

Of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Ontario* and others, of *St. George's Ward*; and of *William E. Brown* and others, of *By Ward*, both of the City of *Ottawa*; and of *Thomas Fairbairn* and others, of the Township of *Culross*, County of *Bruce*; severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

A Motion being made and seconded, That the Petition of the Reverend *T. Brassard*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Vaudreuil*, County of *Vaudreuil*, presented on Thursday last; praying for the construction of a Canal on the North Shore of the *St. Lawrence* from *Cascades* to *Coteau Landing*, be now received;

Mr. Speaker ruled, That "this Petition cannot be received as the granting of the "prayer thereof would involve the expenditure of Public Money."

A Motion being made and seconded, That the Petition of Messieurs *O. L. Richardson* and Sons, Tanners, and others, of the City of *Quebec*, presented on Tuesday last; praying that an export duty of at least 20 per cent. *ad valorem* may be imposed upon Hemlock bark, be now received;

Mr. Speaker ruled, That "this Petition cannot be received, without a recommendation "from the Crown, as it prays for an imposition of Custom duties."

A Motion being made and seconded, That the Petition of *Alexander Munro* and others, of the Western Division of the County of *Pictou*, *Nova Scotia*, presented on Tuesday last; praying for the construction of a Branch Railway from the Town of *Pictou* through *Rogers Hill*, by the West branch of *River John*, there to connect with the present line of Railway at or near *Riversdale*, be now received;

Mr. Speaker ruled, That "this Petition cannot be received, as the granting of the "prayer thereof would involve the expenditure of Public Money."

Mr. *Rymal*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House, the Eighth 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 *Buffalo* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company,—and of *Thomas N. Gibbs* and others, for incorporation of the *Oshawa* Board of Trade.

The Honorable Mr. *Blanchet*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the Bill to extend the provisions of "The Grand Trunk Arrangements Act, 1862," so far as relates to certain Preferential Bonds, for a further period; and for other purposes, and also the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Union Forwarding and Railway Company, and have agreed to report the same amended. Your Committee have also considered the Bill respecting the *Montreal* and *Champlain* Railroad Company, which they beg leave to report without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Tupper*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 20th March, 1873, for a copy of all correspondence to and from the Government, relative to an alleged infraction of the Revenue Laws by the Great Western Railroad Company; and also all evidence taken at any investigation which may have taken place with reference to the same—with a statement of claims against said Company for said duties. (*Sessional Papers, No. 39.*)

And also, Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 3rd April, 1873, for copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Dominion and the Government of the United States on the subject of reciprocal trade between the two countries, and any other documents on that subject. (*Sessional Papers, No. 40.*)