

Tuesday, 9th April, 1878.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the Bill respecting the *Ontario Express* and Transportation Company, and have agreed to report the same, with amendments.

On motion of Mr. *Young*, seconded by Mr. *Holton*,

*Resolved*, That it is desirable that any witness to be examined by the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, in connection with the expenditure of public money by the purveyors of the Government in the North-West, should be examined on oath.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Laflamme* have leave to bring in Bill respecting persons imprisoned in default of giving sureties to keep the peace.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Holton*, seconded by Mr. *Young*,

*Ordered*, That the Bill from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to confer certain powers on the *Montreal* Building Association by the name of 'The *Montreal* Investment and Building Company,'" be now read the first time.

The Bill was accordingly read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read, for the third reading of the Bill respecting the offices of Receiver General and Attorney General of *Canada*;

On motion of Mr. *Laflamme*, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*,

*Ordered*, That the said Order be discharged; and that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, with an instruction that they have power to amend the same by substituting the following in lieu of the fifth section: "The Governor in Council may, from time to time, make regulations providing for such control by the Attorney General over any person on the staff of the Department of Justice, as shall seem requisite for the execution of the duties of the Attorney General's office."

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Macdougall* (*Elgin*) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, as amended, be now taken into consideration.

The amendment made to the Bill was then twice read and agreed to.

And the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Mitchell* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Bowell*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words "it be resolved, That this House while approving of the abolition of the office of Receiver General as a step in the direction of retrenchment, is of opinion that the creation of an additional office in the Department of Justice, entails upon the country an unnecessary charge and expense, not justifiable by the requirements of the public service; and therefore this Bill be referred back to a Committee of the whole House, with instructions to strike out all the clauses relating to the Department of Justice," inserted instead thereof.