The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and reterred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.

On motion of Mr. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Pope (Compton),

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all monies received by the Dominion Land Office at Winnipeg for payment of Lands in the Railway Reserve, and copy of instructions to Dominion Lands Agent in Mantoba in regard to Squatters upon the said Railway Reserve.

On motion of Mr. Langevin, seconded by Mr. Plumb,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a Return showing the amounts of the six lowest tenders received for Sections 17, 13, 19, 20, 27, 28, 33, 34 and 35 of the new Welland Canal, with the names of the tenderers and Copy of the Orders in Council awarding the contracts for such Sections.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by such Members

of this House as are of the Queen's Privy Council.

On motion of Mr. Langevin, seconded by Mr. Pope (Compton),

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a copy of all notices and letters issued by the Department of Public Works calling either by the public press or otherwise, for tenders for the supply of Railway Spikes for the Canada Pacific Railway, with copy of all answers or tenders received from the 1st January 1876 to the 31st December 1877, and the names of the parties to whom the Contract or Contracts were awarded, and for what quantity and what price in each case; and also a similar Return for spikes required for the Intercolonial Railway, from the 1st January, 1872.

On motion of Mr. Plumb, seconded by Mr. Baby,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all correspondence, reports, negociations in writing, Orders in Council, or other documents relative to the selection of the terminus and station grounds of the Pacific Railway on the Kaministiquia, the acquisition of lands and other property for such terminus and station grounds; also, the names of all of the valuators of such lands and property, and the date of their appointments, and the instructions given to them; also a Return shewing whether such valuators, or either of them have, subsequently to such appointments, received any other Government appointment, the name of such valuator or valuators, the nature of the appointment and the emolument attached thereto; also, the date at which the Government gave notice of the expropriation of such lands in the town plot at Fort William and elsewhere in its vicinity, the amounts paid and yet to be paid for lands and property for such terminus and station grounds, the names of the persons to whom such payments were made, and to whom such payments are due, and the quantity of such land and property purchased from each person, together with a statement of the several lands and properties purchased for such terminus and station grounds, or for which notice of expropriation has been given, with the names of the several proprietors and the price thereof, and a statement shewing the whole quantity of land so purchased or to be purchased, together with all correspondence between the Canadian and Ontario Governments on the subject of such lands.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by such Members of this House as are of the Queen's Privy Council.

On motion of Sir John A. Macdonald, seconded by Mr. Masson,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Statement of the reason in each case for the superannuation of the persons in the Civil Service mentioned in the Return laid before this House on the 18th February.