

PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS.

MOTION.

HON. MR. LACOSTE moved the adoption of the second report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills. He explained that it was merely a recommendation that the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended to Thursday, the 19th instant. The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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*Ottawa, Monday, February 9th, 1885.*

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THE PRINTING OF PARLIAMENT.

FIRST REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED.

HON. MR. READ, from the Joint Committee on the Printing of Parliament, presented their first report recommending that their quorum be reduced to nine members.—Adopted.

THE COX DIVORCE BILL.

THE PETITION READ.

HON. MR. OGILVIE moved that the Petition of George Branford Cox, praying for the passing of an Act to dissolve his

marriage with Emily Cox, be now read and received. He said :—Since this Petition was before the House last week I have received evidence which I think will be satisfactory to the Senate.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL.—When this motion was made on a previous occasion, the affidavit of service of the Petition upon the respondent was not considered satisfactory, for several reasons which were pointed out at the time, amongst others one being that it was sworn before a notary public in a foreign country, and there was no authority under our rules for the swearing of an affidavit before such a functionary. Another reason was that there was no statement of the place where the petition was served on the respondent, and I think there were one or two other objections. Since then, as the hon. gentleman from Montreal has said, further evidence has been received. I have had an opportunity of looking at this further evidence, and it seems to me such as will be satisfactory to the House. Hon. gentlemen will bear in mind that the evidence is not such as would be required to satisfy a court of law, but evidence which will be satisfactory to the House. This additional evidence is the affidavit of Philip Holt, of the Town of Goderich, who swears that he is solicitor for the said George Branford Cox, "that J. W. M'Kinley, of Los Angeles, in the State of California, is the Attorney for Emily Cox, who resides in the said State of California. That the said Emily Cox is the person from whom the said George Branford Cox is now seeking a divorce. That upon the 6th day of February, 1885, I sent the telegram which is now shewn to me marked 'A,' and which is hereto annexed, to the said J. W. M'Kinley; and I did, on the 7th day of February, 1885, receive the reply which is now shewn to me marked 'B.'" The House will observe that the deponent says this M'Kinley is the attorney of Emily Cox. He swears to that as a matter of fact. The telegram is dated Los Angeles, California, February 7th, and is as follows :—

"To CAMERON, HOLT and CAMERON, Goderich.

"Service of Notice of application of George Branford Cox for divorce admitted.

"J. W. M'KINLEY, Attorney for Mrs. Emily Cox."