

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Western Assurance Company, and other Acts affecting the same, and to extend the powers of the said Company ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the International Express Company ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Colonial Building and Investment Association ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Lumber Exchange of the City of *St. John, New Brunswick* ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill, from the Senate, intituled : " An Act to incorporate the Great North-West Railway Company ; "

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill, from the Senate, intituled : " An Act to amend the Act 27 *Victoria*, Chapter 49, incorporating ' The *Lower Canada* Investment and Agency Company (Limited) ; ' "

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

And then The House, having continued to sit till ten minutes before Three of the Clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 20th May, 1874.

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

By Mr. *Ross (Prince Edward)*,—The Petition of *C. S. Wilson* and others, of the Town of *Picton* ; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Prince Edward*.

By Mr. *Jones (Leeds)*,—The Petition of the Reverend *F. L. Stephenson* and others, of North and South *Crosby* ; and the Petition of *John Sheppard* and others, of Front of *Lansdowne*, County of *Leeds*.

By Mr. *Gordon*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Hart* and others, of *Reach*, County of *Ontario*.

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

Of *J. P. Featherstone*, Mayor, and others, of the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*, M.P., and others, of *St. George's Ward*, of *E. R. Booth* and others, of *Victoria Ward*, and of *Philip Thompson* and others, of *Wellington Ward*, City of *Ottawa* ; of *John Howarth* and others,