

## PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were severally read:—

Of the President of "La Compagnie Ostréicole de Québec," signed on behalf of the company, and J. B. R. Fiset and others; praying for financial assistance, which is destined to be a source of profit to the whole Maritime population.

Of Hewitt Bostock, M.P., and others; praying to be incorporated with power to produce and supply electricity for light, power, heat and other purposes, construct telephone and telegraph lines and electric tramways and railways in and around Dawson City, in the Yukon District, and for other purposes.

Of Messrs. H. N. Bate & Sons and others, of the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario; praying to be incorporated with power to construct and operate a railway from Edmonton, in the North-west Territories, to the confluence of Smoky and Peace Rivers, or to a point between said confluence and Dunvegan, with branch lines to any length, and for other purposes;—and

Of the Montreal Island Belt Line Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act of Incorporation by changing the name of the company, authorizing its directors to vote by proxy, extending the time for the commencement and completion of its works, and for other purposes.

The Honourable Mr. Mills, Minister of Justice, presented to the Senate,—A Return to an Address of the Senate, dated the 18th March, 1898, for copies of all letters, papers and documents which passed between the Government or any members thereof, and Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, previous to the signing of the Canadian Yukon Railway contract.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. .*)

The Honourable Mr. Mills, Minister of Justice, presented to the Senate,—A Return to an Address of the Senate dated the 18th March, 1898, for copies of all telegrams and letters passing between any member of the Government and the High Commissioner relating to Mr. Hamilton Smith, and all papers, communications and documents, the contents of which led or induced the Government to send such telegrams or letters.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. .*)

The Honourable Mr. Landry moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Baker,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General; praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before the Senate, copies of all papers, letters, telegrams, reports, recommendations, contracts, payments and correspondence, between the Department of Militia and any person or persons whatsoever, and also, all reports and Orders in Council in connection with the equipment of the militia force, referring to the Oliver, the Lewis and the Merrian patents.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such members of this House as are members of the Privy Council.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Power, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Vidal, it was

Ordered, That items numbered 2 and 3 on the Orders of the Day be given precedence over the first Order.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Casgrain, seconded by the Honourable Mr. McCallum, it was

Ordered, That the Bill (30) intituled: "An Act respecting the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Company," be now read a third time.