

May 2, 1872

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, May 2, 1872

The **SPEAKER** took the chair at 3 p.m.

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*Prayers*

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**Hon. Mr. CHAUVEAU** presented a petition from the Quebec Board of Trade, "asking that logs might be permitted to float down the Ottawa River without being rafted".

**Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER** moved to introduce an Act to amend the Act relative to the Statutes of Canada, from the Senate.

**Hon. Mr. CHAUVEAU** moved for a Bill to amend the Act to detach the parish of St. Felix from the County of Portneuf.

**Hon. Mr. POPE** submitted the first report of Colonization Emigration Committee, recommending that the quorum of said Committee be reduced to nine members.

**Mr. HARRISON** submitted a motion relative to Criminal statistics.

**Mr. HARRISON** introduced a Bill for the more speedy apprehension of fugitive criminals.

**Mr. CARTER** moved for leave to introduce a Bill to abolish assignments in favour of preferential creditors.

**Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE** did not understand the matter. It seemed to him to come within Provincial jurisdiction.

**Mr. CARTER** said it was virtually an insolvency Bill, and although he did not recollect the chapter, was in accordance with an English Act passed in the reign of William IV.

**Hon. Mr. HOLTON** thought the matter was outside of the jurisdiction of this House.

**Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER** feared that the member for Châteauguay (Hon. Mr. Holton) was somewhat at fault. He should not quarrel merely with the title of a Bill.

**Mr. CURRIER** complained of a short supply of some pamphlets concerning some facts concerning the Treaty of Washington.

**Hon. Mr. DORION** thought that previous to the discussion on the Treaty every possible information should be furnished to the House.

**Mr. BROUSSEAU** explained that the printing had been somewhat delayed, but that the documents alluded to would be submitted to the House tomorrow.

**Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER** said that the more information there should be before the public concerning the Treaty of Washington the better the House would understand the matter. It was the most important matter to be considered during the session.

**Hon. Mr. McDOUGALL (Lanark North)** thought that double the usual edition ought to be printed of such an important document as that relating to the Treaty of Washington.

**Mr. FERGUSON** after some discussion had taken place with regard to the number of copies, thought that six copies would be scarcely sufficient. He thought however, that everything was to be done by the press of the country. It was for the press to disseminate the necessary information.

**Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE** said that this House could not instruct a Joint Committee of both Houses, and he would suggest that the matter should be referred to the Joint Committee on Printing.

**Mr. CURRIER** amended his motion to meet Mr. Mackenzie's suggestions.

**Mr. CARTWRIGHT** called attention to the fact that there was unnecessary delay in getting the Printing of the House done. He thought the proper authorities ought to see to this.

**Mr. RYAN (Montreal West):** Whether it is the intention of the Government to construct any basins on the Lachine Canal this year between the Wellington Bridge and the St. Gabriel Lock, to accommodate the increased and growing trade of the country?

**Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN** hoped that his hon. friend would not insist upon an answer to his question now.

**Mr. McDONALD (Lunenburg):** Whether it is the intention of the Government to establish a port of entry at or near the mouth of La Have River, in the County of Lunenburg?

**Hon. Mr. TILLEY:** Not now.