

Mr. *Somerville*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Twelfth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the notices given on the following Petitions, and find them sufficient, viz. :—Of the *St. Lawrence Mining Company*; of *James C. Van Dyke* and others, for incorporation of the *Portlock Harbor Mining Company*; of *James McClintock* and others, for incorporation of the *Lancaster Oil Company*; of *Willis Russell* and others, for incorporation of the *Du Loup Gold Company*; of *Willis Russell* and others, for incorporation of the *River Famine Gold Mining Company*; of *Andrew Mitchell* and others of *Alloa, Scotland*, for power to dispose of certain property in *Canada*, vested in the late Mrs. *Miller*, at the time of her decease; of the Trustees of the *Elgin Church*, in connexion with the Church of *Scotland*; of *Martin Dunsford* of the Town of *Lindsay*; and of *J. Hespeler* and others, for an Act to revive the Charter of the *Waterloo and Saugeen Railway Company*.

On the Petition of the members of the *Iberville Academy*, for an Act to confirm certain arrangements entered into between them and the School Commissioners of *Iberville*. Your Committee find that no notice was given; but inasmuch as the Petition is signed both by the Members of the Academy and the Commissioners, they beg to recommend a suspension of the 53rd Rule in this case.

On the two Petitions of the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of *Quebec*; praying respectively for an Act to consolidate and amend their Acts of Incorporation; and for an Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the *Quebec Water Works*; the notice was published for the full time in the *Canada Gazette* and in *Le Canadien*, but in the *Mercury* it appeared only from the 14th to the 30th January; it was very full, however, as to the nature of the amendments desired, and these were also discussed in the City Council and in the public papers; Your Committee, therefore, beg to recommend that the notice be considered sufficient.

On the Petition of *Antoine Brodeur* and the Hon. *L. T. Drummond*, for the ratification of Mr. *O'Dwyer's* survey of the division line between *Upton* and *Grantham*, the proper notices were not published in the locality affected; and on the Petition of *A. Tessier*, and others, for the annexation of *Chertsey* to the Parish of *Bienheureux*, *Alphonse Roderguer*, no notice whatever was given.

Mr. *Bourassa* reported, from the Select Committee on the Bill to amend Cap. 26 of the Consolidated Statutes for *Lower Canada*, in relation to unnavigable rivers, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Mr. *Mackenzie (Lambton)*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the subject of the Printing of the Legislature, presented to the House the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

The Committee have carefully examined the following documents and recommend that they be printed, viz. :—

Return to Address,—Instructions given to Mr. *Sanford Fleming* respecting survey of Intercolonial Railway.

Return to Address,—Statement shewing receipts and expenditure of the *York Roads*, since resumption by Government, &c., &c.

The Committee also recommend that the following documents be printed in the Sessional Papers only :—

Return to Address,—Amount of balances at the credit of Government on Monday of each week at *Montreal Bank*.

Return to Address,—Respecting certain transactions between the Government and the *Ontario Bank*.

The Committee also recommend that the following documents be not printed :—

Return to Address,—Documents connected with the application of Mr. *Coffin*, Joint Prothonotary for District of *Montreal*, for leave of absence.

Return of the amounts collected and expended by the Corporation of the Town of *Owen Sound*, during the year 1863.