

Wednesday, 20th March, 1878.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. *Thompson (Cariboo)*, seconded by Mr. *Platt*,

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all correspondence or petitions with reference to the establishment of a daily mail between *British Columbia* and *Puget Sound*.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by such Members of this House as are of the Queen's Privy Council.

On motion of Mr. *Dymond*, seconded by Mr. *Guthrie*,

*Ordered*, That the Return to an Order of this House, dated 18th February, 1878, for copies of the accounts, vouchers and papers connected with the payments for printing as entered in the Public Accounts for 1873-4, as made out of the Contingencies of the Department of Justice, to *J. B. Taylor*, the *Citizen Printing Company*, and *J. G. Moylan*, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

On motion of Mr. *Desjardins*, seconded by Mr. *Gibbs (Ontario North)*,

*Ordered*, That there be laid before this House, copies of all correspondence, notices, letters and other documents in relation to the *St. John's Bridge* on the River *Richelieu*.

On motion of Mr. *Desjardins*, seconded by Mr. *Gibbs (Ontario North)*,

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all petitions, correspondence and other papers in relation to any application for aid in behalf of certain ratepayers of the Parish of *St. Athanase*, in the County of *Iberville*, who have suffered loss by floods.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by such Members of this House as are of the Queen's Privy Council.

Mr. *Mitchell* moved, seconded by Mr. *Masson*, and the Question being proposed, That there be laid before this House, copies of the several Reports made in the past eighteen months in relation to the Fish-breeding establishment at *Miramichi*, by the Inspector of Fisheries of that District; also Mr. *Wilmot's* Report thereon, and the Inspector's remarks in reply thereto; And a Debate arising thereupon:—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *Haggart*, seconded by Mr. *McKay (Colchester)*,

*Ordered*, That there be laid before this House, a Return giving in detail the amount of ammunition furnished during the years 1875, 1876 and 1877, to the Active Volunteer Battalions and Companies of the Dominion; specifying the Battalion to which each Company belonged, and the amount purchased, and the prices paid by each Company or Battalion respectively; also the amount served out to the several Battalions or Companies for practice, and specifying the Companies or Battalions receiving the same, for which no charge was made.

Mr. *Fr chet te* moved, seconded by Mr. *Delorme*, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should take steps to test the possibility of navigating the *St. Lawrence* from *Quebec* to the ocean during the winter season;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And it being Six of the Clock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.