

Your Committee beg leave to recommend that their Quorum be reduced to seven Members.

They would also call the attention of Your Honorable House to the fact, that the time limited for the reception of Petitions for Private Bills expires this day; and as there is reason to believe that there are several Petitions yet to come in, they recommend an extension, for one week, of the time limited for receiving Petitions, Private Bills, and Reports thereon respectively.

*Ordered*, That the Quorum of the said Committee be reduced to seven Members.

Mr. *Brousseau*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee respectfully recommend that their Quorum be reduced to seven Members.

*Ordered*, That the Quorum of the said Committee be reduced to seven Members.

The Honorable Sir *Francis Hincks*, from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee recommend that their Quorum be reduced to nine Members.

*Ordered*, That the Quorum of the said Committee be reduced to nine Members.

The Honorable Sir *Francis Hincks*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee recommend that their Quorum be reduced to nine Members.

*Ordered*, That the Quorum of the said Committee be reduced to nine Members.

Mr. *MacFarlane*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the Notices given on the following Petitions, and find them sufficient, viz. :—Of *Wm. Scott* and others, for incorporation of the *Detroit* River Bridge or Tunnel Company,—Of *John R. Martin*, for a Divorce from his wife,—And of the Diocesan Synod of *Nova Scotia*, for power to the Provincial Synod of *Canada* to admit the Representatives of any Diocese in the Dominion.

On the Petition of *Samuel W. Foster* and others, for incorporation of the *Montreal, Boston, and New York* Railway Company, your Committee find that no notice was given; they have ascertained, however, that the petitioners applied first to the Local Legislature of *Quebec*, and gave all such notices as are usually required by the Rules of Your Honorable House in such cases, but their application failed through some technical informality. On subsequent consideration the Petitioners came to the conclusion that the proposed Railway would come properly within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of the Dominion, as it would form a connecting-link between portions of the international Railway system, and they have accordingly made application to Your Honorable House; and they ask that the notice given by them for the *Quebec* Legislature may be deemed sufficient to meet the requirements of Your Honorable House. Your Committee have had abundant evidence that all parties likely to be affected are fully informed of the application, and there appears to be no opposition; they therefore beg to recommend a suspension of the 51st Rule in this case.

On motion of Mr. *MacFarlane*, seconded by Mr. *Harrison*,

*Ordered*, That the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended to