

The Honorable Mr. Bellerose, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented the following Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

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

THE SENATE,

COMMITTEE ROOM,

MONDAY, 14th May, 1883.

The Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, have the honor to Report :—

That having in view the frequent extensions in past years of the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills; presenting Private Bills and Reports from Committees thereupon, and the consequent trouble and often unnecessary delay in private legislation caused thereby, Your Committee have considered whether the Rules might not be amended, by extending the time in order to prevent as far as possible a recurrence of the same in the future.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend the following amendments, and that the said Rules, as amended, be rigidly enforced in the future :—

1st. That Rule 49 become Rule 50, and that Rule 50 become Rule 49.

2nd. That Rule 50, hereafter Rule 49, be amended by inserting before "Notices" in the third line, "Petitions for Private Bills, the presentation of and reporting on such Bills and the".

3rd. That Rule 49, hereafter Rule 50, be amended to read as follows :—

"50. No Petition for any Private Bill is received by the Senate after the first twenty days of each Session; nor may any Private Bill be presented to the Senate after the first thirty days of each Session; nor may any Report of any Standing or Select Committee upon a Private Bill be received after the first sixty days of each Session.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. II. BELLEROSE,

*Chairman.*

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Bellerose, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Armand, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration on Wednesday next, and that Members be summoned to consider the same in conformity with the Seventeenth Rule.

The Honorable Mr. Allan, from the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons, appointed to assist His Honor the Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, presented their Second Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

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

The Members, on behalf of the Senate, of the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament, beg leave to present a Second Report :—

That, with a view to restrain the excessive circulation of Books, now loaned from the Library, under existing Rules of both Houses of Parliament, the Committee have agreed to the following additional Rules, which they recommend to the adoption of the Senate, as Standing Orders :—

1. That Members of both Houses be required to return, at or before the close of each Session, all Books taken out by them from the Library during the Session.

2. That the Librarian do report to the Library Committee, at the commencement of each Session, the names of such persons as have failed to observe the above Rule.

3. That the issue of tickets empowering individuals to borrow Books from the Library be confined (firstly) to such Members of the Civil Service as either of The Speakers in their discretion may think fit; and that such tickets shall authorize the