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Thursday, 5th December, 1912.

PRAYERS.

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

Of the Intercolonial Trust and Investment Company, Limited, (Incorporated as a joint stock Company under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1910, of the Province of British Columbia); praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Intercolonial Trust and Investment Company.

Of the Ebro Irrigation and Power Company, Limited; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing them to acquire and operate railways, tramways, telegraph and telephone lines outside the Dominion of Canada, and for other purposes.

Of Louise Marguirette Ruth Ridge (née Sims), of the City of Toronto, County of York, Province of Ontario, the lawful wife of Cecil Stafford Ridge, of the City of Seattle, State of Washington, one of the United States of America, clerk; praying for the passing of an Act to declare her marriage with the said Cecil Stafford Ridge, her husband, to be dissolved, and that she be divorced from him.

Of the Bankers Trust Corporation, Limited, of the City of Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, (Incorporated under Chapter 44, of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1897); praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Bankers Trust Company.

Mr. Hazen, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House, by command of His Royal Highness the Governor General,—Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, 1912,—Fisheries. (*Sessional Papers, No. 42.*)

Ordered, that Mr. Borden have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize measure for increasing the effective Naval Forces of the Empire.

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 at the next sitting of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Hazen have leave to bring in a Bill respecting Harbour Commissioners of Montreal.

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 at the next sitting of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Verville have leave to bring in a Bill respecting the hours of Labour on Public Works.

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 at the next sitting of the House.

On motion of Mr. Lemieux, seconded by Mr. Emmerson,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing how many rural mail delivery routes have been established in Canada, since the 1st January, 1912, in each Province and County, respectively.