

Thursday, 21st May, 1874.

The following Petition was brought up, and laid on the Table:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Dorion*,—The Petition of the President and Directors of the Society "*Le Credit Foncier du Bas Canada*."

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

Of *Charles J. Babb* and others, of *H. Scadding* and others, of *Trayton Blaber* and others, of *J. Rordans* and others, of *James Nicolls* and others, of *G. Spence* and others, of *Mary Roberts* and others, of *Henry Woodhouse* and others, of *Samuel Riddington* and others, all of the City of *Toronto*; of the Reverend *H. D. Cooper*, B.A. and others, and of *B. J. Thorne* and others, of *Holland Landing*, County of *York*, *Ontario*; severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

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

Your Committee have carefully examined the List of expired and Expiring Laws, as prepared by the Law Clerk of Your Honorable House, and recommend the continuance of the Acts mentioned in the Bill, which your Committee submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House, to the first day of January next, and from then to the end of the then next Session of Parliament, and no longer.

The Honorable Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented to the House the Tenth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the following Bills, and have agreed to report the same, with amendments, viz.:—

Bill from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to amend the Charter of the *Montreal Credit Company*."

Bill from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Anglo-Canadian Mortgage and Investment Company" (limited.)

Bill to incorporate the "Colonial Building and Investment Association."

Bill to incorporate the "Lumber Exchange of the City of *St. John, New Brunswick*."

And the following Bill without amendment, viz.:—

Bill from the Senate intituled "An Act to give certain additional powers to the Port *Whitby* Harbor Company.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartwright*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Address to His Excellency, dated 13th May, 1874, for a statement shewing the amount of Dominion and Provincial Notes issued on the 1st of January and the 1st of July in each year, from 1868 to this date, with the amount of such Notes at each period held by the Chartered Banks as reserve, and the amount of specie held by the Receiver General at each period; also a Return of the circulation and paid-up Capital of the Chartered Banks at each period; also estimated cost of the Dominion Note circulation in connection with the Receiver General's Department, together with an estimate of the nett gain to the Revenue by the Dominion Note circulation. (*Sessional Papers, No. 71.*)

Also,—Return to an Address to His Excellency, dated 27th April, 1874, for copies of all accounts, claims and certificates presented and transmitted (from 1st July, 1867, to this day) to the Dominion Government by each of the Judges of the Superior Court for the Province of *Quebec*, in his capacity as such, for all travelling expenses and hotel expenses, in any place other than that in which such Judge had orders to reside or should have resided, either for sitting or for acting therein, or for holding therein (in such