

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Blanchet*,—The Petition of Messrs. *Arthur H. Murphy* and Company, and others, of the Town of *Levis*.

By Mr. *Lapum*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Townships of *Clarendon* and *Miller*, County of *Frontenac*.

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of *Jacques Robitaille* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Tourangeau*,—The Petition of *Francois Auger* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petition was read :—

Of Messrs. *Black*, Brothers and Company, Merchants, and others, of *Halifax, Nova Scotia*; praying that no change may be made at present in the currency of *Nova Scotia*.

The Honorable Mr. *Tupper*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, laid before this House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Annual Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, for the year ending 30th June, 1870. (*Sessional Papers No. 5.*)

The Honorable Sir *Francis Hincks*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 20th February, 1871; for a statement of all claims made upon the Dominion Government consequent on the Insurrection in the North West Territories, and payments made, if any, with copies of all Orders in Council, Official Reports, or other documents relating to such claims for damages; also, a statement of claims made by the so-called Delegates, Messrs. *Scott*, *Richot*, and *Black*, for expenses or compensation, and the amounts paid; and, also, a statement of all other personal claims made and amounts paid, with copies of Orders in Council, and all other documents relating to all such claims. (*Sessional Papers No. 44.*)

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morris*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Tilley*,

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following proposed Resolutions :—

1. That it is expedient to amend Section 7, of the Inland Revenue Act, 1868, 31 *Vic.*, C. 20, by providing that, paraffine wax in a solid state, grease for lubricating purposes and being fluid, lubricating oil made from crude petroleum without being subjected to any process of distillation, tar and other refuse removed from the still without passing through the worm or condenser, and any article produced from such tar or refuse without further process of distillation shall be exempt from any duty of excise.

2. That it is expedient to amend section 29, of the Act 33 *Vic.*, Cap 3 (To establish and provide for the Government of the Province of *Manitoba*), by authorizing the Governor in Council to reduce any or all of the duties of excise, payable on the said Province during the period of three years from the passing of the said Act, under any provisions of the laws of *Canada* respecting Inland Revenue, which he may see fit to declare applicable to the said Province, to such rates as he may deem expedient in view of the duties of customs payable during that period on like articles imported into the said Province.

A Bill for the prevention of corrupt practices in relation to the collection of the Revenue, was, according to Order, 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 Honorable Mr. *Gray*, from the Committee of the Whole House to consider certain