

in the neighbourhood of the City of *Montreal*; whose names are thereunto subscribed; was presented to the House by Mr. *Chaboillez*, and the same was received and read,

SETTING FORTH.—That for more than twenty years past the Petitioners have repeatedly experienced and suffered considerable damages and losses, arising from certain insects known by the name of the Caterpillar *Arpentuse*, the which every spring devours the Fruit Trees in their Orchards and Gardens, to the great prejudice of the petitioners and other proprietors of lands planted with such trees, and notwithstanding the uncommon care, labour and expence, this destructive scourge occasions, they have hitherto found no remedy for stopping it's ravages, but shaking the trees and smearing the trunks of them with tar, upon which the said Caterpillar climbs up, sticks thereon, and dies.

That although all these precautions in their nature, are extremely expensive to the petitioners, they annually experience with pain the loss of their labour by the neglect and indifference of their neighbours, proprietors of Orchards, who refuse to co-operate with them in destroying those noxious insects, that are carried by the wind into the neighbouring lands, and attached to the trees by means of long webs or threads, so that the petitioners see their said fruit trees again eat up, and the fruit of their industry absolutely lost.

The petitioners therefore humbly pray, that the House will take their case into consideration, and adopt such necessary means for their relief, as in its wisdom it shall see fit.

On motion of Mr. *Chaboillez*, seconded by Mr. *Roy Portelance*,

RESOLVED, That the said petition be referred to a Committee of five Members, to examine the matter thereof, and report the same