

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, 9th April, 1897.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 17) to incorporate the Winnipeg, Duluth and Hudson Bay Railway Company.—(Mr. Macdonell, Selkirk.)

Bill (No. 18) to confer certain powers on the Board for the management of the Temporalities Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.—(Mr. Charlton.)

Bill (No. 19) respecting the Manitoba and South-Eastern Railway Company.—(Mr. Landerkin.)

Bill (No. 20) respecting the Hull Electric Company.—(Mr. Lavergne, for Mr. Poupore.)

Bill (No. 21) respecting the Alberta Railway and Coal Company.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Bill (No. 22) respecting the Trans-Canadian Railway Company, and to change the name of the company to the Trans-Canada Railway Company.—(Mr. Davis, Saskatchewan.)

Bill (No. 23) to incorporate the Methodist Trust Fire Insurance Company.—(Mr. Britton.)

Bill (No. 24) to incorporate the Manitoba and Pacific Railway Company.—(Mr. Douglas.)

Bill (No. 25) to confirm an agreement between the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Hull Electric Company.—(Mr. Gibson.)

Bill (No. 26) respecting the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada.—(Mr. Gibson.)

Bill (No. 27) to incorporate the Royal Victoria Life Insurance Company.—(Mr. Quinn.)

Bill (No. 28) respecting the Ontario Pacific Railway Company, and to change the name of the company to the Ottawa and New York Railway Company.—(Mr. Snetsinger.)

OFFICIAL REPORT OF DEBATES.

Mr. CHOQUETTE moved the adoption of the first report of the Committee to supervise the official report of the Debates of the House.

Mr. FOSTER. I think this report has just been sent to the Clerk's table, and read. I have heard no reason given as to why the quorum should be reduced. The proper course to pursue is to place the report on

Mr. WOOD (Hamilton).

the records, and let it be moved on another day.

Mr. LaRIVIERE. The only question involved is a reduction of the quorum to five members, which is the usual number.

Mr. FOSTER. We have heard no reason given for the reduction. The rule is to allow the adoption of the report to stand over until the next day.

Mr. CHOQUETTE. Stand.

Mr. SPEAKER. If the point is insisted on, the hon. gentleman will have to give notice.

THE ESTIMATES—A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (Mr. Fisher). Before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with, I should like to draw attention to a typographical error in the Estimates which have been laid on the Table of the House. While I understand fully that this cannot be corrected at the present moment, I should like to have it understood that as regards items 83 and 84 the figures opposite those items have been interchanged in the printing of the Estimates. Item 83 should read \$80,000, and item 84 \$100,000; instead of item 83 reading \$100,000 and item 84 \$80,000. The items are connected with advances in connection with butter making in the North-west and in connection with cold storage.

Mr. FOSTER. You cannot change the latter one.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. Not now.

EASTER ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. ELLIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire from the First Minister, if any statement can be made as to the time that is likely to be covered by the Easter adjournment. Those of us who live a long distance away would like to get some information as to this, if it is possible for the Government to give it now.

The PRIME MINISTER (Mr. Laurier). The usual adjournment is generally from Thursday of holy week until the following Tuesday, and therefore the Government propose to ask the House to adjourn from Thursday next to the following Tuesday.

An hon. MEMBER. Inclusive?

The PRIME MINISTER. No, not inclusive. We will meet on Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

Mr. HUGHES. From the close of the session of Thursday?

The PRIME MINISTER. Yes.