

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Orphans' Home of the City of *Ottawa*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Warehousing Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill respecting the Canadian Land and Emigration Company (limited), being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Quebec* Marine Insurance Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to naturalize *Lewis White Ashley* and others, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Mr. *Currier* moved, seconded by Mr. *Wood*, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Currier*, the Honorable Mr. *Carling*, Mr. *Robitaille*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Ross* (*Champlain*), Mr. *Ferguson* (*Frontenac*), Mr. *Morris*, the Honorable Mr. *McDougall*, Mr. *Wright* (*Ottawa*), Mr. *Shanly*, and Mr. *Cartwright*, be appointed to enquire into the feasibility of regulating the supply of water in the *Rideau* Canal, and to the Mills thereon, by means of Retaining Dams on sundry Lakes, being the head-waters of the *Rideau* River.

Mr. *Morris* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Cartwright*, That the words "and also, of considering the practicability of, and the advantages that would arise from, the opening up of the navigation between these Lakes and the *Rideau* Canal," be added at the end thereof.

And the Question being put, That those words be there added:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Currier*, the Honorable Mr. *Carling*, Mr. *Robitaille*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Ross* (*Champlain*), Mr. *Ferguson* (*Frontenac*), Mr. *Morris*, the Honorable Mr. *McDougall*, Mr. *Wright* (*Ottawa*), Mr. *Shanly*, and Mr. *Cartwright*, be appointed to enquire into the feasibility of regulating the supply of water in the *Rideau* Canal and to the Mills thereon, by means of Retaining Dams on sundry Lakes, being the head-waters of the *Rideau* River; and also, of considering the practicability of, and the advantages that would arise from, the opening up of the navigation between these Lakes and the *Rideau* Canal, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie* (*Lambton*), seconded by Mr. *McKellar*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Contractors for the Public Buildings at *Ottawa*, regarding a settlement of accounts on the first contracts; and also, Copies of all