

By the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Whitchurch*, in the Province of *Ontario*.

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

Of the Board of Trade of the Town of *Cobourg* ; and of the Board of Trade of the City of *Ottawa*, in the Province of *Ontario*, severally praying for the continuance of the *Insolvent Act of 1869*, and its amendments.

Of the *Quebec Harbor Commissioners*, praying for aid either by increasing Tonnage dues on vessels frequenting the Harbor or otherwise, and that the rights of the Bondholders remain as they now are.

Of the Municipal Councils of the Townships of *Darlington*, *Ellice*, *North Easthope*, *Logan*, *Elfrid*, *Edwardsburgh*, *Lanark* and *Ashfield*, of the Corporation of the Town of *Bowmanville*, and of *John McLeod* and others, of the said Town of *Bowmanville*, all in the Province of *Ontario*, severally praying for the passing of an Act prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors as beverages in the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* presented to the House a copy of an agreement made on the 1st of February, 1873, between Sir *Hugh Allan*, of the City of *Montreal*, Shipowner, and the Honorable *Alexander Campbell*, Postmaster General of the Dominion of *Canada*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* presented to the House a Return of the distribution of the Dominion Statutes of *Canada* for the Fifth Session of the First Parliament, 1872.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable the Speaker reported to the House that the Clerk of the Senate had received the following communication :—

QUEBEC, 11th March, 1873.

SIR, —

We have the honor to inform you that in consequence of the destruction of the *Quebec Court House* by fire, and the loss of some of the registers of Civil Status deposited in our office, we have been unable to prepare and digest a triplicate statement and return of the baptisms, marriages and burials that have taken place in the District of *Quebec* during the year 1872, as required by cap. 20 of the Consolidated Statutes of *Lower Canada*.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very obedient Servants,

FISKE, BURROUGHS & CAMPBELL,

P. S. C.

To ROBERT LE MOINE, Esquire,
Clerk of the Senate.

Ordered, That the said letter do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Shaw* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Fervier*,

That the Petition presented this day, of the Dominion Board of Trade, praying for the continuance of the *Insolvent Act of 1869*, and its amendments, be now read.