

The time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire on the 3rd instant, and that for presenting Private Bills on the 8th instant. Your Committee therefore recommend that the same be extended to the 24th instant, and the 29th instant, respectively.

In making the above recommendation Your Committee desire to state, for the information of those applying for Private Bill legislation, during the present Session, that they do not propose to recommend, after the said 24th instant, any further general extension of time for the reception of Petitions for Private Bills.

Mr. *Bergin*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee would respectfully recommend that their Quorum be reduced to Nine Members.

On motion of Mr. *Wood* (*Brockville*), seconded by Mr. *Denison*,

Ordered, That the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended to Saturday, the 24th March, instant, and that the time for presenting Private Bills be extended to Thursday, the 29th March, instant, in accordance with the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That Mr. *Patterson* (*Essex*) have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Canada* and *Michigan* Tunnel Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House and the same was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ferguson* (*Welland*), have leave to bring in a Bill respecting the *Canada* Southern Railway Company and the *Erie* and *Niagara* Railway Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Wallace*, seconded by Mr. *Guillet*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed on Wednesday last to examine into certain combinations, &c., be empowered to employ a shorthand writer to take down such evidence as the Committee may deem necessary.

On motion of Mr. *Desjardins*, seconded by Mr. *Scriver*,

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the First Report of the Select Committee appointed to supervise the Official Report of the Debates of this House during the present Session, with the exception of that portion of said Report which relates to Mr. *Eyvel*, referred back for further consideration.

Mr. *Pope*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House,—
Report of the Royal Commission on the leasing of Water Power, Lachine Canal. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 30.)

Ordered, That Mr. *Jamieson* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend "The *Canada* Temperance Act."

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate on the Question which was on yesterday proposed, That there be laid before this House a Return of correspondence by letter or telegram, and all other papers, relative to the convey-