

positories of the proceedings of this House. It would be a great mistake, an abnegation of the only means the House have, as representatives of the people, of obtaining a legitimate influence with the country, to stop these reports. In England the *Hansard* is sustained by private enterprise, but I believe if it were found that this were not sufficient to keep it up, the people of England would call upon the House to grant a sum of money for the purpose of having an official report of the proceedings of Parliament.

Hon. Mr. CAUCHON said they never supposed the report of the Committee would have been opposed. It was thought that by making a change in the organization of the staff they would get a better report. When he saw the danger that it would be opposed, he tried to get a quorum of the Committee together in order to continue the existing arrangement, but failed. He hoped the hon. gentleman would not oppose the motion.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON—I do object.

Hon. Mr. POPE thought he could convince the hon. member for Chateauguay that he was wrong in stating that the majority of the House was opposed to the *Hansard*. The hon. gentleman said he did not like to take the responsibility in this small House of allowing this thing to go on. He wished to assure the hon. gentleman that he had accepted a much graver responsibility. The House had decided that they should have the *Hansard*, and it was not right for that small House to reverse the decision. He was sure his hon. friend was wrong in taking the responsibility he did at the present time. Although he (Mr. Pope) was one of those opposed to the establishment of the *Hansard*, he would not do anything to prevent the carrying out of the expressed will of the House.

The point of order was sustained, and the House adjourned at 1.15 o'clock until 3 o'clock, at which hour the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod entered and informed the Speaker that His Excellency the Governor General requested the presence of the House in the Senate Chamber, to which the members repaired with the usual ceremony.

## BILLS ASSENTED TO.

The Commons being in attendance, The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the titles of the Bills to be passed severally as follows:—

An Act to provide for the appointment of Assistant Inspectors of Penitentiaries in Manitoba and British Columbia.

An Act to provide for the Salaries of County Court Judges in the Province of Nova Scotia, and for other purposes.

An Act to amend the Criminal Laws relating to Violence, Threats and Molestation.

An Act respecting the Intercolonial Railway.

An Act to make more effectual Provision for the Administration of the Law relating to Corrupt Practices at Elections of Members of the House of Commons.

An Act to authorize the Shareholders of "The Union Permanent Building and Savings' Society" to change the name of the said Society to that of "The Union Loan and Savings Company."

An Act to authorize the Shareholders of "The Provincial Permanent Building and Savings Society" to change the name of the said Society to that of "The Provincial Loan and Savings Company."

An Act to extend the Acts respecting Dominion Notes to the Provinces of Prince Edward Island, British Columbia and Manitoba.

An Act to amend the Railway Act, 1868.

An Act to provide for the payment of a Temporary Grant to the Province of Manitoba.

An Act to extend the Acts therein mentioned, respecting Weights and Measures, and the Inspection of Gas and Gas Meters, to Prince Edward Island.

An Act to supply an omission in the Act 37 Victoria, chapter 42, extending certain Criminal Laws of Canada to British Columbia.

An Act to amend the Acts therein mentioned, respecting the Militia and the Defence of the Dominion of Canada.

An Act to provide for the more effectual enquiry into the existence of Corrupt Practices at Elections of Members of the House of Commons.