

## STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.

Hon. Messrs.

ALMON,	LACOSTE,
ARCHIBALD,	MCINNES (B. C.),
ARMAND,	MCKAY,
BELLEROSE,	McMILLAN,
BOLDUC,	MACFARLANE,
BOTSFORD,	MONTGOMERY,
CAMPBELL (Sir Alex),	NELSON,
CARVELL,	O'DONOHUE,
DEBLOIS,	OGILVIE,
DEVER,	PAQUET,
FERRIER,	PELLETIER,
FLINT,	POWER,
GIRARD,	READ,
GLASIER,	REESOR,
GOWAN,	SCHULTZ,
GRANT,	SCOTT,
GUEVREMONT,	SULLIVAN,
HAYTHORNE,	SUTHERLAND,
HOWLAN,	TRUDEL,

The motion was agreed to.

## THE SENATE DEBATES.

## MOTION.

HON. SIR DAVID MACPHERSON moved that the following Senators be appointed a Committee on the Debates of the Senate :—

Hon. Messrs.

BOLDUC,	SCHULTZ,
BOUCHERVILLE, DE,	SCOTT,
HAYTHORNE,	THIBEAUDEAU,
HOWLAN,	TRUDEL,
MACFARLANE,	VIDAL.
PLUMB,	

HON. MR. ALEXANDER—I am sure the hon. gentlemen who have just been named will endeavor to discharge their duty to the best of their ability. All of us who know the sentiment of the country must be aware that the Senate has fallen very much in public estimation. (No, No!) I only wish it were not so. I wish that I were not aware of the fact. When I visit the western counties of Ontario, and meet old Conservative friends, I wish I could say that I find them perfectly satisfied with the way in which we discharge our duties. Now, I am not going

to enter into a long history of the reasons why the Senate has sunk in public estimation, but I do implore the Committee now named to see in future that the Hansard Reports find their way to the public. That is the sentiment of Western Ontario, and I know that in Western Ontario nothing is known of the proceedings of the Senate. I hope that the members of the Committee will endeavor to extend the circulation of the reports of the debates of this Chamber. Up to the present moment they have been sent only to the daily journals and the Judges of the Supreme Court. Within the last 12 hours the Debates Committee of the House of Commons have decided to send a copy of the bound volume of their Debates to every public journal in the country. I ask the Senate why should not the Debates of this Chamber be sent in the same way to every local journal in the Dominion? While we are throwing millions away in the canyons of the Rocky Mountains, surely we should not grudge a few hundred dollars to give the people information of how the government of the country is carried on. Why should not the Senate follow the example of the popular branch of Parliament? I have had to complain, session after session, of the action of the Committee appointed to manage the reporting of the debates of this Chamber. I have had to complain upon many grounds, and as long as I retain my health I will continue to express my views openly on the floor of this House, as a representative of the people. I am not a noninee of Sir John Macdonald. The Minister of Justice once insulted this House by telling them that I was ungrateful—

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL.—The hon. gentleman has no right to assert that I insulted the House.

HON. MR. ALEXANDER—I can only say I am very sorry that the hon. gentleman once made such an unwise speech. I stand here as a representative of the people because I was sent to Parliament by the people, and the Government placed me here when the last vacancy occurred. I am sure we shall not have to complain of the Debates Committee that they have not followed the example of the