

allegations contained in the petition, and to the reading of the prayer thereof. It shall be open to any member to move "that the petition be read." The only other question which shall be entertained by the House, on the presentation of any petition, shall be, "that the petition be received."

51a. In case of such petition complaining of some present grievance for which there may be an urgent necessity for providing an immediate remedy, the matter contained in such petition may be brought into discussion on the presentation thereof.

52. The clerk of the House shall weekly prepare, in a tabular form, an abstract of all petitions received by the House, in which shall be set forth the place or places from whence they were severally presented, the number of signatures attached to each, the name of the member presenting the same, the day on which presented, and a short abstract of the prayer thereof.

53. All petitions shall be received only as the petitions of the parties signing the same.

54. Petitions from persons of the native race may be received without regard to the foregoing forms.

MOTIONS.

55. Notices of motion may be given at any time except during the discussion of the orders of the day, but no notice of motion for the day next following shall be given after the orders of the day have commenced.

56. Except as herein otherwise ordered, no member shall make any motion initiating a subject for discussion, but in pursuance of notice given at a previous sitting of the House.

57. No notice shall be given beyond the four days next following on which notices can be given, due allowance being made for any intervening adjournment of the House, and the period being in that case so far extended as to include four notice days falling during the sitting of the House.

58. It shall be in order on the presentation of any document, except a petition, to move without notice, that it be printed, and to appoint a day for its consideration.

59. Motions shall take precedence of orders of the day, and be moved in the order in which they stand on the notice paper, and if not so moved, shall be expunged therefrom.

60. Any member by whom any notice of motion shall have been given, may specially authorise any other member to move the same in his absence.

61. After a motion shall have been read by Mr. Speaker, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the House, and can only be withdrawn or altered by the unanimous consent of the House.

62. If all motions shall not have been disposed of at three o'clock, except on Wednesdays, and on that day at eight o'clock, p.m., the debate thereon shall be adjourned, and the orders of the day taken in rotation; but if there should be no order of the day, the discussion on motions may be con-