

Friday, 7th February, 1896.

The Members convened were :—

The Honourable *JOHN JONES ROSS*, Speaker,

The Honourable Messieurs

Aikins,	Cochrane,	Masson,	Pelletier,
Almon,	De Blois,	McCallum,	Perley,
Angers,	Desjardins,	McClelan,	Poirier,
Arsenault,	Dever,	McDonald (C.B.),	Power,
Baird,	Dickey,	McInnes (N. Westm'tr),	Primrose,
Baker,	Dobson,	McKay,	Prowse,
Bellerose,	Ferguson (P.E.I.),	McKindsey,	Read (Quinté),
Bernier,	Gowan,	McMillan,	Reid (Cariboo),
Bolduc,	Guévremont,	Merner,	Scott,
Boucherville, de	Kirchhoffer,	Miller,	Sullivan,
Boulton,	Landry,	Montplaisir,	Vidal,
Bowell (Sir Mackenzie),	Macdonald (P.E.I.),	O'Brien,	Villeneuve,
Casgrain,	Macdonald (Victoria),	O'Donohoe,	Wark,
Clemow,	MacInnes (Burlington),	Owens,	Wood.

PRAYERS.

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

By the Honourable Mr. Kirchhoffer,—Of John Hoskin and others, of the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario; and of H. S. MacDougal, of the City of Montreal, and others, of elsewhere.

By the Honourable Mr. Boulton,—Of Archibald Wright, of Winnipeg, and others, of Manitoba and North-west Territories.

By the Honourable Mr. McKindsey,—Of the Ontario Peat Fuel Company (Limited); and of the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Company.

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

Of George Binnie and others, of the County of Grey; praying for the passing of the Bill now before Parliament intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Huron and Ontario Railway Company."

Of the High Court of Quebec of the Independent Order of Foresters, and of the High Court of Nova Scotia of the Independent Order of Foresters; severally praying for the passing of the Bill now before Parliament relating to their Order.

Of the Montreal Park and Island Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act amending their Act of incorporation, and enlarging their bonding powers.

Of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing them to further extend their line of railway from the Town of Simcoe to a point near Fort Erie, in the County of Welland.

Of John M. Bowis and others, of Tiverton, in the Province of Ontario; praying for the passing of the Bill now before Parliament intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Huron and Ontario Railway Company;"—and

Of the Chignecto Marine Transport Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act extending the time for the completion of their railway.

The Honourable Mr. Miller, from the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented their First Report.