

*Half-past Seven O'Clock, P.M.*

A Bill to incorporate the "*Société de Construction Mutuelle*" under the name of the "*Société de Prêts et Placements de Québec*," and for other purposes, 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, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to reduce the Capital Stock of the Merchants Bank of *Canada*, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Forbes* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without any amendment,

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly 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, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to provide that persons charged with common assault shall be competent as Witnesses on their own behalf, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Ross* (*Middlesex*) reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate on the Question which was, on Thursday 28th February last, proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a Return shewing: 1st,—The amounts of the six lowest tenders received in September or October, 1873, for Sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14 of the new *Welland Canal*, together with the names of tenderers; 2nd,—The amounts of the six lowest tenderers for the same Sections, received in 1874, together with the names of the tenderers; 3rd,—The names of the tenderers to whom these Sections were awarded; 4th,—Copies of the Orders in Council awarding such Sections; 5th,—Copy of all Correspondence relating to such award."

And the Question being again proposed;

And a further Debate arising thereupon;

On motion of Mr. *McDougall* (*Renfrew*), seconded by Mr. *Ross* (*Middlesex*),

*Ordered*, That the Debate be adjourned.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 14th March, 1878.

PRAYERS.

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

By Mr. *Macdougall* (*Elgin*),—The Petition of the *East Elgin District Lodge* of the Independent Order of Good Templars.

By Mr. *Desjardins*,—The Petition of *La Banque Jacques Cartier*.