

By the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*,—Of the Municipal Councils of the Townships of *Romney, Southwold, South Dorchester, Chatham, Madoc, Colchester, Casadoc, and Raleigh*,—and of the Corporation of the Town of *Strathroy*, all in the Province of *Ontario*.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the following petitions were read:—

Of the International Bridge Company; praying for an Act to amend the Acts relating to the bridge erected by the said Company, and to make said Acts correspond with the enactments of the Legislature of the State of *New York*, and with the Acts of the Congress of the *United States of America* with respect to the said bridge.

Of *A. C. Ells* and others, of the village of *Scott's Bay*, in the County of *King's*, in the Province of *Nova Scotia*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

The Honorable Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their fifth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

COMMITTEE ROOM,
22nd February, 1875.

The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honor to present the following as their fifth Report.

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions and find that sufficient notice has been given in each case, viz.:—

Of the *Montreal Board of Trade*, praying for "An Act to amend their Act of Incorporation by providing for the continuance in office of the Council; for the quorum of the Council, for the calling of meetings, the mode of electing members of the Corporation, the election of delegates to the Dominion Board of Trade, changing the date of the Annual Meetings, the quorum of the Council; and by increasing the power of the Board of holding and acquiring property.

Of the *Consolidated European and North American Railway Company*; praying for "An Act to confirm certain articles of agreement entered into by the said Company and the *European and North American Railway Company* of the State of *Maine*, one of the *United States of America*."

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the *Montreal Northern Colonization Railway Company* praying for An Act to provide a more convenient and executive mode of issuing and securing the Debentures of the Company, to be issued under the borrowing powers already conferred upon them, and regulating the powers of the Trustees, and find the notice insufficient in point of time. Your Committee, however, recommend the suspension of the 51st Rule in this case, as it will be competent for the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways to provide that no injury to any party shall arise therefrom.

Your Committee have also examined the Petition of the *Niagara District Bank*; praying for "An Act to amalgamate the said Bank with the *Imperial Bank of Canada*, and find the notice insufficient in point of time. Your Committee, however, recommend the suspension of the 51st Rule in this case as no private rights will be thereby injuriously effected.

Your Committee have also examined the Petition of *McKenzie Bowell, M. P.* and others of the Town of *Belleville*, in the Province of *Ontario*; praying for an Act of Incorporation as the *Intelligencer Printing and Publishing Company*, and find the local notice insufficient in point of time. Your Committee, however, recommend the