

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (79) "An Act respecting the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada." (Mr. Vidal.)

Bill (86) "An Act respecting the Central Ontario Railway." (Mr. Vidal.)

Bill (74) "An Act respecting the Federal Life Association." (Mr. Murphy.)

The Senate adjourned at 6 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Wednesday, March 19th, 1890.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THIRD READINGS.

Bill (90) "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Manitoba and South Eastern Railway Company." (Mr. Girard.)

Bill (60) "An Act to incorporate the Rainy River Boom Company." (Mr. MacInnes, Burlington.)

Bill (58) "An Act respecting the Brantford, Waterloo and Lake Erie Railway Company." (Mr. McCallum.)

Bill (99) "An Act to incorporate the Owen Sound and Lake Huron Railway Company." (Mr. McKindsey.)

Bill (84) "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Victoria and Sault Ste. Marie Junction Railway Company." (Mr. McKindsey.)

Bill (82) "An Act to confirm an Agreement between the Montreal and Western Railway Company and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company." (Mr. MacInnes, Burlington.)

Bill (75) "An Act respecting the Calgary Water Power Company (Limited)." (Mr. Loughheed.)

THE ORANGE ASSOCIATION BILL.

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. CLEWOW moved the second reading of Bill (32) "An Act to incorporate the Grand Orange Lodge of British America." He said: This is a Bill that has been sought for by numerous members of the association, resident in various portions of this Dominion. It is not my intention at the present time to discuss the merits of the Bill at any length, or state the objects to be attained by the passing of this measure, because the clauses of the Bill are sufficiently expressive to convey its general intention. I have postponed the consideration of this matter from time to time for the convenience and in compliance with the expressed desire of several members of this House. I am not sorry for having done so, because I am aware that the more they consider the nature of the Bill, and what is desired to be attained by it, the less opposition there will be to its passing this House. Therefore, I am perfectly satisfied to leave the matter in the hands of hon. gentlemen, knowing that they are at all times disposed to mete out equal justice to all classes of the community, and I have no doubt they will aid in rendering substantial justice to this class of the community, who consider they have had a grievance in the past. I do not know that there will be much discussion on this occasion; therefore, I reserve to myself the right to answer any discussion that may take place, and will content myself for the present by moving the second reading of the Bill.

HON. MR. SCOTT—I feel that I cannot allow this Bill to go without explaining in as few words as I can my reasons for the objection which I have against this legislation. The Parliament of Canada is asked to give its sanction to an institution that has been seeking incorporation at the hands of this Legislature for a considerable number of years, which sought it in the old Parliament of Canada, and by the Crown of Great Britain and Ireland, which sought recognition at the hands of the Governments of Great Britain and Ireland, and sought it in vain. There must be some grave State reason that prompted a Parliament in which the Catholic element was so little represented to refuse that institution recognition by the State. The reasons