

By the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, K.C.M.G. :—

7 February 9—That he will move :—

1. That the establishment of a telegraph cable across the Pacific to connect Canada with the Australasian Colonies<sup>†</sup> has long been regarded as of high importance to the Empire; it having been recognized to be of Imperial importance at the Colonial Conferences of 1887 and 1894, affirmed by an agreement between the Home Government and the Governments of Canada, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, and New Zealand, and ratified by the Canadian Parliament last session; this House therefore regrets, that serious delays have occurred in the prosecution of the undertaking, manifestly through the hostility of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, which Company is now demanding concessions from the Australasian Colonies which, if granted, will imperil the success of the Pacific Cable.

2. That this House is of opinion that any further delay in proceeding with the actual construction of the undertaking would be inimical to the interests of the Empire, and strongly deprecates granting any further concessions to the Eastern Extension, or any other company.

3. That it is expedient in granting permission<sup>‡</sup> hereafter to private companies to lay cables between British possessions, it be on the express condition that the State may assume ownership whenever in the general public interest it is advisable to do so.

By the Honourable Mr. Ferguson :—

8 February 9—That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General; praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before the Senate, copies of all notices issued by the I. C. Ry. since May, 1896, calling for tenders for the supply of oil for the said railway, and also, copies of all tenders received in reply to said advertisement and contracts entered into as a result of such call for tenders.

2. A Return showing the car mileage on the I. C. Ry. for the year ended the 31st day of October, 1899.

3. Also, a Return showing the total amount paid for oils for the I. C. Ry. for the year ended the 31st day of October, 1899, giving the names of the parties to whom such payments were made.

## ORDER OF THE DAY.

NOTE.—The letters E. F. denote those printed and distributed in both languages when the Orders of the Day were printed; E. printed in English, F. printed in French.

For Thursday, 1st March, 1900.

1 February 9—Second Reading (Bill A) An Act for the relief of Edwin James Cox.—  
(Hon. Mr. Loughheed.)—E. F.