

the sub-committee of the Privy Council and the petition on which the report is based.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. I was also under the impression that I had moved for the printing of the papers. The House would be greatly delayed if we were to wait until they are all printed; but if any hon. gentleman calls attention to any other documents he desires, I will make a similar motion.

Motion agreed to.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and House adjourned at midnight.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, 23rd February, 1893.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

PRAYERS.

CATHOLIC MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION OF CANADA.

Mr. MILLS (Annapolis). Mr. Speaker, I desire to call your attention to a circumstance, on which I will base a motion, that occurred yesterday, by which the machinery of Parliament seems to have got agog; the cog-wheels are out of place, and matters are not running smoothly by any means. It occurred through the mistake of one of our innocent and younger members of Parliament, and I have to introduce this motion in order to get the parliamentary wheels back in their proper running trim. Therefore, I move:

That the Order of the House of yesterday, referring to the petition of O. K. Fraser, president, and Samuel R. Brown, secretary of the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada; praying for an Act of incorporation, to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, be discharged.

That order was in contravention of the rules of the House, the rule being that a preliminary petition shall be first introduced and then placed afterwards before the Standing Orders Committee, who will report to this House whether there have been sufficient excuses alleged in the petition for not presenting the petition in time in the first place.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. DEVLIN moved:

That the petition of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, presented this day, praying for an Act of Parliament, notwithstanding the expiration of the time for presenting petitions for private Bills, be read and received and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

He said: I may say, Mr. Speaker, that the delay was inevitable. I heard the remarks of the hon. member (Mr. Mills) that the petition was presented by one of the

innocent and younger members of Parliament. I may say that I do not happen to be that gentleman, as the petition was presented by another gentleman, who is my senior in age and my superior in every way. There has been an unavoidable delay, however, and I trust that the House will be kind enough to pass the motion.

Motion agreed to.

RECEIPT OF PARLIAMENTARY FEES.

Mr. FOSTER moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 61) relating to moneys payable in connection with proceedings before Parliament.

Mr. LAURIER. What is the nature of the Bill?

Mr. FOSTER. This is a Bill to regulate and bring under the general rule, the receipt, care and payment of moneys in connection with private Bills and the like. Up to the present time they have been received by the clerk of private Bills, and have been deposited in a bank to the credit of the accountant. All return fees have been paid on the order of the clerk of private Bills, and the balance, whatever it was, has been paid to the credit of the Receiver-General. That was also the practice in a good many branches of the service; but of late years the policy has been to have all moneys that are received deposited at once to the credit of the Receiver-General, and to make provision in the appropriations for the payment of whatever is necessary in the different services. It is to bring the moneys referred to under the general rule that this Bill is introduced. It is the same as the British practice.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

REPORT.

Report of the Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion of Canada for the calendar year 1892.—(Mr. Foster.)

WINNIPEG MILITIA HOSPITAL.

Mr. MACDONALD (Winnipeg) asked. Is the building erected as a hospital for the permanent corps of militia stationed at Winnipeg ready for occupation? If not, when will it be finished, and what is the cause of the delay that has occurred?

Mr. OUMET. The building is ready, with the exception of the heating apparatus, which will be placed in position without further delay.

PORT DALHOUSIE FERRY SERVICE.

Mr. GIBSON asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to place a more efficient and safe ferry service at Port Dalhousie, Ont., in time for the opening of navigation on the Welland Canal?