Of George W. Campbell, and others, of the City of Montreal; praying for the passing of an Act incorporating them as a Sealing, Fishing, and Shipping Company (with limited liability).

Of Louis Roy, Mayor, and others, of the Municipality of Ste. Anne des Monts and Cap Chatte; praying for the establishment of a Line of Steamers for the transport of Mails and Passengers from Canada to the West Indies, and from thence to Brazil.

A Motion being made and seconded, That the Petition of R. Abbott, and others, presented on Monday last, praying for such an appropriation as will be sufficient to open the mouth of *Big Creek* into the waters of *Lake Huron*, for a harbor of Refuge, be now received;

Mr. Speaker ruled, That "this Petition cannot be received, as the granting of the prayer thereof would involve the expenditure of Public money."

A Motion being made and seconded, That the Petition of the Council of the Municipality of the City of *Toronto*, presented on Monday last, praying for the adoption of such measures as will render substantial assistance in the construction of the *Huron* and *Ontario* Ship Canal, be now received;

Mr. Speaker ruled, That "this Petition cannot be received, as the granting of the "prayer thereof would involve the expenditure of Public Money."

The Honoreble Mr. Morris, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, laid before the House,—Official Return of the distribution of the Statutes of Canada, 34 Victoria, 4th Session of 1st Parliament, in conformity with the Act 31 Vict., Cap. 1, Sec. 14. (Sessional Papers No. 23).

The Honorable Sir *Francis Hincks*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, delivered to the Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

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

LISGAR.

The Governor General transmits Estimates of certain of the sums required for the service of the Dominion for the year ending 30th June, 1873; and, in accordance with the provisions of "the British North America Act, 1867," he recommends these Estimates to the House of Commons. (Sessional Papers No. 1.)

## GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, 24th April, 1872.

The Honorable Sir Francis Hincks, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, laid before the House,—Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of Canada, from the 1st July, 1871, to the 31st March, 1872, together with the Estimated Revenue and authorized Expenditure for the current year, and the balances of the same. (Sessional Papers No. 24.)

Mr. Brousseau, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:

The Committee beg leave to submit, as their Second Report, the following Resolution: Resolved,—That the action of Mr. Hartney, the Clerk of this Committee, regarding the printing of Mr. Dawson's Report on the Red River Expedition of 1870, be approved; Mr. Hartney having fairly and properly carried out the instructions of the Committee, as adopted by both Houses, in preventing the publication in a Parliamentary document, by Mr. Dawson, of his Addenda regarding certain statements in Blackwood's Magazine. And that this Resolution, together with the Clerk's explanations, be reported to both Houses.