

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 3RD MARCH, 1871.

Six Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were received and read:—

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Owen Sound; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the collection of Tolls and Harbor Dues, under the Act 24 *Vict.*, cap. 63.

Of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary Bible Society; praying exemption from the payment of the duty of five per cent. on all Copies of the Holy Scriptures, imported by them.

Motions being made that the following Petitions be received and read, viz.: Of *Thomas Killam* and others, Merchants and Shipowners, of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia; praying for the erection of a Fog Whistle on Brier Island,—of *David A. Saunders* and others, Shipowners of Nova Scotia; praying for the erection and maintenance of a Beacon or Lighthouse at or near the entrance of Port Hubert,—and of Messrs. *Ryerson, Moses & Co.* and others, Merchants and Shipowners, of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia; praying for the re-building of the Beacon on Butler's Point, at the entrance of Yarmouth Harbor; and also for the erection of a Lighthouse on the said Beacon;

Mr. Speaker decided that “they cannot be received, as the granting of the prayers thereof would involve the expenditure of public moneys.”

Mr. *Perry*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the third Report of the said Committee, reporting favorably on the Petitions of *Pulaski Clark*, for an Act of Naturalization,—and of the Municipal Corporation of Owen Sound, for an extension of the provisions of the Act authorizing them to collect harbor dues.

Hon. Mr. *Tilley* presented,—Return to Address of the 27th April, 1870; for a return of all sums collected by Customs officers, or by their Deputies, for Bonds, Entries, Certificates, Blanks, or for any other charges made in their respective offices since the 1st July, 1867; and a statement of what fees (if any) such officers are entitled to receive in connection with their duties.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* introduced a Bill (No. 25) relating to Banks and Banking. Second reading on Friday next.

Hon. Mr. *Morris* introduced a Bill (No. 26) for the prevention of corrupt practices in relation to the collection of the Revenue. Second reading on Tuesday next.