

PRAYERS.

The following petition was presented.

By the Honourable Senator Hugessen:—

Of Jules Robert Timmins and others of Montreal, Quebec, and one other of elsewhere; praying to be incorporated under the name of "Quebec North Shore and Labrador Railway Company".

The following petition was read and received:—

Of British Columbia Telephone Company; praying for the passing of an Act empowering it to increase its capital stock from eleven million dollars to twenty-five million dollars, and for other purposes.

The Honourable Senator Beauregard from the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, to whom was referred the Bill (8), intituled: "An Act to amend The Inspection and Sale Act, 1938," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the Senate with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the Senate would be pleased to receive the same.

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

1. *Page 1, lines 7 to 9 inclusive.* Delete paragraph (a) of clause 12A, and reletter subsequent paragraphs.
2. *Page 1, line 10.* After "means" delete "any" and insert "the scutched".
3. *Page 2, line 2.* For "proof" substitute "evidence".
4. *Page 2, line 5.* Delete "and without further proof thereof".
5. *Page 2, lines 14 and 15.* Delete "and not less than fifty dollars".
6. *Page 2, line 16.* Delete "such".

Ordered, That the said amendments be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk in the following words:—

Thursday, 13th February, 1947.

Resolved,—That a Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons be appointed to continue and complete the examination and consideration begun by a Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons, pursuant to a resolution of the House on May 13, 1946, and continued by a Commission under the Inquiries Act, appointed by Order in Council P.C. 3797, dated the 11th day of October, 1946, of the Indian Act, Chapter 98, R.S.C. 1927, and amendments thereto, and to suggest such amendments as they may deem advisable, with authority to investigate and report upon Indian administration in general and, in particular, the following matters:

1. Treaty rights and obligations.
2. Band membership.