PRIVATE BILL OFFICE, 20th February, 1865.

The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honor to present the

following as their Ninth Report.

Your Committee have examined the Petition of The Canadian Engine and Machinery Company, praying for a new Act of Incorporation under the Joint Stock Companies Clauses

Consolidation Act, and find the Notice sufficient.

Your Committee have also examined the following Petitions of the St. Lawrence Dock and Wharfage Company, praying for power to issue preferential shares and for other purposes; of F. H. Medcalf and others, of the Georgian Bay Canal Company, praying for certain amendments to the Act of Incorporation of the said Company; and of Morris C. Luty and others, of the Town of Galt, praying for power to construct a Railroad from Doon to Galt, and thence to some point on the line of the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway Company, as shall be found most expedient, and find the Notice given too general, which Notice covers amendments of a general nature only; but inasmuch as it will be competent for them, as Committee on Private Bills, to provide that no injury to any party shall arise therefrom, they therefore recommend the suspension of the 53rd Rule in each case.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. FERGUSSON BLAIR, Chairman

The Honorable Mr. Price, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to regulate the Inspection of Raw Hides and "Leather," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and the said amendments were then read

by the Clerk.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Price, seconded by the Honorable Mr. A. J. Du-

chesnay, it was

Ordered, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

On motion of the Honorable Sir E. P. Taché, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Campbell, it was

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Wilson be added to the Committee on Banking and Commerce for the present Session.

On motion of the Honorable Sir E. P. Taché, seconded by the Honorable Mr.

Campbell, it was

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Wilson be added to the Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session.

The Honorable Mr. Proulx presented to the House a Bill intituled: "An Act re"specting Local Municipalities in Lower Canada situate partly in the Seigniories and
"partly in the Townships."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act further to amend the "Law respecting Mutual Insurance Companies in Upper Canada," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that
House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.