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Lougheed,  
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McKindsey,  
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Reesor,  
Sanford,  
Stevens,  
Sutherland,  
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Hon. Messrs.

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Boucherville, de,  
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Chaffers,  
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Girard,  
Kaulbach,

McCallum,  
McInnes (B. C.),  
O'Donohoe,  
Pâquet,  
Power,  
Robitaille,  
Ross,  
Sutherland.—16.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Senate adjourned at 10.50 p.m.

## THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Friday, April 18th, 1890.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

## THIRD READINGS.

The following Bills, reported without amendment from the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbors, were read the third time, and passed:—

Bill (97) "An Act to incorporate the Montreal Bridge Company." (Mr. Pelletier.)

Bill (35) "An Act to incorporate the Calgary and Edmonton Railway Company." (Mr. Perley.)

Bill (92) "An Act respecting the Napanee, Tamworth and Quebec Railway Company, and to change the name of the Company to 'The Kingston, Napanee and Western Railway Company.'" (Mr. Read.)

Bill (40) "An Act to incorporate the National Construction Company." (Mr. Kaulbach.)

Bill (128) "An Act respecting the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company." (Mr. Reid.)

The following Bills, reported without amendment from the Committee on Banking and Commerce, were read the third time, and passed:—

Bill (121) "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Dominion Mineral Company." (Mr. MacInnes.)

Bill (37) "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Imperial Trusts Company of Canada." (Mr. Clemow.)

## BILLS OF EXCHANGE AND PROMISSORY NOTES BILL.

REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE.

The House resumed, in Committee of the Whole, consideration of Bill (6) "An Act relating to Bills of Exchange, Cheques and Promissory Notes."

(In the Committee.)

HON. MR. ABBOTT said: As the House is aware, this Bill has been gone through in Committee of the Whole, but while doing so certain clauses were allowed to stand, in order that their purport might be considered and any amendments that might be thought necessary might be made. There are six clauses altogether that were allowed to stand, and in addition to these there are one or two suggestions which I propose to make for the reconsideration of some of the other clauses, mainly as to minor points; but it has proved the advantage of having a little time to consider a Bill of this importance and complication, and I propose to ask the House to indulge me by reconsidering one or two clauses, besides placing in a proper form these clauses which we have reserved. The first suggestion that I have to make is to insert at the end of the second clause of the Bill a little further definition. There seems to be a question whether the expression "defence" would comprise a counter claim by way of defence. The Minister of Justice called my attention to it, and expressed his desire that we might put in some definition. I, therefore, move that another clause be inserted in the second section, which will be clause (k)—"the expression 'defence' includes counter claims."

HON. MR. DICKEY—Does that mean set off?

HON. MR. ABBOTT—Yes; that is the understanding.

The amendment was adopted.

On clause 9,—

HON. MR. ABBOTT said: A discussion arose as to whether a note payable in instalments fell due if any one of those instal-