

The Bill was then read the third time, under a suspension of the rules, and passed.

THE PROROGATION.

The SPEAKER read a letter from the Governor General's Secretary, announcing that His Excellency would prorogue Parliament on Monday next, the 21st inst., at 3.30 p.m.

PUBLIC LOANS BILL.

THIRD READING.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill () "An Act to authorize the raising, by way of loan, of certain sums of money required for the public service."

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL moved the second reading of the Bill. He said its object was to enable the Government to concentrate in one loan various fag ends, so to speak, of powers which they now possess of borrowing money for the public service.

Hon. Mr. HAYTHORNE — For what purpose is this to be used?

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL. — For the purpose of the consolidated fund generally.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill passed its final stages under a suspension of the rule.

THE VENTILATION OF THE PARLIAMENT BUILDING.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED.

Hon. Mr. REESOR presented the report of the special Committee appointed to inquire into the cause of the bad ventilation of the Committee rooms.

Hon. Mr. MILLER wished to know if any action would be taken on this report. The Committee had done well to call the attention of the House to the odor of cooking victuals that pervaded the corridors at times. If anything could be done to prevent it a good deal would be done towards removing a disagreeable feature in connection with the ventilation of the House.

Hon. Mr. DICKEY said the difficulty could be obviated by simply opening the windows of the kitchens in the basement; the impure air would then escape

instead of ascending by the staircase into the corridors. The large sum placed in the Supplementary Estimates for improving the ventilation of the building need not necessarily be expended if a little common sense were applied to the subject. By opening the windows the foul air would be allowed to escape and pure air to fill the rooms and corridors.

Hon. Mr. ALLAN suggested that the ventilation of the corridors could be greatly improved by having, instead of full panes opening with hinges, sliding panes which could be opened just to the extent that circumstances might require.

Hon. Mr. REESOR said the system of heating the building was a very extensive one, and involved an immense number of steam pipes extending all the way over the basement to the further end of the building. To change that system at once would necessitate a very large expenditure, but as fast as the pipes required renewal a new system was being introduced, by which the heat could be turned off from a single section without turning it off from the whole. Then, with regard to the odors from the kitchen in the basement, that had been to a certain extent stopped, but it could not be wholly prevented until the pipes which led to the warming of the corridors were renewed. Slide panes would be placed in one window in each of the rooms, so that they could be ventilated, not only during the day, while they were occupied, but also in the morning when they were being cleaned. Another suggestion which had been made by the engineer was to use less hot air in heating the rooms and corridors, and to keep grate fires in the rooms in cold weather. That would accomplish two purposes; it would make the rooms more comfortable and cheerful and improve the ventilation. In that way many of the evils complained of could be removed without incurring any serious expense. Improvements would also be made in the closets. In that case the common sense method of opening the windows would not apply, because the rush of cold air through the open windows would carry impure air into the corridors. The better plan was to keep those windows closed and leave everything of the kind to be managed by the