

## No. 61.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, HOUSE OF COMMONS.

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 OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1881.
 

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## PRAYERS.

Mr. *Pope* (Compton) laid before The House,—Reports, Railway Statistics of Canada, and Capital, Traffic and Working Expenditure of the Railways of the Dominion, for the year ended the 30th June, 1880.

Mr. *Langevin* presented,—Return to an Order of The House of the 22nd December, last; for 1st. Copies of all Correspondence and Documents in relation to the dismissal of *Duncan McDonell*, late Postmaster of Vankleek Hill, in the County of Prescott;

2nd. Copies of all Correspondence between the Postmaster General and one *McLaurin*, the present Postmaster of Vankleek Hill, respecting his appointment to the said office, the salary allowed him and the management of the said Post Office generally;

3rd. Copies of all instructions given to the said *McLaurin* in relation to the holding of the said Post Office of Vankleek Hill.

Also,—Return to an Order of The House of the 2nd ult.; for copies of the Report of the Engineer who, in 1880, conducted the exploratory Surveys of the River Yamaska from its mouth up to La Belle Pointe, in the Counties of Bagot and St. Hyacinthe.

And also,—Return to an Order of The House of the 28th ult.; for a copy of the Reports of Surveys for Harbors made by the late *John Lindsay*, Esq., C.E., on the North Shore of Lake Erie, between Point Pelee Reef, and the mouth of the Detroit River.

On motion of Mr. *Ouimet* it was *Ordered*, That as it appears by the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate of the 11th inst., that the Bill No. 35 to incorporate The Silver Plume Mining Company, passed by this House, has been rejected by the Senate for the reason that the Preamble of the Bill had not been proved, the Accountant of this House is directed to refund to the Petitioners the fee of \$200, paid by them on the said Bill.

Mr. *Pope* (Compton) presented,—Return to an Order of The House of the 28th ult.; for a copy of the contract for fencing entered into by *Thomas B. Smith*, on the Intercolonial Railway, in 1871-1872, in which a payment has been made of \$1,894.50 by Special Warrant; with copies of any Reports on the subject, by any Railway or Departmental officer.