

Wednesday, 5th February, 1896.

The Senate met at eight o'clock in the evening.

The Members convened were :—

The Honourable *JOHN JONES ROSS*, Speaker,

The Honourable Messieurs

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

PRAYERS.

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

By the Honourable Mr. Macdonald (Victoria),—Of George Binnie and others, of the County of Grey, in the Province of Ontario.

By the Honourable Mr. Clemow,—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.

By the Honourable Mr. McMillan,—Of the Montreal Park and Island Railway Company.

By the Honourable Mr. Casgrain,—Of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Company.

By the Honourable Mr. Power,—Of John M. Bowis and others, of Tiverton, in the Province of Ontario.

By the Honourable Mr. Wood,—Of the Chignecto Marine Transport Railway Company.

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

Of the Provisional Directors of the Rocky Mountain Railway and Coal Company ; praying for the passing of an Act extending the time for the commencement and completion of their line of railway.

Of Albert Hudson, of the City of Ottawa, and others of elsewhere ; praying for the passing of an Act incorporating them as the Equitable Benefit Company of Canada.

Of Louis Tourville and others, of the City of Montreal ; praying for the passing of an Act incorporating them as a Company to construct and operate a line of railway from a point in the County of Verchères, to a point near Longueuil or St. Lambert ; and also with power to build a bridge across the St. Lawrence River from St. Lambert to the City of Montreal.

Of the Montreal Island Belt Line Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act defining its bonding powers ; re-arranging its capital stock, changing the