

By the Honorable The Speaker, Of the Municipal Councils of the Townships of *Oakland, Blenheim Downie, Mornington, Howick, and McKillop* and of the Town of *Woodstock*, all in the Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Macfurlane*,—Of *Robert McKinnon* and others, of the Counties of *Yarmouth, Hants, Pictou, Cumberland, Guysborough, Shelburn, and Colchester*, all in the Province of *Nova Scotia*.

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

Of *Wm. A. Thompson* and others; praying to be incorporated as “The *Niagara Grand Island Bridge Company*.”

Of *Izac Cockburn* and others; praying to be incorporated as “The *Collins Bay Rafting and Forwarding Company*.”

Of the Confederation Life Association; praying for the amendment of their Act of incorporation so as to provide for the holding of the Annual General Meeting at a different period of the year, to alter the provisions of the 18th and 19th Sections of said Act of incorporation, and for other purposes.

Of the Corporation of the County of *Haldimand*, in the Province of *Ontario*; praying against the passing of an Act to authorize the leasing of the *Hamilton and Lake Erie* Railway to the Great Western Railway Company, the Grand Trunk Railway Company, or the *Canada Southern Railway Company*, or any Act by which the said Company will be relieved from their obligations to the said Corporation.

Of the Honorable *John Young*, of the City of *Montreal*, on behalf of the *Caughnawaga Ship Canal Company*; praying that the time limited for the commencement of the Canal may be extended for two years, and for its completion for five years, and that the number of Directors may be increased to thirteen.

Of the Honorable *John Young*, acting Director in *Canada* of the Great Northern Telegraph Company; praying that the time limited for the laying down of the telegraph cable may be extended for a further period of two years, and its completion to a period of five years.

Of *Alfred Perry* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate “The *Royal Canadian Chemical Fire Engine Company*.”

Of *R. H. Bain* and others, of *Fullarton*, in the County of *Perth*; and of *M. Mackenzie* and others, of *Wardsville*, in the County of *Middlesex*, all in the Province of *Ontario*; severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, in the following words :—

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

Wednesday, 1st April, 1874.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate, informing their Honors that this House has appointed the Honorable Messieurs *Mackenzie, Abbott, Cartwright, Cameron, (Cardwell), Cauchon, Dorion, Holton*, Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, Honorable Messieurs *Smith (Westmoreland), Tupper*, and Messieurs *Baby, Brouse, Delorme, Fréchette, Kirkpatrick, Laflamme, Mills, and Young*, to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the