

orders committee, and been reported on by them before the Bill could be introduced.

Mr. OLIVER said there was no petition. He understood that this was a public Bill, as it was to protect the public interests.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD asked the hon. gentlemen to explain the nature of the Bill.

Mr OLIVER said the Bill provided for the punishment of those who attempted fraud on the manufacturers by sending in bad milk ; it was for the protection both of the manufacturers and the public. A large industry in the manufacture of cheese, for which we had formerly been largely dependent on the United States, had grown up in this Province, and he thought the Legislature should be willing to give every legitimate encouragement to so important an interest.

The Bill was then introduced and read a first time ; second reading this day week.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.

Hon. Mr. WOOD moved that His Excellency's speech be taken into consideration on Friday. Carried.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD, seconded by Hon. Mr. CARLING, moved that a special committee be appointed to frame rules and regulations for the government of the house, with power to send for persons, papers and records, and to report thereon with all convenient speed ; the committee to be composed of the Speaker, the Hon. Atty.-Gen. McDonald, Hon. M. C. Cameron, Sir Henry Smith, McKellar, Blake, Rykert, Fraser, B. W. Scott, Lyn, McDougall and Cumberland, and that the rules, orders and forms of proceedings of the House of Commons of Canada be referred to said committee for its guidance. Carried.

DOG TAX.

Mr. BYD, seconded by Mr. RYKERT, moved that all petitions praying an amendment to the Act imposing a tax on dogs, and such bills as may be introduced on said subject, be referred to the special committee on the Municipal and Assessment Act with power to send for persons and papers.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD suggested that the reference of this subject to a special committee would be an improvement. The Municipal and Assessment Committee had quite enough to do without burdening it further.

Mr. McKELLAR said that the committee on the Municipal and Assessment Act had already before them quite as much as they could dispose of ; and he hoped the suggestion of the Attorney-General would be listened to.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD added that the reference of this matter to the Municipal and Assessment Committee, was tantamount to killing it. No one opposed to this tax would