Of the British Columbia Southern Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act reviving and extending the time for the completion of its line, and empowering them to build branch lines from Fort Steele, Golden and other points.

Of the Atlantic and North-west Railway Company; praying for the passing of an

Act extending the time for the completion of its Railway.

Of Henry Allan Olney and others; praying to be incorporated as the St. Clair and Erie Canal Company, or for an Act to revive the Act incorporating the said Company.

Of the Ottawa and Gatineau Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act amending their Act of Incorporation, extending the time for the completion of certain portions of its line, and for other purposes.

Of the Brandon and South-western Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act granting them power to extend its line and to change the head office from

Winnipeg to Brandon;—and

Of the Honourable John Costigan and others, of Ottawa and elsewhere; praying to be incorporated as a Company to construct and operate a Railway from Edmonton in the North-west Territories to the Peace River via Athabasca Landing and Lesser Slave Lake, and for other purposes.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. MACDONALD, Chairman.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honourable Mr. Macdonald (Victoria), from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Third 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. 8,

WEDNESDAY, 12th April, 1899.

The Standing Committee on Standing Orders have the honour to make their Third

Report, as follows:—

Your Committee recommend that the time limited for presenting Private Bills, which expires to morrow, Thursday, the thirteenth instant, be extended to Friday, the twenty-eighth instant.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. MACDONALD,

Chairman.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Macdonald (Victoria), seconded by the Honourable Mr. Allan, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honourable Mr. Mills, Minister of Justice, informed the Senate that he had received a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to the Senate.

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

MINTO.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

I beg to acknowledge the loyal Address which you have adopted in reply to the Speech with which I opened the Session of Parliament, and I confidently rely upon your assistance in promoting the welfare of the Dominion.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, 28th March, 1899.