

By Mr. Arkell,—The Petition of the *Canada Southern Railway Company* and the *Erie and Niagara Railway Company*; the Petition of *A. White* and others; the Petition of *David F. Davis* and others; the Petition of *B. Bampt* and others; and the Petition of *W. A. Glover* and others, of the County of *Elgin*.

By Mr. Macmillan,—The Petition of *George S. Birrell*, and others; of the City of *London*, County of *Middlesex*.

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

Of the *Sun Mutual Life Insurance Company of Montreal*; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to change the name of the said Company to that of “*The Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada*,” and to make further amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of Sir *Hugh Allan* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of “*The St. Lawrence Marine Insurance Company of Canada*.”

Of the *Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act to legalize certain By-Laws of the said Association, to amend their Act of Incorporation, and for other purposes.

Of *Allen Pringle* and others, of the County of *Lennox*; and of *M. B. Wager* and others, of the County of *Addington*; severally praying that an Act may be passed providing for the reception, in all Courts of Justice, of the testimony of all persons, without reference to the religious opinions held by such persons.

Of *J. S. Haynes*, M.D., and others, of the Counties of *Missisquoi*, *Iberville* and *St. Johns*, Province of *Quebec*; praying that an Act may be passed empowering them to construct a bridge over the River *Richelieu* at *Ash Island*.

Of the *Stadacona Fire and Life Insurance Company*; praying for the passing of an Act to amend and extend the Act 43 *Vic.*, cap. 70, empowering the said Company to relinquish their charter, and to provide for the winding-up of their affairs, and for other purposes.

Of the *Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces*; praying that the House may not pass any amendments of a nature to impair the operation of the *Canada Temperance Act*, but that the said Act be maintained in its integrity, and that only such changes as may be necessary to make it more effective be made.

Of the *Canadian Steam Users' Insurance Association*; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to change the name of the said Association to that of “*The Boiler Inspection Company of Canada*,” and to make further amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the Accountant of the House of Commons, for the year ending 30th June, 1881, accompanied by a letter from the Auditor-General, as follow:—