

read the first time ; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

A Bill for the avoidance of doubts respecting Larceny of Stamps, was, according to Order, read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to correct a clerical error in the Act respecting malicious injuries to property, was, according to Order, read the third time.]

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was yesterday proposed, That the Bill to repeal the Insolvency Laws be now read a second time,

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

The Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, (*Peel*), moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Workman* That all the words after "the" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce be instructed to inquire into the "Insolvency Law, and report their views to this House, by Bill or otherwise," inserted instead thereof ;

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

*Ordered*, That the Debate be adjourned.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

### Thursday, 25th April, 1872.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table :—

By Mr. *Fortin*,—The Petition of the Honorable *John Young*, Managing Director in Canada of the *Canadian and European Telegraph Company* ; and the Petition of *L. G. Harper*, Mayor of *Percé*, and others.

By Mr. *Bown*,—The Petition of *John Shultz*, by his Attorney *John Young Bown*.

By Mr. *Pickard*,—The Petition of *Joseph Myshrall*, of the City of *Fredericton*, County of *York, New Brunswick*, Merchant ; and the Petition of *Robert Watson*, and others, of the County of *Charlotte, New Brunswick*.

By Mr. *O'Connor*,—The Petition of *Thomas Paxton*, and others, of the County of *Essex*.

By Mr. *Magill*,—The Petition of the *Mutual Life Association of Canada*.

By Mr. *Cheval*—The Petition of *T. E. Campbell*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Hilaire de Rouville*, Province of *Quebec*.

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

Of the *Montreal, Chamblay, and Sorel Railway Company* ; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to connect with, and lease their Railway to, or take a lease from any foreign Railway Company.

Of the *Great Western Railway Company* ; praying that the restrictions of the 131st clause of the *Railway Act of 1868*, may be modified, and that the power of loaning and guaranteeing may be defined.