

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 beg to recommend a reduction of their Quorum 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 Banking and Commerce, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee beg to recommend a reduction of their Quorum to Seven Members.
Ordered, That the Quorum of the said Committee be reduced to Seven Members.

Ordered, That *Mr. MacFarlane* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend "The Railway Act, 1868," and extend the same.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday next.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate informing their Honors That this House will unite with them in the formation of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the subject of the Printing of Parliament ; and that the Members of the Select Standing Committee on Printing, viz. :—Messieurs *Beaty, Bellerose, Bourassa, Bowell, Brousseau, Ferguson*, Honorable *Mr. Howe*, Messieurs *McDonald (Lunenburg), Mackenzie, Simard, Stephenson*, and *Young*, will act as Members of the said Joint Committee on Printing.

Ordered, That *Mr. Young* do carry the said Message to the Senate.

Ordered, That *Mr. Harrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the right of appeal in Criminal Cases.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time, To-morrow.

Ordered, That *Mr. Blake* have leave to bring in a Bill securing the Independence of the Senate.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time, To-morrow.

The Honorable *Sir John A. Macdonald*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, delivered to *Mr. Speaker*, a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by *Mr. Speaker*, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth :—

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,—

I receive with satisfaction the Address you have loyally voted in answer to the Speech with which I opened the Session, and I rely on your promise to devote mature attention to the various subjects to be submitted for your consideration.

LISGAR.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 23rd February, 1871.

The Honorable *Sir John A. Macdonald*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, laid before the House,—Further correspondence between the Imperial Government and the Government of the Dominion, and other documents, relating to the Fisheries. (*Sessional Papers No. 12.*)