The following Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table:-

By the Honorable Mr. Allan,-Of the Board of Trade of the City of Toronto; and of the Honorable William McMaster, and others, and the Great Western and Lake Ontario Shore Junction Railway Company.

By the Honorable Mr. McMaster,—Of the Great Western Railway Company.

By the Honorable Mr. Sutherland,—Of G. M. Butchard, and others, of the Province of Ontario.

The Honorable Mr. Allan, from the Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented their First Report, recommending the reduction of the quorum of the said Committee to nine Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Allan, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Trudel,

is was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. Dickey, from the Select Committee on Railways, Telegraphs, and Harbors, presented their First Report, recommending the reduction of the quorum of the said Committee to nine Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Dickey, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Scott,

it was

Ordered. That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. Trudel, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their First Report, recommending the reduction of the quorum of the said Committee to nine Members.

On motion of the Honorable M1. Trudel, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Allan,

it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. Miller, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Senate for the present Session, presented their First Report, recommending the reduction of the quorum of the said Committee to nine Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Miller, seconded by the Honorable Mr. McMaster,

it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. Trudel, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their Second Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

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

COMMITTEE ROOM, 19th February, 1880.

The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honor to present

the f llowing as their Second Report.

Your Committee recommend that the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills, which will expire on Saturday next, be extended for a period of two weeks from that day.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. X. A. TRUDEL

Chairman.