

John David Smith, late of *Port Hope*, Esquire, deceased; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing them to wind up the affairs of the said Estate.

Of *Pierre Coutu* and others, of the Township of *Brandon*; praying that a certain portion of the said Township be annexed to the County and District of *Joliette*.

Two Petitions of *C. J. Brydges* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying to be incorporated as "The *Montreal* Warehousing Company," and also praying to be incorporated as "The *Mechanics' Bank*."

Of the Corporation of the Village of *Lanark*; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the sale of certain lots of land in the said Village, and the building of a Gaol with the proceeds of such sale.

And of the East *Middlesex* Agricultural Society; praying for certain amendments to the Agricultural Act of *Upper Canada*.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson Blair*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their Fourth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:

PRIVATE BILL OFFICE,
6th February, 1865.

The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honor to present the following as their Fourth Report.

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of the *Buffalo* and *Lake Huron* Railway Company, praying for an Act confirming and legalizing the agreement entered into by the said Company with the *Grand Trunk* Railway Company, respecting the amalgamation of the said Companies; and of the *Hamilton* and *Port Dover* Railway Company, praying for an extension of the time for the completion of said Railroad for one year, and find that the Notice in each case has not yet been published for the full length of time required; but, as it will be competent for them, as Committee on Private Bills, to provide that no injury to any party shall arise therefrom, they therefore recommend the suspension of the 53rd Rule in each case.

Your Committee have also examined the Petition of *William Howard* and others, of the Township of *Amherst Island*, praying that the said Township may be separated from the Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington* and annexed to the County of *Frontenac* for all purposes, and find that the Notice in the *Canada Gazette* is one week short; but they recommend, however, the suspension of the 53rd Rule, as it will be competent for them, as Committee on Private Bills, to provide that no injury to any party shall arise therefrom.

With regard to the Petition of *Thomas Webster*, of the Town of *Brantford*, in the County of *Brant*, praying for the passing of an Act to admit him to practise as a Barrister and Solicitor in the Superior Courts of *Upper Canada*; and of *Hugh Burgess*, at present of the City of *Quebec*, praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the issue of Letters Patent for a certain Discovery in the manufacture of Paper Pulp, your Committee find that the Notice in each case has not yet been published for the full length of time required; but, as it will be competent for them, as Committee on Private Bills, to provide that no injury to any party shall arise therefrom, they therefore recommend the suspension of the 53rd Rule.

The Petition of *Lewis White Ashley*, on behalf of himself, his wife, and minor children, all late of the County of *Union*, in the State of *Illinois*, one of the *United States of America*, but now of the Town of *Windsor*, *Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act to naturalize them as subjects of Her Majesty, and for other purposes, is not of a nature to require the publication of Notice under the 53rd Rule.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. FERGUSSON BLAIR,
Chairman.