

By Mr. *Simpson*,—The Petition of *Wemyss M. Simpson*, Attorney for *James S. McMurray*, and others, of the City of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *James S. McMurray* and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Kirkpatrick*,—The Petition of the Honorable *John Hamilton* and others.

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

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of *Peterborough*; praying that the Bill now before Parliament to incorporate the *Ontario and Quebec Railway Company* may become law.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade; praying that the Bill now before Parliament to authorize the Minister of Public Works to exempt the North Shore Railway Company from the obligation to build drawbridges across navigable rivers, may not become law.

Of Messrs. *Macklem* and *Kirkpatrick*, Tanners, of *Chippawa*, Province of *Ontario*; praying that an export duty be imposed upon Hemlock Bark.

Of Messrs. *Alfred Waddington* and *William Kersteman*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Canada Pacific Railway Company*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Henry H. Miles*, L.L.D., D.C.L., author, and others, presented this day, be now received and read;

And the said Petition was received and read; praying that steps may be taken to examine the Canadian Records, sorting and classifying them, with a view to the preparation of a catalogue indicating their contents, and ultimately providing in a permanent manner not only for safe custody, but also convenient reference.

The Honorable Mr. *Trupper*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency, the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 2nd March, 1871,—for copies of all regulations made by the Governor in Council relating to the Fisheries; also a statement of the means adopted by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to prevent sawdust and mill rubbish being thrown into any stream frequented by fish, and for the enforcement of the penalties of the Fisheries Act against mill-owners and others for injury to the River fisheries; also a statement of the streams exempted by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries from the penal provisions of the Fisheries Act; and the evidence by which it is shewn that those exemptions are in the public interest; also a return shewing how far the Law has been complied with with regard to the construction of fish-ways. (*Sessional Papers No. 51.*)

Mr. *Perry*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Ninth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *James Collie* and others, for incorporation of the Bank of *Liverpool*, and find the notice sufficient.

On the Petition of the *Quebec* Marine and Fire Insurance Company, for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation, your Committee find the notice sufficient in point of time, but not sufficiently explicit, as some of the proposed amendments are such as to affect the rights of shareholders; they therefore recommend the insertion in the Bill, of a clause requiring the amendments to be submitted to a vote of the shareholders before going into effect.

The Petition of the Sun Insurance Company of *Montreal* prays for such an amendment of their Act of Incorporation as to enable them among other things to divide their business into two distinct branches,—and Your Committee find that no notice of the application was given; the promoters, however, have decided to abandon so much of the same as relates to a division of the business, and to ask only a change of their corporate name, to the “Sun Mutual Life Insurance Company of *Montreal*,” and for this notice is not required.

On the Petition of the Commercial Bank of *New Brunswick*, for an Act to limit the time within which their notes shall be redeemable, Your Committee find that the notice,