

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, the Report of the Librarian upon the state of the Library of Parliament. (*Sessional Papers, No. 10.*)  
And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

Friday, 7th March, 1873.

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

By Mr. *Bowell*,—The Petition of *John Schultz* and others, of the Province of *Manitoba*.

By Mr. *Carter*,—The Petition of the *Glasgow Canadian Land and Trust Company*, (Limited.)

By Mr. *Ryan*,—The Petition of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*.

By Mr. *Lanthier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *A. Labelle*, and others, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Soulanges*.

By Mr. *Daly*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Ellice*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Township of *North Easthope*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Logan*.

By Mr. *Beaubien*,—The Petition of the *Montreal Northern Colonization Railway Company*, (incorporated by the Legislature of the Province of *Quebec*.)

Mr. *Blake* moved, seconded by the Honorable *Holton*, and the Question being proposed, That it appears by the Poll Books, and other papers transmitted by *George Burnham*, the Returning Officer appointed to conduct the last Election for *West Peterboro'*, that two Candidates *John Bertram*, Esquire, and *William Cluxton*, Esquire, were nominated,—that a Poll was demanded, granted, and taken,—that at the close of the polling the said *John Bertram* had the largest number of votes; having received seven hundred and forty five votes, while the said *William Cluxton* received only seven hundred and five votes, and that notwithstanding the said Returning Officer has not declared and returned the said *John Bertram* as duly elected, but has declared and returned the said *William Cluxton* as duly elected.

That the said *William Cluxton* has not taken his seat in this House.

That the said *John Bertram* ought to have been returned as Member for *West Peterboro'* in this Parliament, and that the said *John Bertram* has a right to take his seat in this House as Member for *West Peterboro'*, saving however to all Candidates and Electors their right of contesting the said Election, if they think proper in such manner as may appertain to law and justice, and according to the usage of Parliament;

The Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald* moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Tilley*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "the Return made by the Returning Officer of a Member to represent the *West Riding* of the County of *Peterboro'* in this House, and all the papers connected therewith, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, to be appointed in pursuance of the Order of this House made on the 6th instant, with instructions to proceed without delay, and report to this House on the proper and legal course to be adopted with regard to the said Return, in order that the rights of all parties concerned may be duly protected," inserted instead thereof;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, in amendment to the said proposed amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dorion*, (*Naxierville*), That the words "the Return made by the Returning Officer of a Member to represent the *West Riding* of the County of *Peterboro'* in this House, and all the papers connected therewith, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, to be appointed in pursuance of the Order of