

5th, 6th and 7th Reports of the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Reports were laid on the table.

HON. MR. GOWAN, from the same Committee, presented their seventh report. He said: The Committee have noticed a slight omission in the information published in Nova Scotia papers of the intended application to which this report refers, and have recommended the suspension of the 51st rule, as we presume that the gentlemen from Nova Scotia would not object to the introduction of capital into their province and the development of the resources of their magnificent country.

HON. MR. ALMON moved that the 51st Rule of this House be suspended in so far as the same refers to the petition of the Hon. Donald McInnes of Montreal, and others, as recommended in the 7th Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The motion was agreed to.

RIDDEL DIVORCE CASE.

FIRST READING.

Bill (H) "An Act for the Relief of Fanny Margaret Riddel" was introduced and read the first time.

HON. MR. OGILVIE moved

That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, the seventh day of June, next, and that Notice thereof be affixed on the doors of this House, and the Senators summoned; and that the said Fanny Margaret Riddel may be heard by her Counsel at the second reading to make out the truth of the allegations of the said Bill, and that George Field Herchmer may have a copy of the said Bill, and that notice be given to him of the said, second reading, or sufficient proof adduced of the impossibility of so doing, and that he be at liberty to be heard by Counsel what he may have to offer against the said Bill, at the same time; that the said Fanny Margaret Riddel do attend this House on the said seventh day of June next, in order to her being examined on the second reading of the said Bill, if the House shall think fit, whether there has or has not been any collusion

directly or indirectly on her part, relative to any act of adultery that may have been committed by her husband to obtain such separation, or whether there be any collusion, directly or indirectly, between her and her husband or any other person or persons, touching the said Bill of Divorce, or touching any action at law which may have been brought by her against any person for criminal conversation with him, the said husband of the said Fanny Margaret Riddel, and also whether at the time of the adultery of which she complains, he was by deed or otherwise by her consent living separately and apart from and released by her, as far as in her lay, from his conjugal duty, or whether she was at the time of such adultery, cohabiting with him, as her husband.

The motion was agreed to on a division.

LAVELLE DIVORCE BILL.

FIRST READING.

Bill (H) "An Act for the Relief of William Arthur Lavelle" was introduced and read the first time.

HON. MR. KAULBACH moved

That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, the thirty-first day of May, instant, and that Notice thereof be affixed on the doors of this House, and the Senators summoned; and that the said William Arthur Lavell may be heard by his Counsel at the second reading to make out the truth of the allegations of the said Bill, and that Ada Mary Caton may have a copy of the said Bill, and that Notice be given to her of the said second reading, or sufficient proof adduced of the impossibility of so doing, and that she be at liberty to be heard by Counsel what she may have to offer against the said Bill, at the same time; that the said William Arthur Lavell do attend this House on the said thirty-first day of May, instant, in order to his being examined on the second reading of the said Bill, if the House shall think fit, whether there has or has not been any collusion, directly or indirectly on his part, relative to any act of adultery that may have been committed by his wife to obtain such separation, or whether there be any collusion, directly or indirectly, between him and his wife or any other person or persons, touching the said Bill of Divorce, or touching any action at law which may have been brought by him against any person for criminal conversation with her, the said wife of the said William Arthur Lavell, and also whether at the time of the adultery of which he complains, she was by deed or

HON. MR. GOWAN.