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Bill, premature discussion of.—Mr. Angers held that Mr. Boulton might have been called to order for his speech on effects of French Treaty, the ratification B. not being yet introduced, 672. Mr. Scott held that such strictures were hardly fair, the Govt. having mentioned the Treaty in Speech from the Throne; and that to preclude a member of Parl. discussing a matter now before the other branch of Parl. would be suppressing freedom of debate that has prevailed in the past, 673. Mr. Angers explained his views, and other comments were made, 674.

Bill, previous session, exhibits of.—Petition of Jas. Balfour, for return of certain exhibits in his Divorce B. of last Session; referred to Divorce Com., 285-6.

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Bill, public, 3rd R.—Mr. Bowell *m.* 3rd R. of Public Harbours B., on its being reported from Com.; Mr. Power held that suspension of rules should be *m.*; Mr. Bowell pointed out that the Rule only applied to Private Bs., not to Public Bs. where there is no Amt.; Mr. Power thought there were Amts.; Mr. Bowell said they could hardly be called Amts., being merely corrections of clerical errors; Mr. Power did not press the point, and the B. was passed, 277-8.

Bill, 2nd R., discussion of details.—Mr. Vidal urged that, instead of various *details* being discussed, the *principle* of due observance of the Lord's day should be affirmed by a 2nd R. of the B., leaving details to be dealt with in Com., 578.

Bill, Senate.—See "Senate" (below).

Bill, tabling of papers connected with.—See "Papers" (below).

Bill, withdrawal, mode of.—Mr. Lougheed having *m.* discharge of Order for 2nd R. of Rocky Mountain Ry. Co.'s B., Mr. Miller pointed out that leave for withdrawal of B. should be asked, 226; an error in form was made in carrying this out, which was corrected by Mr. Miller's advice, 252.

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Bills, private, Petition for.—Time having expired, Mr. Miller pointed out that, if B. is presented in Commons, and comes to Senate before 2nd R., after 1st R. and before 2nd R. it can be referred to Standing Orders Com. as a petition to be reported on, 225.

Bills, private, Petition for leave to petition.—It was discussed, and decided as the proper course, that such a Petition should be, *on motion*, referred to Standing Orders Com.; which was done in the case of W. Barwick's petition, Man. and N. W. Ry. Co.'s B., 224-5.

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Cabinet Ministers, difference of opinion.—On Message from Commons, with their Amts. to Insurance Act Amt. B. (V), Mr. Angers gave notice of an Amt. to clause restricting investments authorized for Cos.; and Mr. MacInnes (Burlington) proposed to still further extend the list, 823. On *m.* adoption of the Commons Amts., Mr. Angers gave reasons for declining to *amd.* the cl., 825. Mr. MacInnes then *m.* that this Commons Amt. (cl. 27) be not concurred in (thus postponing the matter for another season), 826-8. After debate, in which Govt. was urged to withdraw the Amt. for this session, Sir F. Smith expressed his regret at Mr. Angers declining to *m.* his proposed Amt., 833. Mr. Angers explained his position in the matter, 835. Comments were made upon this incident by Mr. Masson, 836; Mr. Bowell, 837, and others. Sir F. Smith quoted a precedent for difference from colleagues, 838, which precedent Mr. Angers thought it not desirable to follow, 838.

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