

Mr. Cartwright, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Statement of payments charged to *Unforeseen Expenses* under Orders in Council from the 1st of July, 1877, to 8th February, 1878, in accordance with the Act 40 *Victoria*, Chapter 1, Schedule B. (*Sessional Papers No. 16.*)

Also, Statement of Special Warrants of His Excellency the Governor General, issued in accordance with the Act 31 *Vic.*, Cap. 5, Sec. 35, from 1st July, 1877, to 9th February, 1878, inclusive. (*Sessional Papers No. 17.*)

And also, Statement of Allowances and Gratuities under the Act 33 *Vic.*, Cap. 4, intituled: "An Act for the better ensuring the efficiency of the Civil Service of *Canada* by providing for the Superannuation of persons employed therein in certain cases." (*Sessional, Papers No. 18.*)

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

Of the *Canada Southern Railway Company*; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing and confirming the scheme of arrangement entered into in relation to the affairs of the said Company.

Of the *Stadacona Fire and Life Insurance Company*; praying for the passing of an Act, empowering them to reduce their Capital Stock, and for further Amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of Messrs. *A. & W. Burns*, of *Toronto*, and others, Traders in Soda Water; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to register a description of the names and marks used by them, and stamped upon their bottles, and to make it unlawful for any person or persons to use, buy or sell such bottles so stamped, without the consent of the rightful owner thereof.

Of the *National Insurance Company*; praying for the passing of an Act, empowering them to reduce their Capital Stock, to make special assessments on their Stock, and for further Amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of the *Bank of Liverpool, Nova Scotia*; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to reduce the nominal value of their present shares, to issue preferential stock, and for other purposes.

Of the Reverend *J. Deguoy*, Curé, and others, of *St. Michel Archange*, County of *Napierville*; of *Jean Baptiste Jodoin*, and others, of *St. Urbain*, Premier, County of *Chateauguay*, and of the Reverend *O. Blanchard* and others, of *St. Isidore*, County of *Laprairie*; severally praying for the adoption of such legislation as will secure the proper working of Railways in *Canada*; the construction of safe and suitable steam ferry boats for crossing the *St. Lawrence* in winter; and the carrying into operation of the Railway from *Montreal* to the Province Line *via Caughnawaga*, in accordance with the Act passed in that behalf which placed it under the control of the *Grand Trunk Railway Company*.

Of *David Fisher*, of the City of *Toronto*, and *Jane Malvina Draper*, of the Town of *Whitby*, widow; praying for the passing of an Act sanctioning a sale of the Port *Whitby Harbor*, and vesting in a purchaser, the said property including the franchise of the Port *Whitby Harbor Company*.

Of the Honorable Sir *Alexander Tilloch Galt*, K.C.M.G., and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Dominion Company*.

Of the *Merchants' Bank of Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to reduce their Capital Stock, and for other purposes.

Of the *Dominion Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Association*; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to insure their members against loss or damage by fire in any part of *Canada*, and to establish in connection with said Association a *Mutual Benefit Branch*.

Of the Reverend *R. A. Fyfe*, President, and *J. L. Campbell*, Secretary, of the *Regular Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.