

April 29, 1872

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, April 29, 1872

The **SPEAKER** took the Chair at 3 p.m. and reporters were admitted at 4 p.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

A number of petitions were received, among which were:

Hon. Mr. JOHN YOUNG, of the European and American Telegraph Company, praying for an extension of their charter.

Mr. D.L. MACPHERSON and others, praying for an Act of Incorporation for the Inter-oceanic Railway.

The petition of the Toronto Board of Trade, praying for the abolition of stamps upon promissory note.

The petition of the Board of Trade of Toronto praying for the repeal of the Insolvency Act.

And the petition of the Quebec Board of Trade, praying that the Insolvency Act should not be repealed.

A message was received from His Excellency submitting the correspondence between the Imperial Government and the Governments of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, relative to the Washington Treaty, and especially the fisheries clauses in the Treaty.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE inquired concerning Lord Tenterden's account of the Fenian business.

Hon. Mr. GRAY moved for leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the Thunder Bay Silver Mining Bank.

Mr. HARRISON moved to introduce a bill to amend the Insolvent Act of 1869.

Mr. MERRITT moved for a Bill to incorporate the St. Catharine's Board of Trade.—Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Hon. Mr. HOWE submitted a report of the proceedings of the Indian Commissioners of Northumberland.

Mr. TREMBLAY moved for the introduction of the ballot system in elections.

Mr. MORRISON (Niagara) moved for the introduction of a Bill for the incorporation of the Fort Garry and Lake Superior Railway Company.

Mr. WALLACE (Vancouver Island): Whether it is the intention of the Government to extend the Dominion system of Weights and Measures to British Columbia; the Imperial system, at present in force in that Province, being found very inconvenient to trade, owing to the adoption of the Canadian tariff?

Hon. Mr. MORRIS: It is not the intention of the Government to do so at present.

Mr. DELORME (Provencher): Whether measures had been adopted to give to the half-breeds the grants of land provided by the Manitoba Act; when and how distribution of such lands will be made; whether the reserves designated in an official document dated at Ottawa, 23rd May, 1870, will be respected?

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD: All the papers relative to the subject will be brought down in the course of a few days, and will speak for themselves.

Mr. BOURASSA: Whether it is the intention of the Government to include in the estimates a sum to provide for the building of light houses, and the placing of buoys, pronounced indispensable to the navigation of the river Richelieu, between the town of Saint-Jean and the frontier, as a consequence of the visit and examination made in this locality last summer and autumn, by the Trinity House Board, and the Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries?

Hon. Mr. TUPPER: Provision has been made in the Estimates for this service.

Mr. BEATY: Whether Detective O'Neil of the City of Ottawa is in the employ and pay of the Government?

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD: Certainly not in the employ of the Dominion Government.

Hon. Mr. McKEAGNEY: Whether it is true, as reported in the daily papers, that Mr. Madden has been appointed Emigration Agent from the Dominion of Canada to the North of Ireland?

Hon. Mr. POPE: As Captain Madden after a sojourn of some months in the country, was returning to Ireland, he (Hon. Mr. Pope)