

the Petition of Mrs. *W. W. Corbett*, and others, of *Annapolis*; the Petition of Mrs. *J. C. Upham*, and others, of *North Sydney, Cape Breton*; the Petition of Mrs. *B. Hines*, and others, of *Argyle*; the Petition of *Martha King*, and others, of *Pictou*; and the Petition of Mrs. *G. K. Ryerson*, of *Yarmouth*, all women of the Province of *Nova Scotia*; the Petition of Mrs. *B. J. Holman* and others, of the *Summerside Ladies Temperance Union*; and the Petition of *Sarah Ann McCarthy* and others, women of *Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island*.

By Mr. *Pickard*,—The Petition of the County Council of the Municipality of the County of *York*; the Petition of the Free Baptist Church, *Keswick, York*; the Petition of the *Kingsclear Reform club, York*; and the Petition of the *Fredericton Temperance Reform Club*, all of *New Brunswick*.

Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented to the House the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee would recommend that the fees paid on the Bill to amend an Act intituled: "An Act respecting '*La Banque Jacques Cartier*,'" be refunded, less the cost of printing and translation:—The Preamble of the said Bill having been reported to the House on the 22nd instant as "not proven."

On motion of Mr. *Holton*, seconded by Mr. *McDougall (Renfrew)*,

*Ordered*, That in accordance with the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, the Fee paid on the Bill to amend an Act intituled: "An Act respecting *La Banque Jacques Cartier*," be refunded,—the Preamble of said Bill having been reported "not proven."

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cartwright*, and the Question being put, That after Monday next, Government business shall have precedence immediately after Routine proceedings on Mondays, for the remainder of the Session; the House divided: and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bill to amend "The Post-office Act, 1875," as amended in Committee of the whole House; and the amendments were twice read and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the creation and registration of Homestead Exemption Estates in the Territories of *Canada*;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Resolved*, That this House do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

And it being Six of the Clock, Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and left it to resume the same at half-past Seven o'Clock, P.M.

*Half-past Seven o'Clock, P.M.*

The House, according to Order, resolved into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Sydenham Harbor Company*, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Bowell* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.