

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amalgamate The Canadian Telegraph Supply Manufacturing Company (Limited), and The Toronto Manufacturing Company (Limited), under the name of The Electric and Hardware Manufacturing Company (Limited), and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Irving reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

*Ordered*, That the amendments be now taken into consideration.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Columbus and Oregon Consolidated Silver Mining Company;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate The Neutral Link Railway Company;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the 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;"

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Senate by the Clerk, as followeth:—

The Senate have passed the following Bills, without any amendment:—

Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate The Canadian and Great Northern Telegraph Company;"

Bill intituled: "An Act to consolidate the Mortgages and other Preferential charges of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, and for raising further capital, and for establishing a Superannuation and Provident Fund Association, and for other purposes."

Also, the Senate have passed a Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Crime of Libel," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Also, the Senate have appointed a Committee of seven Members, viz.: the Honorable Messieurs *Aikins, Botsford, Bureau, Dickey, Dickson, Miller and Scott*, to consider whether any facilities can be given for the despatch of business in Parliament, especially in regard to the relations of the two houses, who are to confer with an equal number of Members of this House for the purpose aforesaid.

And also, the Senate have passed the Bill, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the *Coughnawaga* Ship Canal Company," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Brooks*, seconded by Mr. *Colby*,

*Ordered*, That the Bill from the Senate intituled: "An Act respecting the Crime of Libel," be now read the first time.

The Bill was accordingly read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Senate, to the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the *Coughnawaga* Ship Canal Company," and the same were read, as follow:—