

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, 3rd May, 1897.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, a certificate of the election and return of Firman McClure, Esq., for the Electoral District of Colchester.

IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READINGS.

Bill (No. 23) to incorporate the Methodist Trust Fire Insurance Company.—(Mr. Britton.)

Bill (No. 27) to incorporate the Royal Victoria Life Insurance Company.—(Mr. Quinn.)

SECOND READINGS.

Bill (No. 76) to incorporate the British Pacific Railway Company.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Bill (No. 77) to incorporate the Hudson's Bay and Yukon Railways and Navigation Company.—(Mr. Oliver.)

Bill (No. 78) to amend the Act incorporating the Ontario Accident Insurance Company.—(Mr. Osler.)

Bill (No. 79) to incorporate the Dominion Portland Cement Company.—(Mr. Britton.)

Bill (No. 85) to incorporate the Hull, St. Louis Dam and Victoria Springs Railway Company.—(Mr. Landerkin, for Mr. Edwards.)

Bill (No. 87) to incorporate the Columbia River Bridge Company.—(Mr. Bostock.)

QUEBEC BRIDGE COMPANY.

Mr. Fiset (for Mr. Langelier) moved second reading of Bill (No. 80) respecting the Quebec Bridge Company.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I would like the hon. gentleman to explain this Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Langelier) who has the Bill in charge is not here.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I do not want to prevent the Bill getting a second reading, but we should know what it is about.

The PRIME MINISTER (Mr. Laurier). I presume that the object of moving the second reading is to give the Bill a stage. I do not myself know what the Bill is.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Is this to build a bridge across the St. Lawrence at Quebec?

The PRIME MINISTER. I have not read the Bill, and I do not know what it is.

Mr. LAURIER.

Mr. SPEAKER. The Bill is not printed, and the order had better stand.

MINING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Mr. MAXWELL moved second reading of Bill (No. 82) to incorporate the Mining Development and Advisory Corporation of British America (Limited).

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I would like to have the hon. member (Mr. Maxwell) explain this Bill.

Mr. MORRISON. I intended to have presented this Bill, but in my absence it was put on the Order paper by my hon. friend (Mr. Maxwell). I have not the Bill with me to-day, but I will be able to explain it later.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I suppose the hon. gentleman will be able, later, to tell us in general terms the object of this Bill.

Mr. MORRISON. Quite so.

Mr. SPEAKER. The order stands.

MYCENIAN MARBLE COMPANY.

Mr. ROSAMOND moved second reading of Bill (No. 83) to confer on the Commissioner of Patents certain powers for the relief of the Mycenian Marble Company of Canada (Limited).

Some hon. MEMBERS. Explain.

Mr. ROSAMOND. This is a Bill to empower the Commissioner of Patents to grant a patent to the above-named company; the time in which they could apply for the patent and pay the fees having elapsed through some neglect of the clerk.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the second time.

CONTINENTAL HEAT AND LIGHT COMPANY.

Mr. ROSAMOND moved second reading of Bill (No. 84) to incorporate the Continental Heat and Light Company.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I would like the hon. member to explain that Bill.

Mr. ROSAMOND. This is the usual Bill for a private company, granting the ordinary powers to enable the company to establish works for the lighting of cities and towns, and also for heating.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the second time.

LES CISTERCIENS REFORMES.

Mr. LaRIVIERE moved second reading of Bill (No. 88) to incorporate "Les Cisterciens Réformés."

Some hon. MEMBERS. Explain.