

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petition was read :

Of the Great Western Railway Company of *Canada* ; praying for the passing of an Act to provide for the consolidation and concise exposition of the powers now possessed by the said Company; and also that candidates for the position of Director when vacancies occur be required to give public notice of their desire to be elected.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General under his sign manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

LISGAR.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Senate, copy of correspondence between the Dominion Government, and the Governments of *Ontario* and *Quebec*, with other Documents respecting the award of the Arbitrators.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
*Ottawa*, 1st March, 1871.

(For Correspondence vide *Sessional Papers*.)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, setting forth that the Honorable *Robert Read*, of *Belleville*, in the Province of *Ontario*, had been summoned to the Senate in the stead of the Honorable *John Ross*, deceased.

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House that there was a Member without ready to be introduced,—

When the Honorable *Robert Read* was introduced between the Honorable Messieurs *Campbell* and *Macpherson*.

The Honorable Mr. *Read* presented Her Majesty's writ summoning him to the Senate.

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, To be put upon the Journals, and it is as follows :—

CANADA.

LISGAR.

(L.S.)

*Victoria*, By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Trusty Well-Beloved, The Honorable *Robert Read*, of Our Province of *Ontario*, in Our Dominion of *Canada*.

GREETING :—

Know Ye, That as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the State and Defence of Our Dominion of *Canada* concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Senate of Our said Dominion, and We do command you the said Honorable *Robert Read*, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever, laying aside,