

Monday, 5th April, 1897.

The Members convened were :—

The Honourable *CHARLES ALPHONSE PANTALÉON PELLETIER, C.M.G.*,
Speaker,

The Honourable Messieurs

Aikins,	Cox,	Masson,	Perley,
Almon,	De Blois,	McCallum,	Poirier,
Armand,	Dever,	McDonald (C.B.),	Power,
Arsenault,	Dickey,	McInnes (N. Westm'tr),	Primrose,
Baird,	Dobson,	McKay,	Prowse,
Bellerose,	Ferguson,	McKindsey,	Reid,
Bernier,	Gowan (C.M.G.),	McLaren,	Sanford,
Bolduc,	Lewin,	McMillan,	Scott,
Boucherville, de (C.M.G.),	Lougheed,	Merner,	Snowball,
Boulton,	Lovitt,	Miller,	Sullivan,
Bowell (Sir Mackenzie),	Macdonald (P.E.I.),	Mills,	Temple,
Casgrain,	Macdonald (Victoria),	Mowat (Sir Oliver),	Vidal,
Clemow,	MacInnes (Burlington),	Ogilvie,	Wark,
Cochrane,	MacKeen,	Owens,	Wood.

PRAYERS.

The following Petition was brought up, and laid on the Table :—

By the Honourable Mr. McInnes (New Westminster),—Of Samuel Porter, of Fort Erie, in the Province of Ontario.

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

Of J. A. Chapleau and others, of Montreal ; praying for the passing of an Act incorporating them as “The Royal Victoria Life Insurance Company (Limited).”

Of the Manitoba and South-Eastern Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act extending the time for the construction of that portion of their line between St. Boniface and Parish of Ste. Anne, and for other purposes.

Of James Patterson and others, of Winnipeg, and others of elsewhere ; praying for the passing of an Act incorporating them as “The Manitoba and Pacific Railway Company.”

Of the Provisional Directors of the Trail Creek and Columbia Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing them to extend their line of railway, extending the time for the commencement and completion of their proposed works, and for other purposes.

Of the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company ; praying for the passing of an Act granting them power to construct a railway as set forth in sec. 2 of Act 56 Vic., chap. 45.

Of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act confirming a certain agreement entered into by petitioners and the Hull Electric Company.

Of the Georgian Bay Ship Canal and Power Company ; praying for the passing of an Act declaring their undertaking to be for the general advantage of Canada, bringing them under certain sections of the Railway Act, granting them power to acquire and construct canals and waterways, and respecting their bonding and borrowing powers.