The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:-

THE SENATE,

COMMITTEE ROOM, No. 2, 16th February, 1883.

The Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Senate for the present Session, beg leave to make their First Report, as follows:—

Your Committee recommend that Mr. Peter Miller, Second English Clerk and Clerk of Routine and Proceedings, be appointed to the office of First English Clerk and Clerk of the English Journals, the said office being vacant.

Your Committee also recommend that the number of Pages to be employed in

the Senate be fixed at five.

Your Committee also recommend that the services of Frank Phillips, at present employed as a Page in the Senate, be dispensed with; and that he be paid the expenses incurred by him in coming from and returning to his home, as well as his salary to the date of the adoption of this Report.

Your Committee also recommend that Jean A. Choquette, Robert Graburn, Gerald

Fitzgerald and Alphonse Duhamel, be appointed Pages.

Your Committee also recommend that the Quorum of your Committee be reduced to nine Members.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT READ,

Chairman.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Read, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Miller, it was

Ordered, That the House do take the said Report into consideration on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. Bellerose, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their First Report recommending the reduction of the Quorum to nine Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Bellerose, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Armand, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

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

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:-

THE SENATE,

COMMITTEE ROOM,

FRIDAY, 16th February, 1883.

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

Your Committee recommend that the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended to Thursday, the 1st day of March next.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Jos. H. Bellerose, Chairman.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Bellerose, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Armand, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.