

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

Of James G. Strang, and others, of Barrie; of the Reverend William Forrest, and others, of Denham; of W. Walsh, and others, of Verdun; of Edwin Bone and others, of Bunessan; of Isaac Betterby and others, of Craigeleith; of Thomas Lyness and others, of Priceville; of G. E. Dalby and others, of the City of Toronto; of O. B. Inery, and others, of Napperton; and of John A. Cockburn, and others, of Aberfoyle, all of the Province of Ontario; praying that no alteration be made in the Canada Temperance Act, 1878, lessening its prohibitory character or making it more difficult of adoption or enforcement, and also for the passing of a law prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale for beverage purposes of intoxicating liquors.

Of Atcheson Moffatt, and others, of Amherst, in the Province of Nova Scotia; praying to be incorporated as "The Amherst and Prince Edward Island Railway Company."

Of the Manitoba and North-Western Railway Company of Canada; praying for an Act legalizing the second mortgage bonds issued by the said Company.

Of Thomas Temple; praying to be incorporated as a Company for the purpose of building a railway bridge across the St. John River, at or near Fredericton, in the County of York.

Of A. P. Macdonald, and others; praying to be incorporated as "The Dominion Drainage Company."

Of Alexander Cameron, and others; praying to be incorporated as "The Detroit and Cleveland Railway and Steamboat Company."

Of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society, a corporation duly incorporated by the Legislature of the Province of Ontario, and of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, a corporation duly incorporated by the Legislatures of the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; praying to be incorporated as "The Canada Congregational Missionary Society."

Of the Hamilton Provident and Loan Society; praying for the passing of an Act limiting their share capital, defining their borrowing powers, and otherwise amending their charter.

Of the Reverend Thomas Gravel, and others, of the Parish of Ste. Anne des Monts, in the County of Gaspé; praying for the erection of a wharf at that place.

Of François Thériault, and others, vessel owners and fishermen, residing at Havre aux Maisons and other places, in the Magdalen Islands; praying for the improvement of said harbor by the removal of a bar at the mouth thereof.

Of "La Banque du Peuple;" praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the reduction of its Capital Stock.

The Honorable Mr. Read, from the Joint Committee on the Printing of Parliament, presented their First Report, recommending the reduction of the Quorum to Nine Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Read, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Wark, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.