

Of Thomas Dunnet and others, of the City of Toronto, Ontario ; praying for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Sovereign Life Assurance Company of Canada.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of Halton, and of the Municipal Council of the County of York, all of Ontario ; severally praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the appointment of a Railway Commission.

Of the Municipal Council of the Township of Nelson, County of Halton, Ontario ; praying for the passing of an Act making railway companies liable for any damage done to cattle getting on their lines of railway from want of proper cattle-guards and fences.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of Halton, Ontario ; praying that steps be taken to lessen the liability to accidents at railway crossings.

George Riley, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Victoria, B.C., having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and ordered for a second reading to-morrow :—

By Mr. Maclean :—Bill No. 2, an Act respecting Telephone Companies ;—and

By Mr. Lancaster :—Bill No. 3, an Act to amend the Railway Act.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Campbell, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his Gracious Speech at the opening of the present session ; and, further, to assure His Excellency that—

1. We unite with His Excellency, at the commencement of another Session of Parliament, in expressing the deep sense of our gratitude to Divine Providence for the many blessings which Canada has received during the past year, and particularly for the exceptionally bountiful harvest in Manitoba and the North-west Territories.

2. We receive with much pleasure His Excellency's expression of gratification at the cordial reception tendered by all classes of the people to the Prince and Princess of Wales, on the occasion of their visit in September and October last, the only regrettable feature being the limited time at their disposal, which prevented their visiting many important centres of population ; and we are happy to know that their Royal Highnesses enjoyed their tour through Canada and carried away the most pleasant recollections of their visit to this part of the Empire.

3. We have shared the feeling of sympathy and sorrow which the assassination of President McKinley has elicited throughout the civilized world, and we are glad to be informed that, though Canada has happily so far been free from crimes of this character, the close proximity to the United States may make it advisable to join our efforts to the efforts of the United States and other nations and to provide by legislation for the adequate punishment of those who, either by speech or writing, incite fanatics to the perpetration of such horrible crimes.

4. We are pleased to learn that the returns of the late census will be laid before us and that, while the absolute increase in the number of population is not so great as might have been expected, the evidences of growth in wealth and in the general tokens of prosperous development are highly satisfactory ; and also that there is good reason to believe that the increase of population during the latter half of the decade has been very greatly in excess of the average of former years and that in the near future we may look for a much more rapid growth than occurred during the period covered by the last two censuses.

5. We learn with great satisfaction that, application having been made by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for approval of an increase of its capital, to meet the demand for additional rolling stock and other improved facilities for handling the growing traffic, His Excellency's Ministers availed themselves of the opportunity