

By the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*; of the Honorable *John Young*, of the City of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Ross*; of the *Huron and Ontario Ship Canal Company*.

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

Of *William Lynd* and others, of the County of *Bonaventure*, Province of *Quebec*; praying for a certain amendment to the Fisheries Act.

Of *Margaret Thompson*, of the Town of *New Carlisle*, in the County of *Bonaventure* aforesaid, and Widow of the late Honorable *John Gawler Thompson*, in his lifetime one of the Justices of the Superior Court, Province of *Quebec*; praying for a gratuity in consideration of the services of her husband as one of the Judges of the said Superior Court.

Of the Canadian Bank of Commerce; praying for the passing of an Act authorising the capital stock of the said Bank to be increased equal to the sum of Two Millions of dollars, and for further amendments to its charter.

Of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Tilbury East*; praying that an appropriation may be made for the purpose of removing the Bar at the mouth of the River *Thames*.

Of the Corporation of the County of *Kent*; praying for certain improvements in the navigation of the Rivers *Thames*, *Sydenham*, and the *Chenal Ecarté*; also, that the *Rond Eau* Harbour be made a Harbour of Refuge, and also that *Two Creeks* be dredged.

Of *Charles Brooks* and others, of the Township of *Ascot*; praying that a duty be imposed upon all foreign hops when imported into *Canada*.

Of the Reverend *F. A. Blouin* and others, of *La Grande Rivière*, in the County of *Gaspé*; praying to be relieved from the payment of a certain sum due to the Municipal Loan Fund.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House the accounts and vouchers of the Clerk of the Senate from 1st July, 1867 (the day of proclaiming the present Union), to the 1st day of January, 1869.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Allan* from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills presented their first Report recommending the reduction of the quorum of the said Committee to seven members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Allan*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Letellier de St. Just*, it was

*Ordered*, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* acquainted the House that he had a message from His Excellency the Governor General under his sign manual, which his Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House:

The same was then read by the Clerk, and it is as follows:—

JOHN YOUNG:

His Excellency the Governor General transmits for the information of the Senate a copy of a despatch from the Governor of *Newfoundland*, dated 20th March, 1869, forwarding copies of Resolutions passed by the Council and Assembly of the Colony of