

The Honorable Mr. Read, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their Third Report.

Ordered, That it be received.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

THE SENATE,

COMMITTEE ROOM, No. 8,

THURSDAY, 5th February, 1885.

The Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honor to make their Third Report.

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions and find that Rule 72 has been complied with in each case ;

Of Amanda Esther Davis, of the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec ; praying for the passing of an Act to dissolve her marriage with Joseph DeSola ; and  
Of Charles Smith, of the Village of Campbellford, in the Province of Ontario ; praying for the passing of an Act to dissolve his marriage with Mahala Mevilda Zufelt.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT. READ,

*Acting Chairman.*

The Honorable Mr. Read presented to the House,—Bill intituled: " An Act for the relief of Charles Smith."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

The Honorable Mr. Read moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Stevens,

That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday, the twentieth day of February instant, and that notice thereof be affixed on the doors of this House, and the Senators summoned ; and that the said Charles Smith may be heard by his Counsel at the second reading to make out the truth of the allegations of the said Bill, and that Mahala Zufelt or Smith may have a copy of the said Bill, and that notice be given to her of the said second reading, or sufficient proof adduced of the impossibility of so doing, and that she be at liberty to be heard by Counsel what she may have to offer against the said Bill, at the same time ; that the said Charles Smith do attend this House on the said twentieth day of February instant in order to his being examined on the second reading of the said Bill, if the House shall think fit, whether there has or has not been any collusion directly or indirectly on his part relative to any act of adultery that may have been committed by his wife, or whether there be any collusion, directly or indirectly, between him and his wife, or any other person or persons, touching the said Bill of Divorce, or touching any action at law which may have been brought by him against any person for criminal conversation with her, the said wife of the said Charles Smith, and also whether at the time of the adultery of which he complains she was by deed or otherwise by his consent living separately and apart from and released by him, as far as in him lay, from her conjugal duty, or whether she was at the time of such adultery cohabiting with him, and under the protection and authority of him as her husband.

Which being objected to,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was, on a division, resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented their First Report, recommending the reduction of the Quorum to Nine Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Plumb, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Benson, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.