

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were read and received:—

Of *Joel Turney* and others, of *Vernonville* and vicinity, County of *Northumberland*, Ontario; and of the Reverend *E. Bruce* and others, Members of *St. David's Church, St. John, New Brunswick*; severally praying for the adoption of such measures as will prevent the running of Railway Trains on the Lord's Day.

*Sir Hector L. Langevin*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Seventh Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have had under consideration the Bill, to incorporate the *Quebec and James' Bay Railway Company*, and have agreed to report the same, with amendments.

They would also recommend the following Resolution, That, in the opinion of this Committee, the Bills on subjects referred to it should, in future Sessions, 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;—that special grounds should be established for any proposed departure from this principle, or for the introduction of other provisions as to such details, and that such other provisions should be printed in *Italics*, with a reference to the Clause of the General Act which is proposed to be departed from, and that Bills, which are not framed in accordance with this Rule, should be re-cast and be printed by the promoters, before the Committee passes upon the Clauses;—and that this Resolution be reported to the House and recommended to be made one of the Standing Orders of The House.

*Mr. Ives*, from the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Sixth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the following Bills and have agreed to report the same, with amendments, viz.:

- Bill to incorporate the *Quinze Pier, Boom and Improvement Company*.
- Bill to incorporate the *Davis and Lawrence Manufacturing Company*.

On motion of *Mr. White (Cardwell)*, seconded by *Mr. Colby*,

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Fifth Report of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament.

*Sir Charles Tupper*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Order of this House, dated 2nd April, 1883, for copies of any complaint made against *Hubert Hébert*, employed as Chief Station Master at *Montmagny*, in relation to a charge of fraudulent practices affirmed against him by *P. B. Casgrain, Esq.*, Member for *L'Islet* (*Sessional Papers No. 78.*)

Also, Return to an Address to His Excellency, dated 15th March, 1883, for copies of all correspondence, Reports, Plans, Specifications, &c., in connection with the surveys made in 1882, for the construction of a canal between *Lake Shushwao* and *Lake Okanagan*, *British Columbia*. (*Sessional Papers No. 81.*)

*Mr. Costigan*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Order of this House, dated 2nd, April, 1883, for copies of all documents, (complaints, Reports of enquiries, &c.) relating to a seizure of Tobacco quite recently made on the premises of *Mr. N. Bernatchez*, and other Merchants of *Montmagny*, under the Law which permits a seizure of contraband Tobacco wheresoever found. (*Sessional Papers, No. 35a.*)