

The Bill No. 18 to amend the Act incorporating the Souris and Rocky Mountain Railway Company, was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, and ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow*.

The Bill No. 63 from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to incorporate "The Montreal Board of Trade and Exchange," was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The Bill No. 32 to incorporate the *Crédit Foncier* of the Dominion of Canada, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, [the amendments agreed to, and the Bill ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow*.

The Bill No. 31 to enlarge and extend the powers of the *Crédit Foncier Franco-Canadien*, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, the amendments agreed to, and the Bill ordered for a third reading, *to-morrow*.

The Amendments made by the Senate to Bill No. 36 further to amend the Act incorporating the Guarantee Company, and to change the name of the said Company to "The Guarantee Company of North America," were taken into consideration, and agreed to.

The Bill No. 79 to incorporate "The Northern, North-Western and Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company," was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on *Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines*.

The Bill No. 80 to incorporate "The Acadia Steamship Company (Limited)," was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on *Banking and Commerce*.

The following Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General were voted,— and Orders of The House issued to the proper officers, *viz* :—

By Mr. *Landry*:—Address to His Excellency the Governor General, for Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, in relation to the establishment, between Quebec and Lévis, of a system of Ferry-boats to connect the Intercolonial with the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway, immediately after the construction of the proposed Branch of the Intercolonial from St. Charles to Lévis.

And also,—Address to His Excellency the Governor General, for Copies of Correspondence between the Government and Mr. *Joseph Charles Lislois*, in relation to the claim made by the latter for payment of an amount sufficient to cover losses sustained by him through the destruction of one of his buildings by fire, and of the Report of the Official Arbitrator, to whom the said claim was referred.

By Mr. *Tassé*:—Order of The House, for a Statement shewing the Revenue and Expenditure in connection with the Union Suspension Bridge, on the Ottawa River, from 1867, up to 1st January, 1881.

Mr. *MacDonnell* (Inverness) moved, that it be Resolved,—

1st. That it appears by the Public Accounts that the cost to the Country of the Sessions of Parliament is yearly increasing.

2nd. That such increase of cost is largely due to the increasing length of the said Sessions.

3rd. That it is the duty of Parliament to adopt every means consistent with ample and wise Legislation, and the due discharge of Public Business, to curtail as much as possible the duration of its Sessions, and thus in this respect to retrench Public Expenditure.