No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 1st MARCH, 1881.

PRAYERS.

Three Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

Mr. *Casgrain*, from the Select Committee on Bill No. 5 for the better prevention of fraud in relation to contracts involving the expenditure of public moneys, reported the said Bill, *with amendments*.

Mr. *Cameron* (Victoria), from the Select Standing Committee on *Miscellaneous Private Bills*, presented the Fifth Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill No. 59 to incorporate the Moncton Harbor Improvement Company, *with amendments*.

Mr. *Drew*, from the Select Standing Committee on *Standing Orders*, presented the Eighteenth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee have considered the Petition of *Samuel Platt*, of the City of Toronto, and others; praying to be permitted to lay before The House their Petition, for the passing of an Act, incorporating them under the name of the Northern, North-Western and Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company, notwithstanding the expiration of the time for the presenting of Petitions for Private Bills, as the reasons given for the delay are satisfactory, they recommend that leave be granted therefor and that the Rule 49, be suspended.

Mr. *Langevin* presented,—Return to an Order of The House; for copies of all papers and correspondence connected with the letting of the last Contract, for carrying the North Shore mails, between Little Current and Sault Ste. Marie.

Also,—Supplementary Return to an Order of The House of the 10th March, 1879; for a copy of all Reports, papers and documents relating to the superannuation of Mr. *LeSueur*, formerly of the Post Office Department; and all correspondence connected therewith.

And also,—Return to an Order of The House of the 20th December, last; for copies of the notices respecting the sale of hay alongside the track of the Intercolonial Railway; the names of the tenderers, and the amount of the tender or tenders in each case; the names of the persons to whom one or more of the contracts have been granted; and also all correspondence, applications, telegrams, etc., respecting the sale of the said hay.