

THE EVANS DIVORCE BILL.

FIRST READING.

HON. MR. GOWAN—The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills having reported that all the rules of the House have been complied with in connection with the petition of Alice Elvira Evans, I beg to introduce Bill (G) "An Act for the relief of Alice Elvira Evans."

The Bill was read the first time on a division.

The Senate adjourned at 3:30 p. m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Friday, February, 13th, 1885.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock p.m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

AN ADJOURNMENT.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE called the attention of the House to the fact that the Government, through the Minister of Justice, had intimated that it was not their intention to proceed with the Bill respecting real property in the North-West Territories on Monday; that at the request of certain hon. gentlemen, the consideration of the measure was to be postponed until the end of next week, to allow members an opportunity to become familiar with the details of it. That being the case, and there being no other important work before this Chamber, and Wednesday being a statutory holiday, he did not see why the House should not adjourn until Friday next. With the permission of hon. gentlemen, he would move the suspension of the 9th rule, and that when the House adjourns to-day it do stand adjourned until Friday the 20th inst., at 3 p.m.

The motion was agreed to.

THE PRINTING OF PARLIAMENT.

SECOND REPORT.

HON. MR. READ moved the adoption of the second report of the Joint Commit-

tee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—There is in the report a recommendation for the expenditure of money, and where a recommendation of that kind is found in a report, it is usual and necessary to allow it to stand until it shall first be adopted in the House of Commons. I therefore ask my hon. friend to allow this report to stand until that is done.

HON. MR. READ moved that the order of the day be discharged and that the report be taken into consideration on Friday next.

The motion was agreed to.

THE COX DIVORCE BILL.

REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE.

HON. MR. OGILVIE moved that the 72nd rule be suspended in so far as the same relates to the petition of George Branford Cox, as recommended in the 4th report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills. He said—When I spoke the other day about this Bill I said that the notice had received its full publication in the *Canada Gazette* and that it was simply short two weeks in the local paper. Now, the only fault to be found with it is that it was one week short in the local paper, and I do not think that there is anything in that which should lead the Senate to refuse to adopt the report.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—I am sorry to be unable to agree with my hon. friend from Montreal, who asks us to suspend the rule in this particular case. In reference to an ordinary Bill we suspend the rules very frequently in compliance with a recommendation of this kind in the report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, but in these divorce cases we are, strictly speaking, a court, there being no other court competent to discharge that duty in any part of the Dominion, and we ought to follow strictly the rules which have been laid down. Naturally it occurs to my learned friend from Montreal, who is a layman