

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were severally read:—

Of *William Thomson*, and others; praying to be incorporated as "The *Lake Nipissing and James' Bay Railway Company*."

Of the *South Saskatchewan Valley Railway Company*; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the commencement of said Railway, and for other purposes.

The Honorable the Speaker, from the Committee appointed to consider the Orders and Customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament, presented their Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows:—

SENATE CHAMBER,

FRIDAY, 25th January, 1884.

The Committee appointed to consider the Orders and Customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament, to whom was referred the Report of the Clerk of the Senate in relation to the absence of the Honorable *Walter Hamilton Dickson* from his seat in the Senate for two consecutive Sessions of the Parliament, beg leave to report:

That they have taken the said Report into consideration, and having also referred to the Journals of the House, find that the said Honorable *Walter Hamilton Dickson*, one of the Members of the Senate from the Province of *Ontario*, has for two consecutive Sessions of the Parliament, failed to give his attendance in this House, and in corroboration an Honorable Member having in his place stated that the Honorable *Walter Hamilton Dickson* was aware his seat was vacant:

Your Committee recommend that the following Resolution be adopted by the House:—

*Resolved*, That the Honorable *Walter Hamilton Dickson*, one of the Members of the Senate, from the Province of *Ontario*, has, for two consecutive Sessions of the Parliament of *Canada*, failed to give his attendance in this House, and thereby vacated his seat. That this House in pursuance of the thirty-third Section of the *British North America Act, 1867*, doth declare, determine and adjudge the said seat of the Honorable *Walter Hamilton Dickson* vacated.

The whole respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM MILLER,

*Chairman of the Committee.*

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,

That the said Report be taken into consideration on this day fortnight, and that in the meanwhile the Honorable Mr. *Dickson* be notified thereof, and a copy of the said Report be transmitted to him through the mail by the Clerk of this House.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker reported to the House that the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills expired on Monday, the 28th instant.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Smith*, it was

*Ordered*, That the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended to Saturday the 9th February next.