

THE SENATE

Wednesday, 27th Nov., 1867.

The Speaker took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

The House then sat with closed doors for an hour and a half discussing a privilege.

When the House re-opened

Hon. Mr. McDonald moved that the 53rd Rule be suspended, so far as it regarded the petition for the establishment of the Dominion Life Assurance Company.—Carried.

The **Hon. Member** then introduced a Bill relating to said Company, which was read a first time, and ordered for a second reading on Friday next.

Hon. Mr. Flint moved the suspension of the same Rule regarding the petition for the establishment of a Local Bank in the County of Hastings.

Hon. Mr. Campbell moved that the time for the reception of petitions relating to Private Bills be extended for a fortnight.

The **Hon. Member** moved that the name of the Honourable D. MacPherson be added to the Standing Committee on Commerce, Banking and Railways.—Carried.

Hon. Mr. Wilmot moved for the Address relating to the terms upon which the Montreal Bank transacted the business of the Government. (The notice has already appeared in our columns.)

Hon. Mr. Kenny said that a motion very identical to that now made by the honourable member had been made elsewhere (in the Commons), and that the papers would be laid upon the table to-morrow, so under the circumstances he thought the honourable member would be willing to withdraw his motion.

Hon. Mr. Wilmot said he would postpone it.

Hon. Mr. Aikins begged to inquire of the Government whether the Geological Survey heretofore carried on by the Province of Canada would be continued by the Federal Government.

Hon. Mr. Campbell replied that these surveys had been carried on by periods of five years, and provided by vote. The last five years had not expired, when the Union was proclaimed. The Government could not now say positively whether the survey would be resumed, for until an appropriation was made for that purpose, the matter would remain to some extent in suspense, but his own personal opinion was that it was very probable the necessary amount would be granted.

The Senate then adjourned.