Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were severally read:-

Of John B. Daly, and others, of the County of Stanstead; praying to be incorporated as The Massawippi Junction Railway Company.

Of E. P. Blaiklock, and others, of the Town of Emerson, in the Province of Manitoba; praying to be incorporated as a company for building a Railway from the Town of Emerson to the Town of Portage la Prairie, in said Province.

Of Robert Baird, and others, of the Town of Kincardine, in the Province of Ontario; praying to be incorporated as The Kincardine and Teeswater Railway Company."

Of Charles McRae, and others, of the County of Bruce, in the Province of Ontario; praying to be incorporated as The Teeswater and Inverhuron Railway. Company.

Of the Western Canada Loan and Savings Company; praying for an Act amending their Act of incorporation; and

Of Alexander Manning, and others, of the City of Toronto; praying to be incorporated as The Brandon, Souris City and Rock Lake Railway Company.

The Honorable Mr. Howlan, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Senate, presented their First Report. Ordered, That it be received.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

THE SENATE,

COMMITTEE ROOM No 2,

THURSDAY, 21st April, 1887.

The Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Senate for the present Session, beg leave to make their First Report as follows:—

Your Committee recommend:-

1. That the quorum thereof be reduced to Nine (9) Members.

2. That the resignation of Mr. F. A. McCord, of the office of Junior Clerk, as appears by a letter from him to the Clerk of the Senate, dated the twenty-fourth day of March last, informing the Clerk of the Senate that he had been appointed Assistant Law Clerk and Chief English Translator to the House of Commons, and tendering his resignation of the office of Junior Clerk on the staff of the Senate, be accepted as on and from said date.

3. That Mr. Charles Young, Speaker's Messenger, be appointed Junior Clerk, at a salary of nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$950) a year, said appointment and salary to be dated and reckoned as on and from the twenty-fourth day of March last, on which date Mr. Young was, by order of the Honorable William Miller, then Speaker of the Senate, provisionally appointed to discharge the duties of Junior Clerk, in place of Mr. F. A. McCord, resigned. The appointment to be on the same terms as to increase of salary as that of Mr. McCord.

4. That on the recommendation of the Honorable the Speaker of the Senate, Joseph Larose, Messenger, be appointed Speaker's Messenger, at a salary of eight hundred dollars (\$800) a year, said appointment and salary to be dated and reckoned

from the thirteenth day of April, instant.

All which is respectfully submitted.