

April 15, 1874

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, April 15, 1874

The **SPEAKER** took the chair at 3.15 p.m.

Prayers

PETITIONS PRESENTED

A large number of petitions were presented, praying for the passing of a prohibitory liquor law. Several petitions were also presented praying for changes in the tariff, and several for Private Bills and Acts of incorporation.

Mr. McGREGOR presented a petition for reforms in favour of the Wyandotte Indians in the county of Essex.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The **SPEAKER** read a message from the Senate, stating that that body had appointed a committee of eleven members on the subject of a prohibitory liquor law, and requesting the Commons to appoint a number of members to form a Joint Committee of both Houses to consider and report on the before-mentioned subject.

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REPORT PRESENTED

Mr. PATERSON presented the first report of the Committee on the condition of the Six Nation Indians in Brant and Haldimand, requesting a reduction of the quorum to five.

The report was adopted.

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BANKING AND COMMERCE

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE moved that the name of Hon. Mr. Abbott, accidentally omitted, be added to the Committee on Banking and Commerce.—Carried.

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RAILWAYS

Mr. THOMPSON (Haldimand) moved that the name of Mr. Norris be added to the Committee on Railways, Canals, etc.

Hon. Mr. MITCHELL moved that Mr. Domville's (King's, New Brunswick) name be added to the same Committee.—Carried.

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PROHIBITION

Mr. ROSS (Middlesex West) moved that the names of Messrs. Rochester, Dymond, Church and Charlton be added to the Committee on Prohibition.—Carried.

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BILL INTRODUCED

The following Bill was introduced:—

Mr. MOSS—to make further provision for the management of Permanent Building Societies in the Dominion of Canada.

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HALF-BREED GRANTS

Mr. SCHULTZ enquired whether it is the intention of the Government to make grants of land to the half-breeds and heads of families, and old settlers in Manitoba; and whether Government had decided to grant the present holders the hay lands in Manitoba.

Hon. Mr. LAIRD said that Government had taken the matter into consideration, and already a notice was upon the paper embodying their views upon the question.

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ST. VINCENT AND WINNIPEG RAILWAY

Mr. CUNNINGHAM (Marquette) enquired whether it is the intention of Government to commence the building of the railway between St. Vincent and Winnipeg during the present year.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said such was not the intention of Government.

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EMIGRATION TO MANITOBA

Mr. CUNNINGHAM (Marquette) enquired whether any communication has been made with the Washington Government with a view to facilitating the bonding of the property of emigrants passing through the United States to Manitoba.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said there had been no such correspondence, except the ordinary correspondence with regard to customs.

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