

## No. 7.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

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OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 1896.

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## PRAYERS.

Three Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing them to construct, equip, work and maintain a telegraph line and telephone lines along the whole length of their railway and branches, &c.

Of John Kennedy and others, Provisional Directors of The Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Pontypool Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the said railway for the terms of two and five years, respectively.

Of the Nipissing and James' Bay Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act consolidating the several Acts affecting their railway, amending their bonding powers, and for other purposes.

Of the St. Lawrence and Adirondack Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act confirming a certain lease and agreement entered into by them with the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, by which they have leased that portion of the latter Company's Railway lying between Beauharnois and Valleyfield, for the period of ninety-nine years.

Of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada ; praying for the passing of an Act confirming a certain lease and agreement entered into by them with the St. Lawrence and Adirondack Railway Company, by which they have leased to the said company that portion of their line of railway lying between Beauharnois and Valleyfield, for the period of ninety-nine years.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a notification of a vacancy having occurred in the representation of the Electoral District of Cape Breton, in the Province of Nova Scotia, by the resignation of David McKeen, Esq., and that he had issued his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ of Election for the said Electoral District.

On motion of Mr. Foster, it was Ordered, That Questions to be put by Members and Notices of Motions be deferred until after the consideration of His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

Mr. Powell moved, seconded by Mr. McGillivray,

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to offer the respectful thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament ; namely :—