

suspension of the 51st Rule in this case, as it will be competent for them, as Committee on Private Bills, to provide that no injury to any party shall arise therefrom. All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. MILLER,
Chairman.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Benson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, it was

Ordered, That the fifty-first Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to the Position of the *Niagara* District Bank.

The Honorable Mr. *Benson* presented to the House a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the amalgamation of the *Niagara* District Bank with the Imperial Bank of *Canada*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday, the first day of March next.

The Honorable Mr. *Brown* moved seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House such papers in connection with the negotiations with the Government of the *United States* for a Treaty of Commercial Reciprocity as may be compatible with the public interest to submit.

After debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Letellier de St. Just* seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That further Debate on the said motion be postponed until to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk in the following words:

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

Monday, 22nd February, 1875.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate, requesting their Honors will give leave to the Honorable Mr. *Bellerose*, one of their Members, to attend and give evidence before the Select Standing Committee of this House on Public Accounts.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House do carry the said Message to the Senate.

Attest,

ALFRED PATRICK,

Clerk of the Commons.

And then he withdrew.

The Messenger was again called in and informed that the Senate will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Letellier de St. Just*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House that the Senate gives leave to the Honorable Mr. *Bellerose* to attend and give evidence before the Standing Committee on Public Accounts as desired by that House in their message received this day, if he thinks fit.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated to the House of Commons by one of the Masters in Chancery.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Letellier de St. Just*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*),

The House adjourned.