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PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk of the House had laid upon the Table the Nineteenth Report of the Clerk of Petitions, which was read as follows:

The Clerk of Petitions has the honour to report that he has examined the petition of Carl Hamilton of the City of Ottawa, presented on March 3rd by Mr. Howard, and finds that:

It is not in the form required by the Standing Orders and practice of this House since the signature of the petitioner does not appear on the same page as the prayer.

For that reason the Clerk of Petitions has the honour to submit that the said petition should not be received.

RULING BY MR. SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker: In accordance with the rules of the House, if it is reported that a petition does not comply with the rules it cannot be received.

And the honourable Member for Skeena (Mr. Howard) having raised a point of order to the effect that Standing Order 70(6) applied only in cases where there were three or more petitioners;

Mr. Speaker: I am not sure that I have the authority to authorize the acceptance of a petition that has been reported on unfavourably by the Clerk of Petitions whose duty it is to certify to the House whether or not the petition