

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

Of the Great Western Railway Company; praying for an Act to remove doubts as to the validity of a certain Indenture entered into on the 1st October, 1863, by the said Railway Company; the *Niagara Falls International Bridge Company*, and the *Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company*, and also a subsequent agreement of the 18th day of January, 1873, and that the same and a further agreement amending them shall be made and declared valid and legal to all intents and purposes.

Of the said Great Western Railway Company; praying for an Act to amend their Act of incorporation.

Of the Imperial Building, Savings and Investment Company; praying for an Act to change the name of the said Company to that of "The Imperial Loan and Investment Company."

Of the Canadian Navigation Company; praying for an Act to remove doubts as to the powers conferred upon the said Company by the Act 31 Vic., Cap. 21, by declaring that the Directors, with the consent of the Shareholders, may dispose of the Stock of the Company for shares of the capital of any other incorporated Company.

Of *James Harrison* and others, of the County of *Hastings*, in the Province of *Ontario*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company to be called "*The Belleville and Ottawa River Railway Company*."

Of the said *James Harrison* and others, of the Village of *Bridgewater*, in the County of *Hastings* and Province of *Ontario*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the Provincial Insurance Company; praying for an Act to amalgamate the various Acts which now constitute the charter of the Company, with the alterations that the Directors of the Company, under the authority of the Shareholders, desire to make therein.

The Honorable the Speaker, presented to the House a Return of the Shareholders of the *Niagara District Bank*, on the 15th day of February, 1875.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 11th February, instant; praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House copies of the Postal Convention recently made with the Postmaster General of the *United States* by the Postmaster General of *Canada*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House the Official Return of the distribution of the Dominion Statutes of *Canada*, being 37th *Victoria* first Session of the Third Parliament, 1874.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)