

PRAYERS.

The Honourable Mr. McDonald(C.B.), from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, to whom was referred the Bill (G) intituled : " An Act to incorporate the Wesleyan Methodist Connection in the Dominion of Canada," reported that they had taken the said Bill into consideration.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Macdonald (Victoria), seconded by the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, it was

Ordered, That the fee of two hundred dollars paid to the Clerk of the Senate by the Reverend R. C. Horner on the Bill intituled : " An Act to incorporate the Wesleyan Methodist Connection in the Dominion of Canada," be returned to him or his solicitor, less the expenses incurred.

The Honourable Mr. Boulton moved,

That, in the opinion of the Senate, it will result in a benefit to the trade and prosperity of the country if the taxation on sugar is removed, and the revenue accruing therefrom replaced by increasing the excise on spirits to \$2.25 per gallon, and the duty on imported spirits to \$2.50 per gallon. The result of the tax imposed in May, 1895, being a reduction of 131,000,000 pounds in the imports of sugar during the past year.

The said motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Honourable Mr. Kirchhoffer called the attention of the Senate to the impropriety of Premiers of the various Provinces receiving appointments, or employment with emoluments attached, or promises of such from the Government of Canada ;

And inquired of the Leader of the Senate if it is the intention of the Government to continue that policy ?

After Debate.

On motion of the Honourable Sir Oliver Mowat, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Scott, it was

Ordered, That the said Debate be postponed until to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, with a Bill (21) intituled : " An Act to incorporate the Columbia Telephone and Telegraph Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Power, seconded by the Honourable Mr. McClelan, it was

Ordered, That the Forty-first and Sixtieth Rules of this House be dispensed with in so far as they relate to the said Bill.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Power, seconded by the Honourable Mr. McClelan, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read a second time.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Power, seconded by the Honourable Mr. McClelan, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, with a Bill (20) intituled : " An Act respecting the Hull Electric Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

On motion of the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Ferguson, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honourable Sir Oliver Mowat, Minister of Justice, informed the Senate that he had received a Message from His Excellency the Governor General under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to the Senate.