

Tuesday, 2nd February, 1909.

PRAYERS.

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

By Mr. Smith (Nanaimo),—The Petition of the Burrard, Westminster Boundary and Navigation Company.

By Mr. Cash,—The Petition of the Manitoba and North-western Railway Company.

By Mr. McIntyre (Strathcona),—The Petition of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

By Mr. Turriff,—The Petition of the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company.

By Mr. Schell,—The Petition of the Tilsonburg, Lake Erie and Pacific Railway Company.

Mr. Aylesworth, a Member of the King's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Order of this House, dated 10th February, 1908, showing the number of applications for the release of prisoners, and the number granted since the year 1896 by the Minister of Justice before the expiry of sentence, the term of sentence, the date of release, the reasons therefor as far as expedient, and the name of the solicitor who was interested in procuring the release. (*Sessional Papers, No. 53.*)

A Bill to amend the Dominion Lands Act, was according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution, respecting the Civil Service Amendment Act, 1908.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide that the Governor in Council, upon the recommendation of the head of the department, based upon a report of the deputy head, may grant to any officer, clerk or employee under the deputy heads in the inside service as defined by the Civil Service Amendment Act, 1908, who was in the public service at the time of the coming into force of that Act, an increase of salary of \$150 a year, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained; that in the case of any officer, clerk or employee who has received an increase of salary upon organization and classification under the said Act, such increase shall be offset against the increase which such person might otherwise receive under any Act to be founded on this resolution; that no increase under any Act to be founded on this resolution to any officer, clerk or employee shall exceed the difference between his present salary and the maximum salary of the subdivision in which he has been placed upon organization and classification, under the said Act of 1908; that all increases provided for hereunder shall take effect from the first day of September, 1908; that all sums of money voted by Parliament for the financial year ending on the 31st day of March, 1909, and applicable to the payment of salaries or increase of salaries of persons in the inside service shall be applicable to the payment of increases of salary granted under the Act to be founded in this resolution, so far as such sums are not required for the specific