

Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Mills* 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 Friday next.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 1st May, 1872.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Dorion*,—The Petition of the Honorable *L. A. Dessaulles*, and others.

By Mr. *Pâquet*,—The Petition of *D. E. Papineau*, and others, Directors of the *Montreal* Permanent Building Society.

By the Honorable Mr. *Tilley*,—The Petition of the *Saint John* Board of Trade.

By Mr. *Morrison*, (*Niagara*),—The Petition of the *Queenston* Suspension Bridge Company.

By Mr. *Gibbs*,—The Petition of the Reverend *William Morley Punshon*, M.A., President, and the Reverend *Alexander Sutherland*, Secretary, of the Missionary Society of the *Wesleyan* Methodist Church in *Canada* ; and the Petition of *W. P. Howland*, and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of *J. H. O'Donnell*, M.D., Secretary, on behalf of a meeting of certain persons who were imprisoned during the troubles in *Red River*, in 1869 and 1870.

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

Of *A. W. Thewlis* and others, Electors of the Township of *Dunn*, County of *Haldimand*, Province of *Ontario* ; praying that the Township of *Dunn* may be attached to the Electoral Division of *Monck* for Electoral purposes.

Of the *Huron* and *Ontario* Ship Canal Company ; praying for enquiry into the present position of the said Canal Company, with a view to the adoption of such measures as may ensure the consummation of the enterprize.

Of the *Toronto* Corn Exchange Association ; praying that such encouragement may be afforded as may induce the establishment of a fortnightly line of steamers from *Montreal* during the summer, and from *Halifax*, *Nova Scotia* ; *Saint John*, *New Brunswick* ; and *Portland*, in the *United States* ; during the Winter, to connect with the ports of the *West India Islands*.

Of *E. J. Hamilton* and others, of the Village of *Ailsa Craig* and vicinity, Province of *Ontario* ; praying for certain amendments to the Act respecting Patents for Invention.

Of *Daniel Feeney*, and others, Freeholders of that part of the Parish of *St. Felix du Cap Rouge*, situate in the County of *Portneuf*, District of *Quebec* ; praying that the same may be attached to the County of *Quebec*.

Of the *Ottawa*, *Vaudreuil* and *Montreal* Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing them to connect their line of Railway with any Railway which may at any time be constructed from *Montreal* towards *Grenville* northwards of the River *Ottawa*, and for such purpose to bridge the waters of the said River, at any point below *L'Original*.

Of Messrs. *Bremner* and *Hart*, and others, of *Halifax*, *Nova Scotia* ; and of the Members of the Executive Council of the *Halifax* Chamber of Commerce ; severally praying for the passing of an Act to assimilate the law of Interest and Usury in the Province of *Nova Scotia* to those of *Ontario* and *Quebec*.