Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were severally read:-

Of the Cumberland Coal and Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act to confirm and ratify their title in and to the property of the Springhill and Parrsboro' Coal and Railway Company.

Of the Central Ontario Railway Company, a Company incorporated by the Legislature of the Province of Ontario; praying for an Act giving them power to extend their line of Railway to connect with the Canadian Pacific Railway; to increase their Capital, and for other purposes.

Of the International Railway Company; praying for an Act giving them power to extend their line of Railway and to increase their Bond issue.

Of the Ontario and Quebec Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act to amend the Acts relating to the said Company.

Of Alfred G. Jones, and others; praying to be incorporated as "The Nova Scotia" Mutual Marine Insurance Company."

Of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada; praying for an Act increasing their Capital Stock, and otherwise amending their Act of incorporation.

Of the Corporation of the City of *Toronto*; praying that the Dominion Election Act may be amended so as to confer the Parliamentary franchise upon women.

Of the Corporation of the City of *Toronto*; praying for an Act to increase the Harbour accommodation of the said City, to extend the Esplanade, and to provide for the appointment of three Commissioners to control the use thereof by Railway Companies.

Of the Corporation of the City of *Toronto*; praying for such legislation as will cause the new Standard Time to be adopted generally throughout the Dominion of Canada.

Of the Napance, Tamworth and Quebec Railway Company; praying for an Act allowing them to extend their line of Railway, to acquire mines, and for other purposes.

- Of A. W. Mc Vittie, and others, of Calgary; praying to be incorporated as "The Calgary Water Works Company."
- Of A. W. Mc Vittie, and others, of Calgary; praying to be incorporated as "The Calgary Omnibus, T. amway and Transfer Company."

Of John Stewart, and others, of Calgary and Ottawa; praying to be incorporated as "The Ranchers Bank of Canada," with power to have a Board of Directors in England to act with the Canadian Directorate.

Of A. W. Mc Vittie, and others; praying to be incorporated as "The Alberta" Bridge Company," with power to collect tolls.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A List of the Shareholders and also a Statement of the affairs of "The British Canadian Loan and Investment "Company (Limited)," as on the 31st December, 1883.