

**Rules and Practice of the House of Assembly.****PRIVATE BILLS.**

185. No Bill of a private nature shall be received by this House after the twentieth day from the opening of the Session, both inclusive, and that the Clerk of this House do cause this Rule to be published in the Royal Gazette weekly during each recess of the Legislature; and this Rule shall not be suspended except in the same manner as a Joint Rule of this House and the Legislative Council is suspended.

186. (*Joint Rule*)—No Bill of a private nature, or Bill for making any amendments of a like nature to any former Act, shall be received by the House, unless a notice specifying the several objects desired to be attained, has been published four successive weeks previous to the meeting of the Legislature or to the introduction of the Bill, in some one of the Newspapers published in the City or County interested in or to be affected by the measure, or in the locality where the parties affected or the majority of them reside.

187. When no Newspaper is published in either of such localities, then in some Newspaper published in the nearest adjoining County; and when no Newspaper is published therein, then in the Royal Gazette.

188. When the City or County interested in the measure, or the locality in which the parties affected reside, is largely composed of a French population, then such notice shall also be published in a French Newspaper, if any be published in the Province.

189. In any County where no Newspaper may be published, the Bill, in lieu of other local notice or publication, may be read at the Assizes, in the presence of the Grand Jury, or before the Council of an Incorporated Town, or before the Municipal Council of the County, interested in or affected by the Bill; and a certificate of such reading shall be endorsed upon or attach to the said Bill, by the Clerk of the Court, or the Town Clerk, or the Secretary-Treasurer, as the case may be, verified by the Seal, if any, of and in case of the Town Council or Municipal Council, as the case may be; and (*Joint Rule*) separate Petitions must be presented to each Branch of the Legislature, setting forth in detail the object of the measure and the reasons that may be urged for its adoption.

190. (*Joint Rule*)—It shall be the duty of all parties seeking the interference of the Legislature in any Private Bill, to file with the Clerk of each House the evidence of their having complied with the Rules and Standing Orders thereof.

191. In default of such proof, or evidence, being so furnished, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to report to Mr. Speaker or the House, that the Rules and Standing Orders have not been complied with, and to endorse the same upon the Bill.

No Private or Local Bill shall be considered in Committee of the whole House, unless the same shall be printed, and a sufficient number of copies thereof provided for the use of the Members; this Rule only to apply to Bills which exceed five hundred words in length.—*Journal 1883, page 143.*

HENRY B. RAINSFORD, *Clerk Assembly.*

**Joint Rules of Council and Assembly.**

1. That no Bill of a private or local nature, or Bill for making any amendments of a like nature to any former Act, shall be received by the House, unless a notice specifying the several objects desired to be attained, has been published four successive weeks, previous to the meeting of the Legislature or to the introduction of the Bill, in some one of the Newspapers published in the City or County interested in the measure, or in the locality where the parties affected reside; and when no Newspaper is published in either of such localities, then in some Newspaper published in the nearest adjoining County, or in the Royal Gazette; provided that when the City or County interested in the measure, or where the locality in which the parties affected reside, is largely composed of a French population, then such notice shall also be published in a French Newspaper, if any be published in the Province; and provided also, that in any County where no Newspaper may be published, that such Bill, in lieu of other local notice or publication, may be read at the Assizes, or at some General Sessions of the County, or City and County interested in such Bill, in the presence of the Grand Jury, or in Incorporated Counties before the County Council, and a certificate be endorsed thereon by the Clerk of the Court or the Secretary-Treasurer, as the case may be, that the same has been so read.

2. That separate Petitions be presented to each Branch of the Legislature, setting forth in detail the object of the measure, and the reasons that may be urged for its adoption.

3. No Bill of a private nature shall be received unless it shall be certified by the Receiver General that there has been paid into his hands, towards the printing and other contingent expenses of the House, the sum of *Thirty Dollars*, except in case of a Bill in amendment of or in addition to an Act, when there shall be paid the sum of *Twenty Dollars*, provided that where a Bill, in respect of which such payment may be made, does not pass the Legislature, it may be introduced without further payment at the next Session; and provided that this Rule shall not extend to "Local Acts."

4. It shall be the duty of all parties seeking the interference of the Legislature in any Private or Local Bill, to file with the

Clerk of each House the evidence of their having complied with the Rules and Standing Orders thereof; and in default of such proof being so furnished, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to report that the Rules and Standing Orders have not been complied with, and to endorse the same upon the Bill.

GEO. BOTSFORD, *Clerk Leg. Council.*

HENRY B. RAINSFORD, *Clerk Assembly.*

**Dominion Parliament.****RULES RELATING TO NOTICES FOR PRIVATE BILLS.**

Notice to clearly and distinctly specify the nature and object of the application, and (except in the case of existing corporations) signed by, or on behalf of the applicants, to be published as follows, viz:—In the Provinces of Quebec and Manitoba; a notice inserted in the *Canada Gazette*, in the English and French languages, and in one newspaper in the English and one in the French language in the District affected, or in both languages in one paper, if there be but one in the said District, or if there be no paper published therein, then, in both languages, in a paper in the nearest District in which a newspaper is published.

**IN ANY OTHER PROVINCE OR TERRITORY.**

A notice inserted in the *Canada Gazette*, and in one newspaper published in the County, District, or Union of Counties affected, or if there be no paper published therein, then in a newspaper in the nearest County or District in which a newspaper is published. Such notices to be continued in each case for a period of two months during the interval of time between the close of the next preceding Session and the consideration of the Petition. And copies of the newspapers containing the first and last insertion of such notice shall be sent to the Clerk of each House.

A copy of the Bill in the English or French language shall, eight days before the meeting of Parliament, be deposited with the Clerk of the House in which the Bill is to originate, with a sum sufficient to pay for translation and printing. The applicant shall be also required to pay the Clerk of the Senate, or the Accountant of the House of Commons (as the case may be) a sum of \$200 and the cost of printing the Act in the Statutes—such payment to be made immediately after the second reading, and before the consideration of the Bill by such Committee.

No Petition for a Private Bill is received by either House after the first ten days of the Session.

EDOUARD J. LANGEVIN,

*Clerk of the Senate.*

JOHN GEORGE BOURINOT,

*Clerk of the Commons.*

**SPECIAL RULES OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.**

"All Private Bills for Acts of Incorporation shall be so framed as to incorporate by reference the *clauses* of the *General Acts* relating to the details to be provided for by such Bills;—special grounds shall be established for any proposed departure from this principle, or for the introduction of other provisions as to such details, and a note shall be appended to the Bill indicating the provisions thereof, in which the *General Act* is proposed to be departed from;—Bills which are not framed in accordance with this *Rule*, shall be re-cast by the promoters, and reprinted at their expense, before any Committee passes upon the *Clauses*."

51a. All Private Bills for Acts of Incorporation of, or in amendment of Acts incorporating Railway Companies, shall be drawn in accordance with the Model Bill adopted by the House on the 23rd June, 1887, copies of which may be obtained from the Clerk of the House.

(a.) The provisions contained in any Bill which are not in accord with the Model Bill, shall be inserted between brackets, and when revised by the proper officer shall be so printed, and bills which are not in accordance with the Rule shall be returned to the promoters to be re-cast before being revised and printed.

(b.) Any sections of existing Acts which are proposed to be amended shall be reprinted in full with the amendments inserted in their proper places and between brackets;

(c.) Any exceptional provisions that it may be proposed to insert in any Bill shall be clearly specified in the Notice of Application for the same.

51b. No Bill for the incorporation of a Railway Company, or for changing the route of the railway of any company already incorporated, shall be considered by the Railway Committee until there has been filed with the Committee, at least one week before the consideration of the Bill:—

(a.) A Map or Plan drawn upon a scale of not less than half an inch to the mile, showing the location upon which it is intended to construct the proposed work, and showing also the lines of existing or authorized works of a similar character within, or in any way affecting the district, or any part thereof, which the proposed work is intended to serve, and such map or plan shall be signed by the Engineer or other person making the same;

(b.) An exhibit showing the total amount of capital proposed to be raised for the purposes of the undertaking, and the manner in which it is proposed to raise the same, whether by ordinary shares, bonds, debentures or other securities, and the amount of each, respectively.

JOHN GEORGE BOURINOT,

*Clerk of the Commons.*