

Bill from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the British America Assurance Company, and other Acts affecting the same, and to extend the powers of the said Company."

Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Bank of *Manitoba*.

Mr. *Baby*, from the Select Committee appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of this House are concerned and to act as Members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

That, by a Rule of both Houses, it has been declared, that "during the Recess of Parliament, no Member of either House, not residing at the Seat of Government, shall be at liberty to borrow, or have in his possession at any one time, more than three Works from the Library, or to retain the same for a longer period than one month."

The Committee regret to find, that, notwithstanding this Rule, several Members of Parliament, at different times, have retained in their hands, after the close of the Session, an excessive number of Books, and have kept the same for an indefinite period; although Circulars, reminding them of the Rule, have been sent to them by the proper officer. The Committee earnestly request the attention of Members to this subject, and solicit a strict observance of the Rule, in future; otherwise the utility of the Library, to all who may consult it during the Recess, must be materially impaired.

The Committee are glad to perceive that considerable progress has been made towards finishing the new Library, during the past year; and they would urge upon the Government the importance of pressing forward the work that remains to be done upon the premises, with all possible despatch; inasmuch as the Apartments now occupied by the Library are quite overcrowded, and a large portion of the books therein are exposed to serious injury from the inconvenient places in which, for the present, they are unavoidably deposited.

Anticipating the completion of the New Library at an early date, the Committee would also direct the attention of the Government to the propriety of providing a residence, adjacent to the Library, for a responsible officer in charge. This was unanimously recommended, for reasons set forth in their Report, by the Joint Committee in 1861; when the plans for the construction of the present building were first discussed. The Committee, upon again considering the matter, do not desire the erection of a separate and detached House for this purpose, but are of opinion that it would conduce to the public advantage that suitable accommodation should be provided for the Librarian, in the North West Angle of the proposed extension of the Western Departmental Block, in the Parliament Square.

Mr. *Wood*, from the Select Committee appointed to consider the answers which shall have been made to a series of questions addressed by the Clerk of this House, since the last Session of the last Parliament, to the Manufacturers of the Dominion touching their interests, &c., presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was read. (*Appendix No. 3.*)

Mr. *Ross (Middlesex)*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented to the House the Sixth Report of the said Committee, which was read.—(*Appendix No. 4.*)

Mr. *Ross (Middlesex)*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented to the House the Seventh Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, beg leave to submit the following Resolution as their Seventh Report:

*Resolved*, That the number of Votes and Proceedings of the House of Commons, and the Minutes of the Senate to be distributed hereafter, shall not exceed two copies of the