

PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS.

TIME FOR RECEIVING EXTENDED.

HON. MR. DICKEY—I may be excused for reminding the House that the time for presenting petitions for Private Bills has been limited to the 19th inst., the day before we meet again. I observe in the House of Commons the time is limited to the 20th inst. It will be necessary to provide for this emergency by extending the time to the same day, or later.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—The time for receiving Private Bills has been enlarged to the 26th, and the time for receiving petitions might be extended to the same day.

THE SPEAKER—You cannot make a motion of that kind, except on a recommendation from the Private Bills Committee, without a suspension of the 18th rule.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—Why should we suspend the rule since in the House of Commons they have given notice that they will not extend the time beyond the 20th? Why should persons who wish to present petitions for Private Bills, and who have not done so, be given any further extension of time?

HON. MR. DICKEY—Why should parties who come here for justice be deprived of an opportunity of presenting petitions because this House chooses to adjourn for a week?

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL moved that the 18th rule be suspended, and that the time for receiving petitions for Private Bills be extended to the 26th inst.

The motion was agreed to.

SESSIONS OF COMMITTEES DURING ADJOURNMENT.

ENQUIRY.

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE—Respecting the sessions of Joint Committees, it seems to me that some inconvenience may be caused, unless the Printing Committee, for example, can sit during the

adjournment, because at this period of the session documents are accumulating very fast, and there should be no delay in having them dealt with.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—They do not need to obtain leave from the House to meet.

THE SPEAKER—The Committees of this House can meet during the adjournment.

The Senate adjourned at 4 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Friday, February 20th, 1885.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock p. m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE SMITH DIVORCE BILL.

SECOND READING.

The order of the day having been read for the

Second Reading of Bill (B) for the relief of Charles Smith, and the Petitioner do attend at the Bar and be heard by Counsel,

THE SPEAKER said: I have received from the Clerk of the House a telegram which I desire to read to the Senate. It is as follows:

“WOODVILLE JUNCTION,
“ Feby. 19th, 1885.

EDWARD J. LANGEVIN, }
Clerk of the Senate. }

“Have only to-day received copy of Bill for the relief of Charles Smith. Want the hearing adjourned for one week. I will appear in person or by counsel then.

“MAHALA MORILDA SEUFFELL.”

The name is not properly signed, but I presume this telegram is from the respondent in this case. I do not suppose it will affect the second reading of the Bill to-day.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—Where is Woodville Junction?