

been undertaken by the *St. Louis* Hydraulic Company, between *Heron Island* in the *St. Lawrence*, at the foot of the *St. Louis* Rapids, and the North Shore of the said River. (*Sessional Papers* No. 30.)

Ordered, That Mr. Doull have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Pictou* Bank.

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 Banking and Commerce.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—General Statement and Return of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials in the District of *St. Francis*, for the year 1872 ; and Supplementary Return for the said District for the year 1871. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 12.)

Mr. Speaker reported to the House, That the Recognizances to the Election Petitions of *Thomas Nixon*, Esquire, against the Election and Return of *James Beaty*, Esquire, for the Electoral District of *East Toronto* ; of *Hugh Blain*, Esquire, against the Election and Return of *Thomas Farrow*, Esquire, for the Electoral Division of the *North Riding* of the County of *Huron* ; and of *John Bertram*, Esquire, against the Election and Return of *William Claxton*, Esquire, for the Electoral District of the *West Riding* of the County of *Peterborough*, are unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Senate by their Clerk, as followeth :—

The Senate have passed a Bill intituled : “ An Act to provide for the establishment of ‘ The Department of the Interior,’ ” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

On motion of the Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Howe*,

Ordered, That the Bill from the Senate intituled : “ An Act to provide for the “ establishment of ‘ The Department of the Interior,’ ” be now read the first time.

The Bill was accordingly read the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time, To-morrow.

Mr. *Joly* moved, seconded by Mr. *Savary*, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now resolve into a Committee to consider the following proposed Resolution : That considering the Superannuation Fund is raised entirely out of the compulsory contributions taken from the salaries of Public Officers. it is just that the whole of that fund should be consecrated to the use and benefit of the said officers, by applying it first to their personal relief, according to law, and (if any surplus be left after the payment of their Superannuation allowances) to the relief of their widows and orphans ;

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Dorion* (*Napierville*), seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

Mr. *Schultz* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bowell*, and the Question being proposed, 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 communications from Indians and others in the Province of *Manitoba*, with the Government on the subject of the dissatisfaction prevailing among the Chiefs, Headmen and Indians treated with in *Manitoba* and adjacent territory in the year 1871 ;

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

And it being Six of the Clock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, to resume the same at half-past Seven O’Clock, P.M.