

SAMUEL MAY RELIEF BILL.

SECOND READING POSTPONED.

The Order of the Day being called,—Second reading of Bill (16) "An Act to confer on the Commissioner of Patents certain powers for the relief of Samuel May."

HON. MR. ABBOTT said: With regard to this Bill, there has already been a little discussion in the House, and I should like my hon. friend who has charge of it to postpone the further consideration of it until Monday next. There is another Bill of a similar character coming up which I expect to have here on Friday, and I should like to consider them together.

HON. MR. MACINNES (Burlington) moved that the Order of the Day be discharged, and that the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The motion was agreed to.

SECOND READINGS

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

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

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

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (9) "An Act further to amend the Adulteration Act, Cap. 107 of the Revised Statutes." (Mr. Abbott.)

Bill (6) "An Act relating to Bills of Exchange, Cheques and Promissory Notes." (Mr. Abbott.)

The Senate adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Thursday, March 20th, 1890.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (V) "An Act to amend the Acts respecting the North-West Territories." (Mr. Abbott.)

Bill (W) "An Act respecting Grants of Public Lands." (Mr. Abbott.)

Bill (X) "An Act to amend Cap. 127 of the Revised Statutes, entitled: 'An Act respecting Interest.'" (Mr. Abbott.)

ADULTERATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

SECOND READING POSTPONED.

The Order of the Day being called—Second reading Bill (9) "An Act further to amend the Adulteration Act, Cap. 107 of the Revised Statutes."

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved that the Order of the Day be discharged, as the Bill had not been distributed.

HON. MR. SCOTT—Are there any changes from the Bill as introduced in the other House?

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I have not seen the Bill, and am not, therefore, able to inform my hon. friend.

HON. MR. SCOTT—I might mention that the principle which the hon. gentleman laid down yesterday, and which I thought was an extremely good one, should be followed in this case. It would be infinitely better if the draughtsman should consolidate the amendments. Last Session we made changes, and this Session we are asked to make further changes, and it is extremely difficult to ascertain without such a consolidation what the changes are.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—As soon as we have the reprint of the Bill I shall endeavor to meet my hon. friend's view.

HON. MR. PAQUET—Last year the hon. gentleman promised that he would endeavor to have the law amended so as to provide a legal standard for milk. Under the existing law it is impossible to convict a vendor of milk for adulteration, as we have no legal standard.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I promised to do it as far as I could do so.

HON. MR. PAQUET—After I had the conversation with the hon. gentleman, I promised the Dairy Association that I would urge upon the Government to have a legal standard fixed, and I would like to know if there is any hope that we may get something definite this Session?