Then the Honourable Mr. Clemow presented the Petition of Annie Inkson Dowding, of the City of Hamilton, in the County of Wentworth, in the Province of Ontario, and The same was laid on the Table.

The Honourable Mr. Baker, from the Standing Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours, presented their First Report. Ordered, That it be received, and

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

THE SENATE,

COMMITTEE ROOM No. 8. FRIDAY, 24th March, 1899.

The Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours beg leave to make their First Report, as follows:-

Your Committee recommend that their Quorum be reduced to Nine (9) Members.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE B. BAKER, Chairman.

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

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, from the Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts, presented their First Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

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

THE SENATE.

COMMITTEE ROOM No. 2,

FRIDAY, 24th March, 1899.

The Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts beg leave to make their First Report, as follows :--

Your Committee recommend that their Quorum be reduced to Nine (9) Members.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. N. KIRCHHOFFER.

Chairman.

On motion of the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Ferguson, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honourable Mr. Bellerose, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented their First Report. Ordered, That it be received, and

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

THE SENATE,

COMMITTEE ROOM No. 8, FRIDAY, 24th March, 1899.

The Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills have the honour to make their First Report, as follows ----

Your Committee recommend that their Quorum be reduced to Nine (9) Members. All which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. H. BELLEROSE, Acting Chairman.