

PRAYERS.

The Honourable Mr. McDonald (C.B.), from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, to whom was referred the Bill (13) intituled: "An Act respecting the Hamilton Powder Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. MacInnes (Burlington), seconded by the Honourable Sir John Carling, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. Macdonald (Victoria), from the Standing Committee on the Restaurant, presented their First Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

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

THE SPEAKER'S CHAMBERS,

FRIDAY, 25th September, 1896.

The Standing Committee on the Restaurant have the honour to report that in accordance with the Order of Reference made by Your Honourable House on Tuesday, the 15th instant, "That the question of the sale of intoxicating beverages within the precincts of the Senate be referred to the Committee on the Restaurant, to consider and report upon at their earliest convenience," they have taken the same into consideration and submit the following:—

That the Restaurant is necessary for the convenience of His Honour the Speaker and Members;

That there is no Bar in the common acceptation of the term—merely a small store-room for wines and other beverages;

That clause 10 of the contract with the Caterer which provides that the Restaurant is to be used only by the Senators and such other persons as have been approved of by the Speaker and the Committee, and excludes from it all other persons, has been substantially complied with, and that the Committee intend to enforce strictly the said tenth clause of the contract;

That the Rule prohibiting the sale of wines and other beverages to any one not a Member of Parliament will be strictly enforced.

The Committee recommend that no wines or other beverages be served to any one after 12 o'clock midnight and that the Restaurant and Wine Room be closed at that hour.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. MACDONALD,

Chairman.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Macdonald (Victoria), seconded by the Honourable Mr. Allan, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the Senate on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. Poirier called the attention of the Government to a letter published by one Mr. Gualco, in the Montreal *Star* of the 21st instant, in which it is stated that 579 Canadians were shipped to Brazil, per steamer "Moravia," on the 15th of this month;

And inquired whether or not it is the intention of the Government to enact during the present Session such legislation as will to some extent protect or secure the indemnification of our people so induced to go abroad, in case the representations made by emigration agents are not fulfilled?

Debated.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, with a Bill (15) intituled: "An Act amalgamating the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway Company and the Parry Sound Colonization Railway Company under the name of the