

PRAYERS.

The Honourable Mr. Miller, from the Standing Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours, to whom was referred the Bill (14) intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Mather Bridge and Power Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. McCallum, seconded by the Honourable Mr. McKindsey, it was

Ordered, That the Seventieth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to the said Bill.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. McCallum, seconded by the Honourable Mr. McKindsey, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honourable Mr. Miller, from the Standing Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours, to whom was referred the Bill (20) intituled: "An Act respecting the Hull Electric Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was read to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the said Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 1, line 14.—Leave out clause I.

Page 1, line 30.—Leave out clause II.

In the Preamble.

Page 1, lines 9 and 10.—Leave out "the other purposes herein mentioned" and insert "other purposes."

Page 1, line 11.—After "grant" insert "in part."

Page 1, line 41.—Leave out from "upon" to the end of the clause.

Page 2, line 12.—Leave out clause "4."

The amendments in the preamble being necessary, in order to make the amendments thereof agree with the enacting clauses of the Bill, as amended.

In compliance with Rule 65, Your Committee call the attention of the Senate specially to that portion of Clause I, beginning on the sixth line of the said clause which is as follows:—"into the city of Ottawa and to such a point therein as the council of the said city may by by-law declare necessary and suitable for the location of a terminus of the company's line."

This provision is not mentioned in the notice for the Bill, as reported upon by the Committee on Standing Orders.

The Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Ferguson,

That leave be granted to withdraw the said Bill.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was accordingly withdrawn.

The Honourable Mr. Clemow called the attention of the Leader of the Senate to the statement made by the Honourable the Premier of Canada in a speech delivered by him, in the city of Ottawa, on the 5th day of August last, as reported in the *Free Press* of the 6th August, 1896, as follows:—

"No people can ever be a great nation unless it has an Art and Literature of its own. It shall be our endeavour to encourage literature, art and science, and to make