

ed by saying he should be happy to see the Committee commence its labors as soon as possible, and hoped they would be attended with beneficial results.

HON. MR. SMITH thought there was a simpler method of obtaining the result than the one proposed, and suggested that each township should give the necessary information to the warden, and the warden could transmit that information to the Government. He thought that by that means they could get very simply, and without any great trouble, that which he did not think the societies spoken of would do. They would say it was not their business, while if this Act compelled each Province to give its returns there would be no trouble about the matter at all.

HON. MR. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST denied that they had the power to do this. They could not do anything of that nature unless the local powers would unite with them in the enterprise, but without that they would be unable to do it. As to his hon. friend's remark about the acreage not being given when this census was taken, he would say that this census had been taken in December, 1871, and was a great improvement on all the census that had been taken up to that time, and was, indeed, reliable in the majority of instances. To organize bodies for such a purpose required a great deal of energy, skill and talent on the part of those who had to do it. It was by no means an easy task.

The motion was then carried, with the names of the Hon. Messrs. Trudel, Ryan, and Simpson added to the Committee.

DIVORCE BILL.

HON. MR. VIDAL introduced a bill for the relief of Henry William Peterson, and moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. AIKINS, that it be read a second time on the 1st day of March next.

PRINTING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

HON. MR. SIMPSON moved that the second report of the Joint Committee of both Houses on printing be taken into consideration on Monday. Carried.

Also that the third report of the same Committee on the printing of the Hansard, be taken into consideration on Monday next. Carried.

BANKING AND COMMERCE.

HON. MR. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST moved that the Hon. Mr. Brown be added to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways. Carried.

RE-ADJUSTMENT OF SALARIES.

HON. MR. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST then rose, and referring to the suggestion made by the Hon. Mr. Campbell, that the report of the Committee appointed to re-adjust the salaries of the officers of the House should be referred to the Committee of Contingencies, said that there was certainly no need for such a reference. The re-adjustment of the salaries of which the hon. gentleman complained, has been made in perfect accordance with the power granted by the House for that purpose, and he could not see why the hon. member should wish to have the matter referred to Committee. He thought it would be far better for the hon. gentleman to follow in this instance what he followed when he was in power. The gentleman must be responsible for the patronage which it conferred, and while the House was willing to confer on some of the members of this House the power of examining the salaries of the servants of the House, he could not see why a Committee should be appointed to examine the action of the examiners, unless of course anything beyond the power assigned to them had been attempted. He would bring to the recollection of the hon. leader of the Opposition what he had done in connection with his two colleagues and the Speaker of the House, when he was in power, how he had added to the salaries of the then officers, and not only that he could show the hon. gentleman his own signature in which he acknowledged having created several new offices. The report was made to the House on the 5th of March, 1873, but the Opposition, considering there was a certain due patronage to be exercised by the Government, made no objections. What did they want to appoint this Committee for, except for the purpose of casting reflections on the hon. members of the Government. They had been authorized by the House to re-adjust the salaries of its servants, to put them on the same footing and make them cor-