

By having copies of all petitions and bills deposited before the session, and in the hands of the public departments, the government would find their present work much lessened.

This memorandum is merely suggestive, and the writer would recommend that, in case it is deemed expedient to consider the whole question practically, a joint committee be formed in the Houses at the beginning of next session, and that the initiation be taken by the Senate in the form of some such motion as the following :—

“ That a Committee composed of the Honourable Messrs.

be appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Commons to consider whether any facilities can be given for the discharge of business in Parliament, especially in relation to private bill legislation.

“ That the said Resolution be communicated to the House of Commons.”

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Clerk of the Commons.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, OTTAWA,
January 12th, 1891.