

PARLIAMENT OF CANADA.

Extracts from Rules of the Senate and House of Commons relating to Private Bills.

All applications for Private Bills require a Notice over the signature and address of the applicants or their Solicitors, clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and object of the application, published by advertisement as follows, viz: In the *Canada Gazette*, and in one newspaper published in the County, District, Union of Counties or Territory affected by the proposed measure, or if there be no newspaper published therein, then in a newspaper in the next nearest County, District or Territory in which a newspaper is published. In the Provinces of Quebec and Manitoba, the notices must be published in the like manner in the English and French languages. All notices shall be continued for a period of at least two months during the interval of time between the close of the next preceding Session and the consideration of the Petition. Marked copies of the newspapers endorsed "Application for Private Bill," containing the first and last insertion of such notice, shall be sent to the Clerk of each House.

In the case of an application for the erection of a Toll Bridge, the notice shall also state the proposed rates of toll, the nature of the structure, the height of the arches, the interval between the abutments or piers, &c.

A copy of the Bill shall be deposited with the Clerk of the House in which the Bill is to originate, at least eight days before the meeting of Parliament, with a sum sufficient to pay for translating and printing the same; and a further sum of two hundred dollars and the cost of printing the Act with the Statutes will be levied immediately after the second reading of the Bill.

Petitions for Private Bills must be presented in the Senate within the first ten days, and in the House of Commons within the first three weeks of the Session.

Private Bills are to be presented to the Senate within the first two weeks, and to the House of Commons within the first four weeks of the Session.

EDOUARD J. LANGEVIN,
Clerk of the Senate.
JNO. GEO. BOURINOT,
Clerk of the House of Commons.

Special Rule of the Senate.

49. (c.) When a Bill is to operate in more than one Province, Territory or District, the notice shall be published in *The Canada Gazette* and in a leading newspaper in each Province, Territory or District in which the Bill is to operate.

EDOUARD J. LANGEVIN,
Clerk of the Senate.

Extracts from Special Rules of the House of Commons.

Private Bills 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.

Private Bills in amendment of Acts, or for Acts incorporating Railway Companies, shall be drawn in accordance with the Model Bill adopted by the House, copies of which may be obtained from the Clerk.

Provisions varying the Model Bill shall be inserted between brackets, and when revised by the proper officers, shall be so printed.

Sections of existing Acts proposed to be amended shall be reprinted in full with the amendments inserted in their proper places, and between brackets.

Private Bills which are not drawn in accordance with these Rules shall be returned to the promoters to be re-cast before being revised and printed.

Exceptional provisions shall be clearly specified in the notice of application.

A certified Map or Plan showing the location of any proposed line of Railway, also the lines existing or authorized works of a similar character within, or in any way affecting, the district which the proposed work is intended to serve; and an exhibit showing the amount of capital proposed to be raised for the undertaking, and the manner in which it is proposed to raise the same shall be filed with the Railway Committee at least one week before the consideration of the Bill.

Special Order of the House of Commons.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House do have a copy of the new Rule 49 sent to those persons giving notice in the *Canada Gazette* of their intention to apply to Parliament for the passing of a Private Bill, together with a notification that the said rule will be strictly adhered to for the future:—

49. Petitions for Private Bills shall only be received by the House within the first *three weeks* of the Session, and Private Bills may only be presented to the House within the first *four weeks* of the Session, and it shall be the duty of any Committee to which any Private Bill may be referred to consider and report the same to the House with all convenient speed.

2. That it be an instruction to all Committees on Private Bills, in the event of promoters not being ready to proceed with their measures when the same have been twice called on *two separate occasions* for consideration by the Committee, that such measure shall be reported back to the House forthwith, together with a statement of the facts, and with the recommendation that such Bill be withdrawn.

JNO. GEO. BOURINOT,
Clerk of the Commons.

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