

Wednesday, 15th March, 1865.

Three o'clock, P.M.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the County of *Gaspé*, and in the District of *Bedford*, for the year 1864. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 14.)

And also,—Lists of the Shareholders of the *Quebec Bank*,—and the *Ontario Bank*, on the 1st January, 1865, in obedience to an Order of this House of the 23rd February last. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 9.)

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Dorion* (*Hochelaga*),—The Petition of *C. Laurier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Lin*, County of *L'Assomption*,

By Mr. *Pâquet*,—The Petition of *D. Filteau* and others; and the Petition of *E. Charbonneau* and others, both of *St. Cuthbert*, County of *Berthier*.

By Mr. *Bowman*,—The Petition of *James Glennie*, of the Township of *Woolwich*, County of *Waterloo*.

By Mr. *Rymal*,—The Petition of *A. Brown* and others, of the County of *Wentworth*.

By Mr. *Wallbridge* (*North Hastings*),—The Petition of *Rufus Holden*, Mayor, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Belleville*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Abbott*,—The Petition of *W. H. Cutten*, of the City of *London*.

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

Of *James Smith* and others, of *Cap des Rosiers*, County of *Gaspé*; praying aid for a Bridge.

Of *D. Roy* and others, of the County of *Charlevoix*; praying for aid to enlarge a Wharf at *Malbaie*.

Of *S. A. Myrand* and others,—cf *F. Tétu* and others,—and of *J. K. Boswell* and others, all of the City of *Quebec*; severally praying for the passing of an Act to substitute (for a period of five years or more) for the existing principle of an elective Corporation, a Commission composed of members appointed by the Crown, for the management of the affairs of the said City.

Of *George Henry Macaulay*, of the City of *Quebec*; representing that he has translated and published a pamphlet on "The Union of the Provinces of *British North America*, by the Honorable *Joseph Cauchon*," and that he is desirous of obtaining the usual authority to furnish a certain number of copies of the said pamphlet for the use of the Library of Parliament, and praying that this, his Petition, may be referred to the Library Committee for consideration in the premises.

Of *M. Lynch* and others, of *Granby* and vicinity,—of *T. Newington* and others, of *St. Paul d'Abbotsford*,—of *John MacDonald* and others, cf the Parish of *St. Anicet*,—of *Messieurs Thompson* and Company and others, of *Buckingham*,—of *H. Dobell* and others, of the City of *Montreal*,—and of *C. Martindale* and others, of the Municipality of the Township of *Stanbridge*; severally praying for the redress of certain grievances connected with the subject of Protestant Education in *Lower Canada*.

Of *John McGillivray* and others, of the Township of *Lochaber*, County of *Ottawa*; praying for an investigation into the acts of *F. S. McKay*, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County of *Ottawa*, at *Popineauville*.

Of the Provisional Council of the County of *Renfrew*; praying that the said County be separated from the County of *Lanark*, for all purposes.

Of the Reverend *J. W. Truesdell* and others, of *Warwick*; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the boundaries of the new Municipality of *Kingsley Falls*, back to lots No. 17. in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Ranges of *Warwick*.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*; praying for amendments to the laws relating to Municipal Institutions and Assessments in *Upper Canada*, and also to the *Toronto Harbor Trust*.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*; representing that in the year 1857 and in subsequent years, in making the Assessments, some of the Assessors, through ignorance, assessed certain lands imperfectly, and in consequence thereof