

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

By the Honorable Mr. *McInnes*,—Of *George B. Spencer*, and others, of the Dominion of *Canada*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Ogilvie*,—Of *Charles M. Acer*, and others, of the City of *Montreal*, in the Province of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Plumb*,—Of *Richard J. Evans*, and others, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*.

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

Of the Northern Railway Company of *Canada*; praying for an Act authorizing them to re-arrange their Loan Capital, Debentures and Preference Stocks, to combine into one or more ranks or classes and provide for calling in the same or any portions thereof, to issue new securities in lieu of the same and to provide for the improvement generally of the Company's business without increasing its annual charges.

Of *W. J. Buchanan*, General Manager of the Bank of *Montreal*, and others, Bankers, Merchants and Manufacturers; praying for the passing of an Act, providing for the equitable distribution of insolvent estates.

The Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*,

That the Order for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *John Graham*" on Thursday, the Fourteenth day of February next, be discharged from the Orders of the Day for that day, and that the said Bill be read a second time on Friday, the Fifteenth day of February next, and that Notice thereof be affixed on the doors of this House, and the Senators summoned; and that the said *John Graham* may be heard by his Counsel at the second reading to make out the truth of the allegations of the said Bill; and that *Sarah Ann Graham* may have a copy of the said Bill, and that Notice be given to her of the said second reading, or sufficient proof adduced of the impossibility of so doing, and that she be at liberty to be heard by Counsel what she may have to offer against the said Bill, at the same time; that the said *John Graham* do attend this House on the said Fifteenth day of February next, in order to his being examined on the second reading of the said Bill, if the House shall think fit, whether there has or has not been any collusion directly or indirectly on his part relative to any act of adultery that may have been committed by his wife, or whether there be any collusion directly or indirectly between him and his wife, or any other person or persons, touching the said Bill of Divorce, or touching any action at law which may have been brought by him against any person for criminal conversation with her, the said wife of the said *John Graham*; and also whether at the time of the adultery of which he complains she was by deed or otherwise by his consent living separately and apart from and released by him, as far as in him lay, from her conjugal duty, or whether she was at the time of such adultery, cohabiting with him, and under the protection and authority of him, as her husband

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, on a division, resolved in the affirmative, and

*Ord red* accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, 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. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McInnes*, it was