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Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill for the amendment of the Law of Evidence in certain cases of misdemeanor, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Palmer* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

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The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to amend the law respecting Building Societies;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The House resumed the further consideration of the Question which was, on Wednesday the 10th April instant, proposed, That there be laid before this House, a Statement showing:—

1. The amount of the Loan of 1876, and the amount actually received therefor;
2. The number of allotments, and the amount awarded to each allottee;
3. A Statement shewing when, and how the amount of said Loan was received, and whether allottees or any of them, and if any of them, which of them, availed themselves of the privilege of pre-payment, and if so, whether they were allowed interest or discount thereon and the total amount of such discount;
4. The amount of interest accrued or accruing on said stock allowed to the said allottees respectively, as against the amount payable to them respectively;
5. The item of Commission and charges of, and incident to the said Loan in detail, and to whom paid;
6. The rate of interest payable by the Dominion on the said Loan, regard being had to the amount actually received, and the period it has to run;

And the Question being put:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Mackenzie*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House,— Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 18th April, 1878, as followeth:—

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration the questions relating to the construction of the *Georgian Bay* Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the extension westward of the *Canada* Central Railway, in consideration of a subsidy to be paid by the Government, as provided by the Canadian Pacific Railway Act of 1874.

That a contract was entered into in 1874, with Mr. *A. B. Foster*, for the building of the *Georgian Bay* Branch, under which Mr. *Foster* was to execute all the surveys, as well as perform the work of construction from the mouth of *French River*, eighty-five miles eastward.

That on the 28th February, 1876, this contract was annulled, and Mr. *Foster* was paid such portions of his expenditures on the survey as were reported by the Chief Engineer to be serviceable to the Department in completing the survey.

That on the 4th November, 1874, an Order in Council was passed under the terms of the Act 37 Vic., Cap. 14, known as the Canadian Pacific Railway Act of 1874, whereby a subsidy of \$12,000 per mile was granted to the *Canada* Central