

Hon. Mr. AIKINS said that he merely wished to explain to the House the position in which Parliament would be placed unless this report were adopted.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT.—It involves a debate of the whole question, and I object to any discussion upon it.

Hon. Mr. AIKINS explained that the 14th report of the Printing Committee having been adopted, the contract for the public printing was cancelled, and no provision whatever was made for making a new one. This sixteenth report was to provide for a new contract.

Hon. Mr. MILLER said that the Government would have to get the work done, and ask Parliament to sanction their action.

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL said the hon. Senator from Ottawa (Mr. Scott) must take the responsibility of his action.

The matter then dropped.

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL moved the adoption of the fifteenth report of the Joint Committee on Printing.

The motion was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 1.30 p.m.

THE PROROGATION.

This day, at four o'clock p.m., His Excellency the Governor-General proceeded in state to the Senate Chamber, and took his seat upon the Throne. The members of the Senate being assembled, His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and that House being present, the following Bills were assented to in Her Majesty's name by His Excellency, viz:—

An Act to amend the Act intituled "An Act respecting offences against the person," and to repeal the Act intituled "An Act to provide that persons charged with common assault shall be competent as witnesses."

An Act respecting the Credit Valley Railway Company.

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An Act to extend the powers of the Manitoba South-Western Colonization Railway Company, and to further amend the Act incorporating the said Company.

An Act respecting the Ontario Reformatory for Boys.

An Act to repeal the Act extending "The Dominion Lands Acts" to British Columbia, and to make other provision with respect to certain Public Lands in that Province.

An Act for the relief of Permanent Building Societies and Loan Companies.

An Act to provide for the winding up of "La Banque Ville-Marie."

An Act to incorporate "The Great North-Western Telegraph Company of Canada."

An Act to authorize the Corporation of the Town of Emerson to construct a Free Passenger and Traffic Bridge over the Red River in the Province of Manitoba.

An Act to amend the Acts respecting the Montreal Telegraph Company.

An Act to incorporate the "Pontiac Pacific Junction Railway Company."

An Act for the appointment of a Resident Representative Agent for Canada in the United Kingdom.

An Act to amend the Act forty-second Victoria, chapter fifteen, intituled "An Act to alter the Duties of Customs and Excise."

An Act for extending the Consolidated Act of 1879, respecting duties imposed on promissory notes and bills of exchange, to the whole Dominion.

An Act to enable the Harbor Commissioners of Montreal to pay a life annuity to the Widow of the late Honorable John Young.

An Act to authorize the raising of a further sum to enable the Quebec Harbor Commissioners to complete their Tidal Dock.

An Act to repeal the Act forty-second Victoria, chapter five, for granting an annual subsidy towards certain telegraphic communication.

An Act further to amend "An Act respecting the Harbor of Pictou, in Nova Scotia."