

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, with a Bill intituled: "An Act to impose License Duties on Compounders of Spirits; to amend the Act respecting the Inland Revenue, and to prevent the Adulteration of Food, Drink and Drugs," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Letellier de St. Just*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

*Ordered*, That the Forty-second Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to the said Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House presently.

The House according to Order was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *McClelan*, from the said Committee, reported that they had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the said Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of this House.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Law relating to Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

*Ordered*, That the Forty-second Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to the said Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

A message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, with a Bill intituled: "An Act to provide for the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of Honorable Mr. *Scott*; seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Le Tellier de St. Just* it was

*Ordered*, That the same be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Vidal*, from the Select Committee, appointed to examine and report upon the several Petitions presented to the Senate, praying for the enactment of a law to prohibit the traffic in intoxicating liquors,—presented their Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and

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

The Select Committee, to whom were referred the several Petitions presented to the Senate, praying for the enactment of a law to prohibit the traffic in intoxicating liquors in the Dominion,—beg leave to submit the following as their report thereon.

The Petitions which have been referred to your Committee number 993, and have attached to them 349,294 signatures, being ten times the number of those of last year; 147 of the petitions are from Municipal Councils, and 9 from other representative bodies, each acting for a considerable number of persons; it is therefore obvious that the aggregate number of signatures mentioned would have to be largely increased, probably to 500,000, in order to convey an approximate idea of the vast number of individuals who plead for a prohibitory law. Among the representative petitions there is one from the