C.—1st. Regulations respecting ordinary and special examinations and appointments made under the system of examinations.

2nd. Such other regulations for the management of the service as are not esta-

blished by Statute.

3rd. Copies of questions used at last general and special examinations, prior to 1st January, 1877; with Statement of what degree of proficiency was required of candidates.

4th. List of successful candidates, shewing percentage of marks obtained.

On motion of Mr. Stephenson, seconded by Mr. Haggart,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, Returns, in detail, of all expenses incurred and moneys expended in the payment of Engineers, Surveyors and others, for services rendered, as well as for horse hire, etc., in connection with the surveys of the North Branch of the River Sydenham, from the forks at Wallaceourgh to the Village of Wilkesport, in the year 1876.

Resolved, That a Select Committee composed of Messieurs Brouse, Holton, Tupper, Blanchet, Pope (Compton), Dymond, Landerkin, Forbes, Christie and Kerr, be appointed to examine and report upon the subject of Vital Statistics and public health; with power to send for persons and papers.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 22nd February 1877.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,-Lists of Stockholders of the Bank of Montreal, on the 8th February, 1877; of the Bank of Ottawa, on the 31st December, 1876; of the Federal Bank of Canada, on the 20th February, 1877; of the Stadacona Bank, on the 8th February, 1877; and of the Merchants Bank of Canada, on the 31st December, 1876, under the provisions of the Act 34 Vic., Cap. 5, Sec. 12. (Sessional Papers, No. 18.)

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid on the Table:-By Mr. Wallace (Albert),-The Petition of the Albert Railway Company of Albert County, Province of New Brunswick, heretofore incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick.

By Mr. MacDonnell (Inverness),—The Petition of Elias Tower, and others

interested in the navigation of the St. Lawrence.

By Mr. Tupper,—The Petition of C. J. Stewart, and others interested in the

Coal Trade and Shipping interests of the Dominion.

By Mr. Currier,—The Petition of Hugh Mathewson, President and others,
Directors and Stockholders of the Coteau and Province Lire Railway and Bridge Company and others, interested in the construction and completion of the same.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were read and received :-

Of the Corporation of the Town of Kincardine, County of Bruce; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to collect dues at the Harbor in the said Town of Kincardine.