to do away with the provisional allowance of ten dollars per month to the post office clerks and letter carriers in Victoria, British Columbia, which they now receive in addition to their salary, and substitute in lieu thereof a fixed salary?

If so, what will the fixed salary, of each, be per month?

He said: The reason for asking for this information from the government is in consequence of a very unsatisfactory condition of affairs which exists in Victoria. The allowance of \$10 to the third class clerks and the letter carriers was withheld for five months. Their regular salary, I understand, is \$31 per month, and after paying their superannuation fee, which I believe is \$1.90, it only left them \$29.10 to live on. They petitioned the government and it is alleged got the representatives from Victoria in the House of Commons to present their case to the Postmaster General time and again. Finally, the clerks and letter carriers became desperate, not receiving a sufficient amount of pay to clothe and feed themselves and families, they went on strike for a few hours. In the meantime, the Board of Trade took