

of the Parish of *Ste. Geneviève*; and the Petition of *G. Mitchell* and others, of the Parish of *Pointe Claire*, both of the County of *Jacques Cartier*; the Petition of *O. Hébert* and others, of the Parish of *St. Charles*, County of *St. Hyacinthe*; the Petition of *E. Hurteau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de Soulanges*; the Petition of *L. A. Fortier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Clet*; and the Petition of *J. Lalonde* and others, of the Parish of *Vaudreuil*.

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

Of *T. R. Roberts* and others, of the Township of *Stanbridge*, County of *Missisquoi*; praying that the Act to amend An Act respecting Railways, may not become law.

Of *Samuel Hitchcock* and others, of the County of *Lambton*; praying that certain changes may be made in the three Bills before the House for amending the Fishery Act, to suit the fisheries in the River *St. Clair* and the South of Lake *Huron*.

Of *John Pearson*, on behalf of the Municipality of the Township of *Ellice*; praying that the Bill to legalize and confirm an agreement made between the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and the *Buffalo* and Lake *Huron* Railway Company, may not become law.

Of the Reverend *James Elliott* and others, of the City of *Montreal*,—and of *J. Johnston* and others, of *Furnham* Centre; severally praying for the redress of certain grievances connected with the subject of Protestant Education in *Lower Canada*.

Of the Reverend *W. Taylor*, D.D., and the Reverend *A. F. Kemp*, M.A., of the City of *Montreal*; praying for an Act of incorporation, under the name of "The Presbyterian College of *Montreal*."

Mr. *Somerville*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Tenth 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 Directors of the High School of the City of *Quebec*,—of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*, for a separation of the said Counties,—of the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for amendments to their Act of incorporation,—of the North-West Navigation and Railway Company,—and of the Reverend *W. Taylor*, D.D., and the Reverend *A. F. Kemp*, for incorporation of the Presbyterian College of *Montreal*.

On the Petition of *E. B. Wood* and *J. Y. Bown*, for authority to the Town Council of *Brantford* to permit the erection of a drill shed on a piece of land now vested in them for public purposes, Your Committee find that no notice was given; but as no private rights can be affected thereby, they recommend a suspension of the 53rd Rule in this case.

On the Petition of the *Peel* General Manufacturing Company, for amendments to their Act of incorporation, Your Committee find the notice sufficient for ordinary amendments; one of the proposed amendments, however, is of a peculiar nature, and they feel bound to call the attention of Your Honorable House to it, that it may be dealt with upon its own merits when the Bill is taken into consideration. The amendment referred to involves a relaxation of the exclusiveness of the Patent Law in favor of the Company,—so that persons becoming Shareholders therein may become eligible to take out Letters Patent for the protection of their inventions when used in connexion with the said Company.

The Petition of the Reverend *H. Baillargeon* and others, for incorporation of *La Société de l'Union St. Joseph*, of *Three Rivers*, is not of a nature to require the publication of notice.

On the Petitions of *E. H. Perry* and others, of the township of *Barrie*,—and of *W. B. Mills* and others, of the township of *Kennebec*, severally praying that those Townships may be separated from the County of *Frontenac*, and attached to *Lennox* and *Addington*, Your Committee find that no notice was given.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* (*Peel*) have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday next.