

Return, showing the number of Franked and Free Letters, and the rates of Postage to which such letters would be subject were pre-payment required; and the weight of Franked and Free Printed Matter, passing through the *Canada* Post Office, during the year ended 31st March, 1872:—

Number of Franked and Free Letters.	Postage to which such Letters would be liable, were pre-payment required.	Weight of Franked and Free Printed Matter.
972,610	\$ cts. 97,884 44	lbs 286,221

W. H. GRIFFIN,
Deputy Postmaster General.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Ottawa, 27th April, 1872.

Mr. Speaker also laid before the House,—Lists of shareholders of the Eastern Townships Bank, on the 24th April, 1872; and of the *Quebec* Bank, on the 22nd April, 1872, in conformity with Act 34 *Vic.*, cap. 5, sec. 12. (*Sessional Papers No. 13.*)

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

By Mr. *Thompson (Haldimand)*,—The Petition of *A. W. Thewbis*, and others, Electors of the Township of *Dunn*, County of *Haldimand*, Province of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Ferguson*,—The Petition of the *Huron* and *Ontario* Ship Canal Company.

By the Honorable Mr. *Gray*,—The Petition of the *Toronto* Corn Exchange Association.

By Mr. *Scatcherd*,—The Petition of *E. I. Hamilton*, and others, of the Village of *Ailsa Craig* and vicinity, Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*,—The Petition of *Daniel Feeney* and others, Freeholders of that part of the Parish of *St. Felix du Cap Rouge*, situate in the County of *Portneuf*, District of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Shanly*,—The Petition of the *Ottawa, Vaudreuil* and *Montreal* Railway Company.

By Mr. *Jones (Halifax)*,—The Petition of Messieurs *Bremner* and *Hart*, and others, *Halifax*; and the Petition of the Members of the Executive Council of the *Halifax* Chamber of Commerce.

By Mr. *Cartwright*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Napanee*, County of *Lennox* and *Addington*.

By Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*; and the Petition of the Corporation of the Town of *Galt*, County of *Waterloo*, Province of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Bolton*,—The Petition of the Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers, of the Port of *Greenock, Scotland*; the Petition of Messieurs *John L. de Wolf* and Company, and others, Merchants and Shipowners, of the Port of *Liverpool, England*; the Petition of *James Spaight*, and others, Merchants and Shipowners, of the Port of *Limerick, Ireland*; the Petition of Messieurs *James A. Corry* and Company, and others, Merchants and Shipowners, of the Port of *Belfast, Ireland*; the Petition of Messieurs *W. Martin* and Son, and others, Merchants and Shipowners, of the Port of *Dublin, Ireland*; the Petition of *John Rowland*, and others, Merchants and Shipowners, of the Port of *Cardiff, Wales*; the Petition of Messieurs *M. and W. Jones* and Company, and others, of the Port