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PRAYERS.

The Clerk of the House laid upon the Table the Forty-second Report of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he had examined the following petition presented on the 16th instant by Mr. Coldwell, viz:—

Of John Beckett, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and 256,282 others, praying that the Old Age Pensions Act be amended:

1. to provide pensions of not less than fifty dollars per month at age sixty-five,
2. to eliminate the Means Test,
3. to provide, in addition to the basic pension, a cost-of-living supplement, invalidity supplement, and free medical, dental, optical and hospital care, and
4. to provide that all such pensions be paid in full from the Dominion Treasury.

Although this petition prays for an increase in Old Age Pensions, I submit that the Governor General having already recommended that the scope of the Old Age Pensions Act be amended to increase the amounts to be paid, the constitutional rule that petitions asking for an expenditure of public money are irregular does not apply in this case.

I find that all the requirements of Standing Order 68 have been complied with.

Mr. Pouliot moved,—That the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House on May 14, last, be now concurred in.

After Debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.