

The Honorable Mr. Howlan, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Senate, presented their First Report, recommending the reduction of the Quorum to Nine Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Howlan, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Flint, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. Ogilvie presented to the House a Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of Amanda Esther Davis."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

The Honorable Mr. Ogilvie moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Kaulbach:

That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday, the twentieth day of February instant, and that notice thereof be affixed on the doors of this House, and the Senators summoned; and that the said Amanda Esther Davis may be heard by her Counsel at the second reading to make out the truth of the allegations of the said Bill, and that Joseph De Sola may have a copy of the said Bill, and that notice be given to him of the said second reading, or sufficient proof adduced of the impossibility of so doing, and that he be at liberty to be heard by Counsel what he may have to offer against the said Bill, at the same time; that the said Amanda Esther Davis do attend this House on the said twentieth day of February instant, in order to her being examined on the second reading of the said Bill, if the House shall think fit, whether there has or has not been any collusion directly or indirectly on her part relative to any act of adultery that may have been committed by her husband, or whether there be any collusion, directly or indirectly, between her and her husband, or any other person or persons, touching the said Bill of Divorce, also, whether at the time of the adultery of which she complains he was by deed or otherwise by her consent living separately and apart from and released by her, as far as in her lay, from his conjugal duty, or whether she was at the time of such adultery, cohabiting with him as her husband.

Which being objected to.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was, on a division, resolved in the affirmative.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid on the Table:—

By the Honorable Mr. Plumb,—Of the Canada Southern Railway and the Erie and Niagara Railway.

By the Honorable Mr. MacInnes,—Of Charles Strachan, and others, of Alpin; of William Sharmon, and others, of Erin; of Archibald Webster, and others, of Preston; and of James Young, and others, of Auburn, all of the Province of Ontario.

By the Honorable Mr. Scott,—Of Richard Arnold, and others, of Farmersville; of Ottawa Johnston, and others, of Hull, and Ottawa; of Henry Armstrong, and others, of Bath; of the Reverend J. H. Baillie, and others, of Woodmas, and Farran's Point; and of William J. Young, and others, of Osnabruck.

By the Honorable Mr. Reesor,—Of F. M. Macfie, and others, of Dunchurch; of Frederick W. Pratt, and others, of Weston; of Alfred Smith, and others, of Penetanguishene; and of John Gray, and others, of Coldwater, all in the Province of Ontario.

By the Honorable Mr. Plumb,—Of the Federal Bank of Canada and the Directors thereof; of the Canada Southern Railway, and the Provisional Directors of the