

PRAYERS.

The Honourable Mr. McKay, from the Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts of the Senate, presented their Second Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, and it is as follows:—

THE SENATE,

COMMITTEE ROOM No. 2,

THURSDAY, 24th September, 1896.

The Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts beg leave to make their Second Report, as follows:—

1. Your Committee have had under consideration the accounts of the Clerk of the Senate for the year ended 30th June, 1896. As the time for closing the said accounts will not expire until the thirtieth instant, Your Committee are of opinion that it is inadvisable to proceed with the audit this Session.

2. The vote for stationery for the year 1895-6 was \$5,988, out of which amount \$5,785.35 have been expended up to this date, leaving a balance unexpended of \$202.65.

3. As the Session has been less than in ordinary years, the value of stationery, &c., on hand on the 1st July last, was about \$300, a portion of which, however, is old stock acquired years ago, and only gradually being used.

4. As another Session of Parliament will probably fall within the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1897, it will be necessary to provide for the supply of stationery thereat. Your Committee therefore recommend that the amount to be voted for such purpose be \$5,900.

5. A list of the articles, with their prices, to be ordered for the next Session of Parliament has been approved by Your Committee. Your Committee recommend that this stationery be ordered according to the said list, which has been deposited with the Stationery Clerk, and that the distribution be made in a way similar to that of the past sessions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. MCKAY,

Chairman.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. McKay, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Dever, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the Senate to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill (11) intituled: "An Act to revive and amend the Acts respecting the St. Clair and Erie Ship Canal Company," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill (12) intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Hudson's Bay and Pacific Railway Company," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill (10) intituled: "An Act to confirm an agreement made between the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.