

Tuesday, 12th February, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable **DAVID CHRISTIE**, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

*Aitkin,  
Alexander,  
Armand,  
Baillargeon,  
Bellerose,  
Benson,  
Bottford,  
Bourinot,  
Bureau,  
Campbell,  
Chaffers,  
Chapais,  
Cochrane,  
Cormier,  
Cornwall,*

*Dever,  
Dickey,  
Dickson,  
Dumoussel,  
Fabre,  
Ferguson,  
Ferrier,  
Girard,  
Glasier,  
Grant,  
Guevremont,  
Hamilton (Kingston),  
Haviland,  
Haythorne,*

*Kaulbach,  
Leonard,  
Lewin,  
McDonald,  
McMaster,  
Macfarlane,  
Macpherson,  
Miller,  
Montgomery,  
Northrup,  
Otell,  
Paquet,  
Pelletier,  
Penny,*

*Power,  
Pater,  
Reed,  
Reesor,  
Scott,  
Seymour,  
Simpson,  
Skedd,  
Stevens,  
Sutherland,  
Thibaudeau,  
Vidal,  
Wark,  
Wilmot.*

PRAYERS :

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid on the Table :—

By the Honorable Mr. *Aitkin*,—Of Messrs. *A. & H. Burns* and others, Manufacturers of Soda Water, in the City of *Toronto*, and elsewhere in the Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*,—Of the Honorable Sir *Alexander Galt*, K.C.M.G., and others, all of the City of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cochrane*,—Of the American Association of Breeders of Short-horns.

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

Of the Merchants Bank of *Canada*, praying for an Act reducing the Capital Stock of the said Bank to such proportion of its present subscribed Capital, not exceeding seventy-five cents on the dollar thereof as may be deemed necessary under reserve of the right of the said Bank to require payment of any portion of such subscribed stock as now remains unpaid

Of *Frederick W. Fishwick*, and others, of the City and County of *Halifax*, in the Province of *Nova Scotia*, praying for an Act of Incorporation as an Express Company.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. *Thibaudeau's* motion, viz. :—