

it is absolutely necessary for the proper security and preservation of the admirable collection of books belonging to the Legislature, the pecuniary value of which is estimated at fifty thousand pounds, that this work should be resumed and completed with all possible despatch.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,
March 9, 1870.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Ross*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hazen*, it was *Ordered*, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their Second Report.

Ordered, That they be received, and

The same were then read by the Clerk, as follows :

COMMITTEE ROOM,
10th March, 1870.

The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills beg leave to present their Second Report.

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *John Robert Martin*, of the Town of *Cayuga*, in the County of *Haldimand* and Province of *Ontario* ; praying for an Act to dissolve his Marriage with *Sophia Stinson*, and find that the provisions of Rule Seventy-Three of this House have been complied with.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. RITCHIE,
Chairman.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* presented to The House a Bill entitled " An Act for " the relief of *John Robert Martin*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Mitchell*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of March, instant, and that notice thereof be fixed on the doors of this House, and Senators be summoned, and that the said *John Robert Martin*, may be heard by his council at the second reading to make out the truth of the allegations of the said Bill, and that *Sophia Stenson* may have a copy of the Bill, and that notice be given to her of said second reading, or sufficient proof adduced of the impossibility of so doing, and that she be at liberty to be heard by her council what she may have to offer against the said Bill at the same time

Ordered, That the said *John Robert Martin* do attend this House on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of March, instant, in order to his being examined upon the second reading of the last mentioned Bill, if the House shall think fit, whether there has or has not been any collusion, directly or indirectly on his part, relative to any Act of adultery that may have been committed by his wife, or whether there be any collusion directly or indirectly between him and his wife, or any other person or persons touching the said Bill of Divorce or touching any action at law which may have been brought by him against any person for criminal conversation with her, the said *John Robert Martin's* wife.

And also, whether at the time of the adultery of which he complains, shew as by deed, or otherwise by his consent, living separate and apart from him and released by him as far as in him lies, from her conjugal duty, or whether she was, at the time of such adultery cohabiting with him, and under the protection and authority of him as her husband.

The Honorable Mr. *Ritchie*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their Third Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and