

Mr. McKELLAR moved that the report be concurred in. Carried.

PRIVATE BILLS.

Mr HENRY SMITH presented a report from the Private Bills Committee, recommending that the quorum be reduced to nine members. He moved that the said report be concurred in. Carried.

FIRST READINGS.

Mr HENRY SMITH introduced a Bill to incorporate the Ontario College at Picton. He reminded the house that, under the rules of the House of Commons, which were now in force here, the Bill would now go as a matter of course to the Private Bills Committee. He might mention also that he thought the fee formerly required for Private Bills, \$100, was excessive. This had included the expense of printing in both languages, which was no longer necessary. He thought \$50 or \$60 would be sufficient.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD said he would take early measures for having rules adopted for the guidance of this house.

Hon. Mr. WOOD introduced a Bill to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Ontario of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the subordinate branches under its jurisdiction.

Mr. McKELLAR introduced a Bill intitled "The Erie and Niagara Railway Extension Act."

Hon. Mr. WOOD introduced a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Wellington Grey and Bruce Railway Company.

Mr. WILLIAMS (Durham) introduced a Bill to amend an Act of the Legislature of Canada, to vest certain real estate of the late Mr. Roche in the hands of trustees.

Mr. WILLIAMS (Durham) introduced a Bill to vest certain real estate in the rector and churchwardens of St. John of Port Hope, and to give authority to raise money on the security of the same, for the building of a new church.

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Mr. OLIVER asked leave to introduce a Bill to protect butter and cheese manufacturers.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD said this seemed to be a private Bill; the petition for it ought to have gone before the standing orders committee, and been reported on by them before the Bill could be introduced.

Mr. OLIVER said there was no petition.