

diately before the calling of the Orders for Private Bills,—and after such Petition has been favorably reported on by the Committee on Standing Orders.

*Rule 60.* The expenses and costs attending on Private Bills giving any exclusive privilege, or for any object of profit, or private, corporate, or individual advantage, or for amending, extending, or enlarging any former Acts, in such manner as to confer additional powers, ought not to fall on the public; accordingly, the parties seeking to obtain any such Bill, shall be required to pay into the Private Bill Office the sum of sixty dollars, immediately after the First Reading thereof; and all such Bills shall be prepared in the English and French languages, by the parties applying for the same, and printed by the Contractor for printing the Bills of the House, and 350 copies thereof in English shall be deposited in the Private Bill office, with 200 copies in French also of such Bills as relate to *Lower Canada*, after the First Reading; and no such Bill shall be read a Third time until a certificate from the Queen's Printer shall have been fyled with the Clerk that the cost of printing 500 copies of the Act in English and 250 in French, for the Government, has been paid to him.

The Fee payable after the First Reading of any Private Bill is paid only in the House in which such Bill originates, but the cost of printing the same is paid in each House.

*Rule 61.* Every Private Bill, when read a First time, is referred to the Committee on Private Bills, if any such shall have been appointed, or to some other Standing Committee of the same character; and all Petitions before the House for or against the Bill are considered as referred to such Committee.

*Rule 62.* No Committee on any Private Bill originating in this House, of which Notice is required to be given, is to consider the same until after ten clear days' notice of the sitting of such Committee has been first affixed in the Lobby—such ten days to count from the day on which printed copies of the Bill are distributed to Members; nor in the case of any such Bill originating in the Legislative Council, until after two clear days' like notice. And no motion for any general suspension or modification of this rule shall be entertained by the House, unless after reference made thereof at a previous sitting of the House, to the several Standing Committees charged with consideration of Private Bills, or upon report submitted by two or more of such Committees.

*Rule 67.* The Committee to which a Private Bill may have been referred, shall report the same to the House, in every case; and when any material alteration has been made in the Preamble of the Bill, such alteration, and the reasons for the same, are to be stated in the Report.

*Rule 68.* When the Committee on any Private Bill report to the House that the Preamble of such Bill has not been proved to their satisfaction, they must also state the grounds upon which they have arrived at such a decision; and no Bill so reported on shall be placed upon the Orders of the Day, unless by special order of the House.

2. Private Bills otherwise reported to the House by such Committee, shall be placed on the Orders of the Day following the reception of the Report, for a second reading, in their proper order, next after Bills referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Holton*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dorion* (*Hochelaga*),

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all correspondence with the Imperial Government and the Governments of the Maritime Provinces, since the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, relating to the proposed Union of the *British North American Provinces*.

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Despatches received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies since the last Session, on the subject of the Defences of the Province.

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of any communications received from the Grand Trunk Railway Company, respecting the construction or the leasing of the proposed railway, and of the answers thereto.

*Ordered*, That the said Addresses be presented to His Excellency the Governor Gen-