

Tuesday, 19th March, 1878.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Holton, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have considered the Bill to authorize and confirm the scheme of arrangement of the *Canada Southern Railway Company*, and have agreed to report the same, amended.

The promoters of the Bill to incorporate the *Calais and St. Stephen Railway Bridge Company* having intimated their intention of not proceeding with the said Bill, your Committee would recommend that the fees paid thereon be refunded, less the cost of printing.

Your Committee would also recommend that the time for the reception of Reports on Private Bills be extended for a period of two weeks, from the 21st instant.

Mr. Mills, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Order of the House, dated 4th March, 1878, for a Return of all moneys received by the Dominion Land Office at *Winnipeg*, for payment of lands in the Railway Reserve, and copy of instructions to Dominion Lands Agents in *Manitoba*, in regard to squatters upon the said Railway Reserve. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 56.)

*Ordered*, That Mr. Cartwright have leave to bring in a Bill for the better auditing of the Public Accounts.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Holton, seconded by Mr. Young,

*Ordered*, That the time for receiving Reports from Committees on Private Bills be extended to Thursday, the 4th April next, in accordance with the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.

On motion of Mr. Appleby, seconded by Mr. Taschereau,

*Ordered*, That the Bill to incorporate the *Calais and St. Stephen Railway Bridge Company* be withdrawn; and that the Fees paid on the same be refunded, less the cost of printing, in accordance with the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.

On motion of Mr. Smith (*Westmoreland*), seconded by Mr. Coffin,

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following proposed Resolution: That it is expedient to repeal Section 23 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1876" as respects all Ships in *Canadian Waters*, from and after the time which may be fixed for that purpose by the proclamation of the approval and confirmation by Her Majesty in Council of the Act to be passed for effecting such repeal.

On motion of Mr. Smith (*Westmoreland*), seconded by Mr. Coffin,

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following proposed Resolution:—That it is expedient to provide that so much of the Act of the Parliament of *Canada*, passed in the thirty-sixth year of Her Majesty's Reign and intituled: "An Act respecting Deck Loads," as would make it unlawful for any master of a ship, at certain seasons to carry live stock, on