

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

 OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 22ND APRIL, 1896.

PRAYERS.

The Petition of Nis-quah-so, on behalf of the Kitumtchelk and other Indians, of Naas River, British Columbia; complaining that certain rights and customs enjoyed by them prior to the admission of that Province as part of the Dominion of Canada, have been interfered with or abolished; and praying that due inquiry be made into their complaints, and especially that the cherished privilege of potlach, a ceremony connected with the burial of their dead, since made illegal, may be restored to them, was read and received.

Mr. Bergin, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee would recommend that as there will be no further meeting of the Committee this session, the Chairman be empowered to order the printing or otherwise of any returns that may be brought down from either House, and generally to act in all other matters that come properly within the cognizance of this Committee.

Mr. Daly presented,—Return to an Order of the House of the 1st April, 1896, for copies of all correspondence between the Department of the Interior and D. J. O'Donoghue, Secretary Legislative Committee, Trades and Labour Council, Toronto, concerning the alleged misquotation in the report of the Committee on Immigration, 1895, of a certain letter relating to the success of Dr. Barnardo's boys as settlers in Canada.

On motion of Mr. Foster, the Order for consideration of amendments made by the Senate to Bill No. 4, respecting the liability of Her Majesty and public companies for labour used in the construction of Public Works, was transferred to Government Orders.

On motion of Mr. Cockburn, it was Ordered, That leave be granted the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce to sit this day during the time in which the House is in session, from one to two o'clock, P.M.

Mr. Sproule, from the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization, presented the Third Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The investigations of the Committee have been conducted under two divisions, viz.: Agriculture and Colonization.

On the first named, Agriculture in relation to its scientific methods and productions, the Committee have had before them the several officers of the Central Experimental Farm, viz.: Mr. William Saunders, Director of the Dominion Experimental Farms; Mr. James W. Robertson, Agricultural and Dairy Commissioner; Mr. John Craig, Horticulturist; Mr. James Fletcher, Entomologist and Botanist; Mr. Frank T. Shutt, Chief Chemist; Mr. A. G. Gilbert, Poultry Manager; and Mr. John Fixter, Farm Foreman.