

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

Of Messrs. *Bourgoin* and Son, of the City of *Montreal*; Messrs. *Bourgoin* and *Lamontagne*, of the same City, all doing business as Railway Contractors; praying for the passing of an Act to enable them to obtain compensation for certain damages suffered by the petitioners, and for other purposes.

Of the Exchange Bank of *Canada*; praying that an Act may be passed reducing the Capital Stock of the said Bank by fifty per cent; viz. to five thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, and that the number of the Directors may be reduced to any number, not less than five.

The Honorable Mr. *Simpson* from the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, presented their First Report recommending the reduction of the Quorum of the said Committee to nine Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable M. *Reesor*, it was

*Ordered*, That the said Report may be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, from the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, presented their Second Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

COMMITTEE ROOM,

Friday, 17th December, 1880.

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament beg leave to submit the following as their Second Report :—

The Committee carefully examined the following documents and recommend that they be printed, viz :—

*Return to Order*, shewing the amounts of money in the hands of the Agents of the Dominion, or any other parties in London on the first day of each month in the years 1876, 1877, 1878 and 1879. (No. 16.) (*Sessional Papers only*.)

*Return to Order*, for names of persons dismissed or whose services have been dispensed with for any cause, or who have been superannuated, since 13th February, 1879,—Also the names etc., of any person appointed to any office since that date, etc. (No. 17).

*Statement of Special Warrants* issued by His Excellency the Governor General, in accordance with the provisions of the Act 41, *Vic.*, Cap. 7, Sec. 32. (No. 18.)

*Statements* of payments charged to unforeseen expenses by Orders in Council, from the 1st July, 1880, to date, in accordance with the Act 43 *Vic.*, Cap. 10, Schedule B. (No. 19.)

*Message* from His Excellency the Governor General in accordance with the Act 34 *Vic.*, Cap. 6, Sec. 10, transmitting three approved minutes of Council relating to the administration of Savings Banks. (No. 22.)

*Memorandum* of estimated cost of constructing certain sections of the Canadian Pacific Railway; Also Statement of expenditure on the Canadian Pacific Railway, to 30th November 1880. (No. 23.)

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON,

Chairman.