

TUESDAY, April 14.

The SPEAKER took the chair at three o'clock, when a number of petitions were presented by several honorable members in favor of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, and for the incorporation of several companies.

The following reports of committees were then presented :

The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills reported as follows :

“ The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honor to present the following as their second report :—Your Committee have examined the following petitions and find that sufficient notice has been given in each case, viz. : Of the British American Assurance Company, praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the Company to make investments in the stock of the incorporated monied institutions of Canada and in Dominion, Provincial, Municipal and Foreign securities as well as on bond and mortgage of real property, and to make deposits of the same in other countries when necessary, to enable the company to do business. Of George A. Dartnell and others, of the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, praying for an Act of incorporation as the London and Canada Bank. Of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, praying for power to consolidate all their pre-preference capital ranking before the first preference shares, and to convert the same into one perpetual debenture stock; also to raise further capital for improving and extending the company's business, and to establish among the employees of the company a superannuation fund and a system of insurance against accidents and death, with power to manage the same. Of the Great Western Railway Company, praying for the passing of an Act authorising the construction of a branch railway from some point on the line of the said railway at or near the town of Clifton to a point at or near the village of Allensborough in the County of Welland, and the extension thereof to some point on the Canada air line branch of the said Great Western Railway, and for other purposes. Of the Hon. Charles Wilson and others of the city of Montreal, praying for an Act of incorporation as Le Credit Foncier Royal. Of Wm. A. Thompson and others, praying for an Act of incorporation as the Niagara Grand Island Company; and of the Confederation Life Association, praying for the amendment of their Act of incorporation

so as to provide for the holding of the general annual meeting at a different period of the year, and to alter the provisions contained in the 18th and 19th sections thereof and for other purposes.”

Hon. Mr. DICKSON, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Skead, moved that the report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills be now adopted.

Hon. Mr. BUREAU made a motion to the effect that a Bill to be entitled the Credit Foncier du Bas Canada, for an amendment to their Act of incorporation be read a second time on Monday next.

The SPEAKER announced that it was now the time for the presenting further reports of Committees, when the following report was read :—

COMMITTEE ROOM,

14th April 1874.

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

Resolved—That as by the tenth report of the Committee of 21st May last, it was recommended to issue advertisement for tenders for the printing services of Parliament, and which recommendation was concurred in by both Houses, such tenders to be sent in to the Clerk of the Committee, not later than the first day of the next session of Parliament to be submitted to the committee at the first meeting thereof; but as no committees were appointed during that session held in October last, and the tenders remained unopened in the clerk's hands, it is now considered expedient to return such tenders unopened to the parties who handed in, and to issue advertisements for new tenders for the printing, binding and printing paper required for the printing service of Parliament; such tenders to be separately for each service, sent in not later than the 11th day of May next, the tenders for printing, binding and paper, to be each separate and distinct.

Hon. Mr. SIMPSON in moving the adoption of the report of the two Houses on printing, said that according to the rules, it was usual for the report to lay on the table for a few days. But he thought it should be adopted now for the reasons that at the time the tenders were sent in, and for presenting them, they had no committees, and therefore it was thought better to return the tenders to the tenderers. The tenders had not been opened, and they requested that new tenders might be