

Under these circumstances the House cannot receive the petition.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—Under the ruling of the Speaker, no motion is necessary.

HON. MR. DEBOUCHERVILLE—Then, with the permission of the House, I will withdraw my motion.

THIRD READINGS.

The following bills reported from the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbors without amendment, were read the third time and passed without debate:—

Bill (43) "An Act to incorporate the Niagara Falls Bridge Company." (Mr. McCallum.)

Bill (57) "An Act to incorporate the Prescott County Railway Company." (Mr. Clemow.)

Bill (75) "An Act respecting the Midland Railway Company of Canada." (Mr. Ferrier.)

Bill (74) "An Act respecting the Grand Trunk, Georgian Bay and Lake Erie Railway Company." (Mr. Ferrier.)

Bill (82) "An Act to incorporate the Oshawa Railway and Navigation Company." (Mr. Read.)

Bill (49) "An Act to incorporate the Upper Columbia Railway Company." (Mr. Macdonald B. C.)

Bill (63) "An Act to incorporate the Kingston, Smiths Falls and Ottawa Railway Company." (Mr. Clemow.)

Bill (67) "An Act to incorporate the Massawippi Junction Railway Company." (Mr. Stevens.)

SOUTH NORFOLK RAILWAY COMPANY.

THIRD READING.

HON. MR. DICKEY, from the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbors, reported Bill (66) "An Act to incorporate the South Norfolk Railway Company," with an amendment.

THE SPEAKER.

He said: I might explain, with regard to this amendment, that it is to strike out two lines of the latter part of the third section, which gives to provisional directors all the powers of directors. As we have always eliminated such provisions as that, these words were struck out so as to leave them with the power of provisional directors only.

The amendment was concurred in.

HON. MR. McCALLUM moved the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time as amended and passed.

TEMISCOUATA RAILWAY COMPANY'S BILL.

THIRD READING.

HON. MR. DICKEY, from the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbors, reported Bill (81) "An Act to confirm and amend the charter of incorporation of the Temiscouata Railway Company."

He said:—This amendment is intended to correct a serious mistake in the description of the route of the railway. It occurred in this way: The Bill empowers the Company to build a branch from Edmonton, in the Province of New Brunswick, to a point at the mouth of the St. Francis river. There are two St. Francis rivers, one in New Brunswick, emptying into the river St. John, and the other in Quebec emptying into the river St. Lawrence: The Bill as it came before us gave the impression that both were in the Province of Quebec, and was worded in such a way that the branch was to be made at the mouth of St. Francis river Quebec; but it was found, on examining the map, and from the local knowledge brought to bear on it by the Committee, that it was intended to be the St. Francis, emptying into the St. John river near Edmonton, and the Bill was amended in that way, so as not to require the company to build a branch from Edmonton back again to the mouth of the St. Francis which