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

By Mr. Currier,-The Petition of B. Batson and others, of the City of Ottawa.

By Mr. Grant,—The Petition of George Johnston and others, of the Township of Gloucester, County of Carle ton.

By the Right Honorable Sir John A. Macdonall,—The Petition of William Baker, 2 Clarence Villa, Bournemouth, Hants, England, a first and second-class bondholder of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada.

Ordered, That the Petition of B. Batson and others, of the City of Ottawa, presented this day, be now received and read.

And the said Petition was received and read; praying to be permitted to lay before the House, a Petition for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Dominion Dock and Warehousing Company, notwithstanding the expiration of the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the following Petitions were read :---

Of *Robert Marshall* and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Canada* Marine Insurance Company.

Of J. N. Bureau and others, of the City of Three Rivers; praying that the Insolvent Act of 1869, and amendments thereto, may be permitted to expire.

Of A. A. Skinner and others, of the Township of Whitchurch ; of Matthew Low and others, of the Township of Whitchurch; of Joseph J. Davis and others, of the Village of Aurora; of the Reverend Edward Barras and others, of the Village of Aurora; of George Bice and others, of the Village of Aurora; of the Reverend G. Dunkley and others, of the Township of Georgina; of Mrs. Joseph Swan and others, of the Village of Franklin; of George Edwards and others, of the Village of Lloydtown and vicinity; of R. W. Forrest, M.D., and others, of the Village of Mount Albert and vicinity ; of George Flint and others, of the Village of Stouffville; of the Reverend William W. Torrance and others, of the Township of North Gwillimbury; and of Charles Haines and others, of the Township of East Gwillimbury, all of the County of York; of William Tait and others, of the Township of Pakenham, County of Lanark; of John R. Hughes and others, of North Plantagenet, County of Prescott; of the Reverend E. Whitworth and others, of Bruce Mines, Algoma ; of Ferris Lawrence and others, of the Township of Trafalgar ; of James Hollinrake and others, of the Town of Milton, both of the County of Halton; of the Municipal Council of the County of Halton; and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario ; severally playing for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of Ol. Robitaille, M.D., President and others, Directors of La Caisse d'Economie de Notre-Dame de Québec; praying for certain amendments to the Bill further to amend the Act to provide for the improvement and management of the Harbor of Quebec.

Of J. B. Auger, President of the Auger and Shipping Company, and others, Forwarders and Ship-owners, of the City of *Montreal*; praying that a canal may not be constructed on the North Shore of the *St. Lawrence*, from *Cascades* to *Coteau Landing*; but that the *Beauharnois* canal may be deepened and improved in accordance with the recommendation of the Canal Commissioners.

The Honorable Mr. Langevin, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report on the state of the Militia of the Dominion of Canada, for the year 1872.—(Sessional Papers, No. 9.)

The Honorable Mr. *Tilley*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, laid before the House,—Statement made by Insurance Companies in compliance with the Act 31 Vic: Cap. 48, Sec. 14.—(Sessional Papers, No. 28.)

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