

Of *Stephen C. Tupper*, and others, Merchants, of *Liverpool, Nova Scotia*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of *The Bank of Acadia*.

Of the Dominion Board of Trade; praying that the Insolvent Act may not be repealed.

Of *M. H. Gault*, and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Exchange Bank.

Of *Mr. J. C. Fitch*, and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Bank of *Canada*.

Of Messrs. *Calvin and Breck*, and others, of the Province of *Ontario*; praying for the passing of an Act to provide for the collection of demands against Ships and Vessels.

Of *C. H. Fairweather*, and others, Members of the *Saint John* Board of Trade; praying for an Act to incorporate the *Saint John* Board of Trade.

Of *Thomas E. Grindon*, of the City of *Saint John, New Brunswick*; praying for the passing of an Act establishing the validity of certain Debentures issued by the General Sessions of the County of *Charlotte*.

Of the Mayor and Corporation of the Town of *Belleville*; praying for the passing of an Act to prevent the casting of Sawdust, Slabs, and other refuse matter into the *Moir* River.

*Mr. Harrison*, from the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read as followeth:—

Your Committee beg leave to recommend that their Quorum be reduced to seven Members.

*Ordered*, That the Quorum of the said Committee be reduced to seven Members.

The Honorable *Mr. Huntington*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Notices given on the following Petitions, and find them sufficient, viz.:—Of the *Montreal* Telegraph Company,—of *John Proctor*, and others, for incorporation of the Bank of *Hamilton*,—of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, for the legalization of their agreement with the International Bridge Company,—of the Hon. *J. H. Gray*, and others, for incorporation of the *Thunder Bay* Silver Mines Railway Company,—of the Hon. *J. H. Gray*, and others, for incorporation of the *Thunder Bay* Silver Mines Bank,—of the Hon. *J. H. Gray*, and others, for the incorporation of the *Thunder Bay* Silver Mines Telegraph Company,—of the *Canada* Southern Railway Company,—and of *Milton Courtright*, and others, for the incorporation of companies for the construction of a Railway Bridge over the River *St. Clair*, and a Railway bridge or tunnel across the River *Detroit*, with the guarantee of the said Railway Company,—of *A. G. P. Dodge*, for an Act of naturalization,—of Messrs. *Gooderham and Worts*, and others, for incorporation of the “Mail” Printing and Publishing Company at *Toronto*,—and of *Thomas C. Chisholm*, and others, for incorporation of the *Toronto* Corn Exchange Association.

Your Committee beg leave to recommend a reduction of their Quorum to seven Members.

*Ordered*, That the Quorum of the said Committee be reduced to seven Members.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable *Mr. Holton* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the powers of the *Montreal* Telegraph Company, and for other purposes.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.