

lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by the House.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD moved :

"That the House concur in the report in so far as it relates to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders."

Motion agreed to.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD moved :

"That a Select Committee be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of this House are concerned, and to act as Members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library; composed of Sir John A. Macdonald, and Messrs. Anglin, Baby, Brecken, Cameron (South Huron), Cartwright, Colby, Daly, Fortin, Houde, LaRue, Laurier, MacDonnell, Mackenzie, Mills, and Wright; and that a Message be sent to the Senate, to acquaint them therewith."

Motion agreed to.

INSOLVENCY ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

(*Mr. Bourassa.*)

FIRST READING.

MR. BOURASSA introduced a Bill (No. 2) To amend the Insolvency Act of 1875 and the Acts amending the same.

Bill read the first time.

DEATH OF THE PRINCESS ALICE.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A Message was received from the Senate, with an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, of condolence on the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse, to which the concurrence of this House was desired.

On motion of Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD, the said Message and Address were ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

THE INSOLVENT ACT OF 1875.

QUESTION.

MR. GIGAULT enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to repeal the existing Insolvency Laws, and, in the case of their repeal, to propose one

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uniform law for the whole of the Dominion having as its object: 1. Affording means for the liquidation of the property of insolvent traders, in a more just, and equitable, and less expensive way than was practised before the Insolvency Act of 1864; 2. To compel the insolvent trader to make an assignment of his property to a public officer entrusted with the duty of making a division among the creditors.

MR. MACDONALD (Pictou): The subject will be considered when the Bill, notice of which has already been given, is introduced. Indeed, the whole subject is under the consideration of the Government at present.

MR. MACKENZIE: Do I understand the hon. gentleman to say that Ministers have given notice of a Bill on the subject?

MR. MACDONALD (Pictou): No; the Bill is introduced by a private member, and stands for a second reading; the whole subject will come up under that measure.

WIDENING THE CHAMBLY CANAL.

QUESTION.

MR. BENOIT enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to widen the Chambly Canal. If it is their intention to do so, when do they propose to begin the work?

MR. TUPPER: It is not, at present, the intention of the Government to propose widening the Chambly Canal.

SHELBURNE HARBOUR LIGHT.

QUESTION.

MR. ROBERTSON (Shelburne) enquired, Whether the harbour light at Shelburne, Nova Scotia, is to be rebuilt this year; and if so, whether upon Sand Point, the site of the former light, or at Fort Point, on the western side of the harbour.

MR. POPE (Queen's, P.E.I.): The subject is under the consideration of the Government.