

Wednesday, 13th March, 1878.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Mackenzie*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, presented, —Return to an Order of this House, dated 18th February, 1878, for all Reports, Surveys, Maps, Estimates, Correspondence and other details in possession of the Government in connection with the projected Harbor on *Lake Erie*, near the Village of *Morpeth*, in the County of *Kent*, together with a detailed statement of the expenditure incurred on account of that proposed work since 3rd April, 1876. (*Sessional Papers, No. 47.*)

And also, Return (in part) to an Order of this House, dated 4th March, 1878, for papers and correspondence in connection with the changing of the Post Office at the Port of *New Campbellton*, to a Way Office, and the reduction of the salary of the Postmaster; also a statement shewing the amount of Postage Stamps disposed of by the several Post and Way offices during the year 1876 and the year 1877, in the County of *Victoria, Nova Scotia*. (*Sessional Papers, No. 48.*)

Mr. *Lafamme*, 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 had under consideration the Bill to amend the Acts incorporating the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company and the *Canada* Central Railway Company, and to provide for the amalgamation of the said Companies, and have made several amendments thereto, which they respectfully submit for the consideration of your Honorable House.

On motion of Mr. *Cheval*, seconded by Mr. *Bernier*,

*Ordered*, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing the amount expended for the re-measurement of steam vessels registered under the Act of the late Province of *Canada*, now repealed; the names of the steam vessels; their tonnage; the amount paid, and to whom the said vessels belonged.

On motion of Mr. *Goudge*, seconded by Mr. *Kirk*,

*Ordered*, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all expenditure for repairs and additions incurred by the Intercolonial Railway Department on the *Tupper* House, *Hollis* Street, *Halifax*, used as a Ticket Office for that Department.

On motion of Mr. *Thompson* (*Cariboo*), seconded by Mr. *Monteith*,

*Ordered*, That there be laid before this House, a copy of all Reports of Mr. *Joseph Hunter*, C.E., in regard to the Survey made by him in 1877 of the pass known as the *Pine River Pass* in the *Rocky Mountains*.

On motion of Mr. *McQuade*, seconded by Mr. *Little*,

*Ordered*, That there be laid before this House, Returns of the value of meat, green, dried, cured or potted, imported into *Canada* from the *United States*, and the duty collected on such, from 1st January, 1877, to 1st January, 1878.

Mr. *Fr chet* moved, seconded by Mr. *B chard*, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee composed of Messieurs *Fr chet*, *B chard*, *Jett *, *Taschereau*, *Baby*, *Mousseau* and *Casey*, be appointed to consider the question of a better translation into French of "The *British North America* Act of 1867;"

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Six of the Clock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.