PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table:-

By the Honorable Mr. MacInnes (Burlington), -Of Samuel May, of the City of Toronto.

By the Honorable Mr. Read (Quinté), -Of C. A. Myers, and others, of the Village of Morrisburg.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were severally read :-

Of the Honorable W. E. Sanford, and others, of Hamilton and elsewhere; praying to be incorporated as "The Saskatchewan Colonization Railway Company."

Of George.W. Yarker and others; praying to be incorporated as "The York

County Bank."

Of the Board of Trade, of the City of Toronto; praying for the passing of an Act increasing their powers of holding land; increasing their borrowing powers; confirming a certain agreement with their debenture holders; giving them further powers with regard to their debentures and the purposes for which they are issued; and that section seven of "The Act respecting Interest" shall not apply to debentures or securities issued by them; -and

Of the Port Arthur, Duluth and Western Railway Company; praying for an Act extending the time for the completion of their works; giving them power to receive bonuses in aid of their work; empowering them to build certain branch lines and enlarging their bonding powers.

The Honorable Mr. Dickey, from the Select Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbors, presented their First Report, recommending the reduction of the Quorum to Nine Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Dickey, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Miller,

it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Vidal, seconded by the Honorable Mr. MacInnes

(Burlington), it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. Read (Quinté), from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Senate, presented their First Report, recommending the reduction of their Quorum to Nine Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Read (Quinté), seconded by the Honorable Mr.

Girard, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. Howlan, from the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their First Report, recommending the reduction of their Quorum to Mine Nembers.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Howlan, seconded by the Honorable Mr.

McMillan, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. Howlan, from the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their Second Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and the same was then read, as follows:-

COMMITTEE ROOM No. 8, Wednesday, 22nd January, 1890.

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