

Tuesday, 19th February, 1878.

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table:—

By *Mr. Ross* (Middlesex),—The Petition of the Dominion Alliance.

By *Mr. Macdougall* (Elgin),—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *St. Thomas*.

By *Mr. Casey*,—The Petition of the County Council of the County of *Elgin*.

By *Mr. Charlton*,—The Petition of the Honorable *James Ferrier* and others.

*Mr. Mackenzie*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before The House, Official Return of the distribution of the Dominion Statutes of *Canada*, being 40 *Vic.*, 4th Session, 3rd Parliament 1877. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 19.)

Also,—Return to an Order of this House, dated 2nd April, 1877, for copies of all papers, orders and correspondence with the Minister of Public Works, and the Engineer staff of the said Department in connection with the engagement of employes for the *Pacific* Railroad survey and the routes (if any) they were instructed to take; also correspondence and orders from the same source to their agents in reference to the carrying of emigrants, Government employes and freight coming under the direct control of the Government by the *Sarnia* or *Collingwood* route since 1874. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 20b.)

Also,—Return to an Order of this House, dated 4th April, 1877, for copies of the Reports of Engineers and all other correspondence and information in possession of the Government not yet communicated to the House, having reference to any actual surveys, or proposed surveys, in connection with the Canadian *Pacific* Railway from the *Red River* westward, south of *Lake Manitoba*. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 20a.)

Also,—Return to an Order of this House, dated 15th February, 1877, for a statement made up so as to shew for each month of the two years ending 31st December, 1876, the following particulars in relation to the working and management of the Intercolonial Railway:—

1. The number of miles run by the engines in each service, as follows:— Ordinary passenger trains; special passenger trains; freight trains; mixed trains; construction trains; with the mileage made by each description of cars used in each service.

2. The gross working expenses, without deductions, made up in accordance with the general classification of the railway accounts.

3. The particulars of all charges made for the use of engines and cars as well as for railway freight, debited to the various services and deducted from the working expenses of the railway. This statement to shew the deductions as made from each subdivision of the expenses, and to what service such deductions were charged.

4. The average in detail before and after such deductions have been made.

5. A statement giving full and detailed information in relation to the special trains for the conveyance of passengers or officers of the railway, which were run from the 1st July, 1875, to the 31st December, 1876. The statement to shew whence and where to each such train was run, and the date; the distance; the names of the conductors and engine-driver in charge, the reason for running it, the amount received for each service and the expenses incidental thereto. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 21e.)

Also,—Return to an Order of this House, dated 15th February, 1877, for a statement shewing:—

1. The original size and cost exclusive of heating apparatus, of the brick building at *Moncton*, known as the general offices of the Intercolonial Railway.

2. The size and cost of the additions to such building.

3. The original cost of the heating apparatus and of any additions made during the year of 1876.