

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table :—

By the Honourable Mr. Clemow,—Of Hewitt Bostock, M.P., and others; and of H. N. Bate & Sons and others, of the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario.

By the Honourable Mr. Bellerose,—Of the Montreal Island Belt Line Railway Company.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were severally read :—

Of John E. Hardman, of the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, and others, of elsewhere; praying to be incorporated under the name of "The Canadian Mining Institute."

Of the Municipality of Archie, in the Province of Manitoba; praying that the Great North-West Central Railway Company may be compelled to comply with the conditions of their Charter and extend the line without further delay;—and

Of Henry O'Hara and others, of the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario; praying to be incorporated under the name of "The Prudential Life Assurance Company of Canada."

The Honourable Mr. Baker, from the Standing Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours, to whom was referred the Bill (30) intituled: "An Act respecting the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Casgrain, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Clemow, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. Allan, from the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, to whom was referred the Bill (43) intituled: "An Act respecting the Board of Trade of the City of Toronto," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Cox, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Snowball, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

The Honourable Sir John Carling, from the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, presented their First Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, and it is as follows :—

FRIDAY, 25th March, 1898.

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, beg leave to present the following as their First Report.

The Committee carefully examined the following documents and recommend that they be printed, viz. :—

21c. Return to an Order of the House of the 3rd May, 1897, for a return showing : (1.) Each contract for carrying the mails cancelled since 7th July, 1896, showing the locality covered by each contract and the county and province in which situated.

(2.) The name of each contractor.

(3.) The price of each contract at the time of cancellation.

(4.) If new contracts entered into, the contract price of each new contract.

(5.) The reason for the cancellation of each contract.—(*Sessional Papers.*)

30. Report of Mr. W. T. Jennings, C.E., on Routes to the Yukon, reprinted with maps.—(*Sessional Papers.*)

30a. Return showing the approximate amount of Gold taken out of the Yukon District from 1886 to 1897, inclusive.—(*Sessional Papers.*)

30b. Return, copies of the following papers :—

(1.) Particulars of the standard and gauge of the Kaslo and Slocan Railway.