

A Message was received from His Excellency the Governor General, desiring the immediate attendance of The House in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with The House went to the Senate Chamber;—and being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, that His Excellency had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the Bill:—

An Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Mr. *Domville*, from the Select Standing Committee on *Banking and Commerce*, presented the First Report of the said Committee, reporting the following Bills *with amendments, viz*:—

No. 8. To reduce the Capital Stock of the Exchange Bank of Canada, and otherwise to amend the Act respecting said Bank.

No. 35. Further to amend the Act incorporating the Canada Guarantee Company, and to change the name of the said Company to "The International Guarantee Association."

The Committee also beg leave to report the following Resolution, as a recommendation:

*Resolved*, That as the time for the reception of Reports on Private Bills will expire *to day*, The House be requested to extend the same for a period of two weeks.

Mr. *Drew*, from the Select Standing Committee on *Standing Orders*, presented the Sixteenth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee have examined the notices given on the Petition of *Edward McSweeney*, and others, of the County of Westmoreland, New Brunswick; praying that any Bill to be introduced having for its object the incorporation of the Moncton Harbour Improvement Company, may become law, and find them sufficient.

On the Petition of the Citizens Insurance Company of Montreal; praying The House to dispense with the notice usually required for the introduction of Private Bills; also for the passing of an Act to reduce their Capital Stock, and for other purposes; the Committee find that notice was published in the *Canada Gazette*, and in two local papers for one week only—but as the proposed amendments were submitted at a general meeting of the Shareholders for their consent and unanimously passed, therefore recommend a suspension of Rule 51.

The Committee have also examined the notices given on the Petition of the Hon. *G. W. Allan*, and others, of the City of Toronto, for an Act of incorporation under the name of the British and Colonial Insurance Company, and find that no notice was given in the *Canada Gazette* and for the full time in a local paper, but as no private rights can be affected, they recommend a suspension of Rule 51.

The following Bills were severally introduced, read the first time, [and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow, viz*.:—

By Sir *Albert Smith*:—Bill No. 59 to incorporate "The Moncton Harbor Improvement Company."

By Mr. *Platt*:—Bill No. 60 to incorporate the Don River Improvement Company.

Mr. *Langevin* presented,—Return to Address to His Excellency the Governor General of the 7th instant; for a Return of all correspondence which has taken place within the past year between the Government of the Dominion and the Imperial Government, on matters relating to the Boundaries of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

And also,—Return to an Order of The House of the 28th ult.; for a Return of the Report of the Engineer who, in 1880, conducted the Exploratory surveys of the River St. Francis, in the County of Yamaska.