

HON. MR. CLEMOV—It shows the superiority of his legislation.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

HON. MR. McCALLUM moved that the Bill be referred to the Committee of Railways, Telegraphs and Harbors.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 4.45.

THE SENATE.

*Ottawa, Friday, 22nd February, 1889.*

The SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS.

HON. MR. GOWAN, from the Select Committee on Divorce, presented their first report upon the petition of William Henry Middleton.

The same was read by the Clerk.

HON. MR. MILLER—Is this the case on which there was a special report last Session?

HON. MR. GOWAN—Yes.

HON. MR. MILLER—Are these proceedings in accordance with that report?

HON. MR. GOWAN—Yes; entirely. I move the adoption of the report.

The motion was agreed to on a division.

HON. MR. GOWAN presented the second report of the Committee on Divorce on the petition of William Gordon Lowry.

The same was read in English at the table.

The Second Assistant Clerk proceeded to read the report in French.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE and others—Dispense!

HON. MR. GIRARD—I do not understand English very well, and I would like to know what this report contains. I do

not want to vote upon it without understanding the subject before the House.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—The reason why I called "dispense" was, that we do not meddle with these questions of divorce, and I thought it was imposing upon the House to take so much time in having the report read in both languages.

HON. MR. GIRARD—It is very true that we generally are opposed to divorce, but on some occasions we are called upon to vote on these questions, and I, for one, would like to know what I am voting on. In view of the duties we have to perform here I think I am only doing what is right in asking to be informed on what is going on, even in matters of divorce.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE.—At the time we asked for a translator in the House the hon. gentleman seemed so indifferent that I supposed he thought we might as well have everything in English in the Senate.

THE SPEAKER—The hon. gentleman is entitled to have the report read in French.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—No doubt.

The report was then read in French, and adopted.

HON. MR. TRUDEL—I would suggest, at the beginning of the Session, that we should continue to follow the usage in those matters, and adopt all these reports connected with divorce proceedings on a division.

HON. MR. GOWAN presented the third report of the Committee on Divorce on the petition of Bennett Rosamond, and moved its adoption.

The motion was agreed to.

HON. MR. GOWAN presented the fourth report of the Committee on Divorce on the petition of Arthur Wand, and moved its adoption.

The motion was agreed to.

HON. MR. GOWAN presented the fifth report of the Committee on Divorce on the petition of George McDonald Bagwell, and moved its adoption.

The motion was agreed to.