

By the Honorable Mr. Northwood,—Of Walter Doolittle, and others, of Jaffa; of the Reverend C. W. Cosens, and others, of Jarvis and Cheapside; and of James A. Smith, and others, of Port Colborne, all of the Province of Ontario.

By the Honorable Sir Alexander Campbell,—Of the Rev. William Hall, M.A., and others, of Gananoque, all of the Province of Ontario.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were severally read:—

Of Thomas Campbell, and others, of Clydesdale; of the Reverend Charles Mearning, and others, of Plevna; of Samuel M. Herron, and others, of Gelert; of S. S. Peck, and others, of Minden; of Robert Powell, and others, of Brampton; of Benjamin Slack, and others, of Williamstown; of George J. Huxtable, and others, of Chesterville; of the Reverend W. L. Fishburn, and others, of North Williamsburg; and of Adam Burwash, and others, of Dominionville; severally praying that no alteration be made in The Canada Temperance Act, 1878, lessening its prohibitory character or making it more difficult of adoption or enforcement, and also for the passing of a law prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale for beverage purposes of intoxicating liquors.

Of the Quebec Board of Trade, and others, merchants, of Quebec; and of the Board of Trade of the City of Montreal, praying for the passing of an Act providing for the equitable distribution of the estates of insolvent debtors.

The Honorable Mr. Dickey, from the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbors, presented their First Report, recommending the reduction of the Quorum to nine Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Dickey, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Archibald, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Read, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Stevens, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

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

Ordered, That it be received.

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

THE SENATE,
COMMITTEE ROOM, No. 8,
THURSDAY, 5th February, 1885.

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 Nineteenth instant.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ROBT. READ,
Acting Chairman.

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

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