Blake,Forbes,Bourassa,Geoffrion,Burpee (St. John),Gillmor,Burpee (Sunbury),Gunn,Cameron (Huron),Harley,Campbell (Renfrew),Holton,Casey,Innes,Casgrain,Irvine,Catudal,Jackson,Charlton,Keefler,	McMillan (Huron), McCraney, McIntyre, McIsaac, McMullen, Mulock, Pickard, Platt, Ray, Rinfret,	Sutherland (Oxford), Sutherland (Selkirk), Thompson, Trow, Watson, Weldon, Wells, Wheler, and Wilson.—63.
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Sir John A. Macdonald moved, seconded by Sir Hector L. Langevin, and the Question being proposed, That the 78th Rule of this House, as to the selection of Committees, be suspended, and that the Special Committee to whom has been referred the said paragraph, be composed of Messrs. Blake, Ross (Middlesex), McCarthy, Cameron (Victoria, Ont.), Blanchet, Laurier, Desjardins, Casgrain, Hall, Foster (King's N.B.), Burpee (St. John), Richey, Robertson (Shelburne), Brecken, Royal, Baker (Victoria, B.C.), and the Mover;

And Objection having been taken by five Members to the Mover submitting the names to form the Committee;

Mr. Speaker decided, that the motion provided for the suspension of the Rule as to selection of Members.

And Objection being then taken by Mr. Blake to the suspension of the Rule, except by general consent;

Mr. Speaker decided, that it was perfectly competent on notice having been duly given, as in the present case, for the majority of the House to suspend a Rule.

Messieurs Blake, Ross (Middlesex), Laurier, Casgrain, Burpee (St. John), and Robertson (Shelburne), having expressed themselves opposed to serving on the Committee, on the ground that they were opposed to the principle and substance of the matter in the motion;

Mr. Speaker decided, that the motion was to suspend the whole Rule, and that the objection of the honorable Members could not be entertained, if the House agreed to suspend the Rule.

And the Question being put;

Ordered, That the 78th Rule of this House, as to the selection of Committees, be suspended, and that the Special Committee to whom has been referred the said paragraph, be composed of Messieurs Blake, Ross (Middlesex.) McCarthy, Cameron (Victoria, Ont.), Blanchet, Laurier, Desjardins, Casgrain, Hall, Foster, (King's, N.B.), Burpee (St. John), Richey, Robertson (Shelburne), Brecken, Royal, Baker (Victoria, B.C.), and the Mover.

And then The House adjourned till Monday next.

## Monday, 19th March, 1883.

## PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table:-By Mr. Gunn,—The Petition of George W. Sérviss and others, of Oshawa. By Mr. Rykert,—The Petition of the Welland Rullway Company of Canada. By Mr. Hay,—The Petition of the Toronto Board of Trade.