

April 28, 1874

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, April 28, 1874

The **SPEAKER** took the chair at 3.15 p.m.

Prayers

PETITIONS PRESENTED

Hon. Mr. BLAKE presented the petition of Mr. Thompson (Cariboo), setting forth that he had been duly elected to represent that constituency, but in consequence of some difficulty was unable to take his seat; and praying that the House might take such steps as would enable him to do so.

The following petitions were presented:—For an Act of Incorporation for the Board of Trade of St. John, Quebec; of the European and North American Railway Company, praying for amendments to their Act; for protection to manufacturers.

A large number of petitions, praying for a prohibitory liquor law, were presented.

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RETURNS

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE laid on the table returns relating to Section 13 of the Intercolonial Railway.

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THE TARIFF IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. BUNSTER presented the report of the Select Committee on the British Columbia tariff, recommending greater protection to agriculturists than was afforded by the Canadian tariff, and the enactment of one specially suited to the necessities of the Province. A list of imports upon which a special tariff should, in the opinion of the Committee, be imposed, was appended. It suggests that no changes be made which would in any way affect the Terms of Union.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said the report could not be received, as it suggested a change in the tariff. The report was left on the table, the impression being that it was illegal and irregular.

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REPORTS PRESENTED

Hon. Mr. FOURNIER presented the first report of the Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, reporting certain bills, among them the Caughnawaga Ship Canal bill and the Grand Trunk Railway amendment bill.

Hon. Mr. ROBITAILLE presented the report of the Committee on the most direct route to Europe, recommending the reduction of the quorum to five.

Mr. RYMAL presented the sixth report of the Committee on Standing Orders.

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BILLS INTRODUCED

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:—

Mr. TREMBLAY—To provide that the election of members of the House of Commons of Canada be by ballot.

Mr. DOMVILLE—To incorporate the Provincial Steamship Company.

Mr. IRVING—To incorporate the Neutral Link Railway Company.

Mr. SCHULTZ—To incorporate the Exchange, Loan and Trust Company of Manitoba.

Mr. PALMER—Respecting usury in the Province of New Brunswick.

Mr. JETTÉ—To incorporate the Standard Marine Insurance Company of Canada; also to change the name of the Victoria Bank of Canada to that of the Manufacturers' Bank of Canada; also to amend the Act 36 Vic., Cap. 106, incorporating the Canada Investment and Guarantee Agency.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Mr. TASCHEREAU moved that the name of Mr. Fiset be added to the Public Accounts Committee.—Carried.

Mr. DOMVILLE moved that the name of Mr. De Veber be added to the same Committee.—Carried.

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YALE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Hon. Mr. BLAKE said that on Friday last the Speaker had announced that the Clerk had received a supplementary return from the Returning officer of the electoral district of Yale, British Columbia. This showed that the original return must have been, to some extent, a special return. He thought such irregularities ought not to be passed over *sub silentio*, and he therefore moved that the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery be directed to attend this House tomorrow with the original and supplementary returns made by the Returning officer of the electoral district of Yale, and the papers forwarded therewith.