

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth :—

JOHN YOUNG.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the House of Commons, certain correspondence and documents relative to the agreement made by the Government with the Great Western Railway Company of *Canada*, for the settlement of the debt due by that Company ; which he recommends to the favorable consideration of the House.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Ottawa, 16th, April 1869.

(*Sessional Papers*, No. 7.)

On motion of Mr. *Jones (Leeds & Grenville)*, seconded by Mr. *Scatcherd*,
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a detailed statement of all costs and charges connected with the survey and management of the Intercolonial Railway, since the 1st of April, 1868.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Privy Council.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Holton*,
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all correspondence relative to the surveys of the several proposed routes for the Intercolonial Railway, with copies of all documents relative to the same ; also copies of Orders in Council relative to the same since the last Return.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency, by such Ministers of this House as are of the Honorable the Privy Council.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow.

Tuesday, 20th April, 1869.

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

By Mr. *Crawford (Brockville)*,—The Petition of *Clarissa Georgina Perry*, of the Town of *Brockville*, County of *Leeds*, Province of *Ontario*, widow of *Edmund Perry*, deceased.

By Mr. *Rankin*,—The Petition of *John Rankin*, Reeve and others, of the Township of *Ross* ; and the Petition of *Michael Mulligan*, Reeve, and others, of the Township of *Bromley*, County of *Renfrew*.

By Mr. *McConkey*,—The Petition of *William Swain* and others, of *Collingwood*.

By Mr. *Stephenson*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*.

By Mr. *Grant*,—The Petition of *John Dow*, Reeve and others, of the Township of *Ossyooode* ; the Petition of *Martin Casselman* and others, of the Township of *Cambridge* ; and the Petition of *John Tytler* and others, of the Township of *Clarence*, all of the County of *Russell*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Galt*,—The Petition of the Honorable *John Young*, of the City of *Montreal*.

Mr. *Wright (Ottawa)* moved, seconded by Mr. *Currier*,

That the Petition of the Reverend *C. Guillaume*, Curé and others, of the Parish of *St. André Avelin*, County of *Ottawa*, presented to this House, on Friday the 16th April, instant, be now received ;

And Objection being taken by Mr. *Mackenzie*, Member for the Electoral District of *Lambton*, That the Petition prays for the removal of "obstructions," which can only be done by a grant of public money, and is therefore contrary to Parliamentary practice, which prohibits the reception of Petitions praying for grants of money directly or indirectly ;