

roducing the Marine Telegraph Bill with the assurance from the Hon. Minister of Agriculture that the Bill would not interfere with vested rights, when in reality it did, and after its passing the Government thought proper to advise that the Royal assent be withheld. After referring to the extraordinary growth of the country, whose revenue had increased from thirteen millions in 1867 and 1868 to over twenty-three millions in 1873 and 1874. He concluded by showing from the bank returns of the ordinary deposits, not including the Government deposits, that in four and a half years they had risen from thirty-one millions to sixty-nine millions of dollars, which to his mind was ample proof of the great prosperity of the masses—a prosperity which he believed could not be shown to exist in any other country. (Hear, hear.)

After some further debate, in which various hon. members took part, the Motion for the adoption of the Address in Reply was put and carried in the affirmative, and it was ordered that said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of the House as are of the Privy Council.

HON. MR. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST presented to the House the Report, Returns and Statistics of the Inland Revenue of the Dominion of Canada, for the Fiscal Year ended June 30th, 1874.

Ordered to be laid on the Table.

The House then, upon motion, adjourned until Monday next, 8th inst., at three, P.M.

*Monday, February 8, 1875.*

HON. MR. SPEAKER reported that Hector Fabre, Esq., had been summoned to the Senate, in the room of Hon. E. Panet, resigned.

HON. M. BUREAU presented a Petition from A. L. Valois and others, of Montreal; praying to be incorporated as the Banque St. Jean Baptiste.

HON. MR. CAMPBELL presented a Petition from C. H. Day and others, of Montreal; praying to be incorporated as the Canadian Gas Lighting Company.

HON. MR. CHAPPAIS presented a Petition from the Hon. John Hamilton

and others, of Montreal; praying to be incorporated as a Coal and Iron Mining Company.

Several Notices of Motions were given.

The House then, upon motion, adjourned until to-morrow (Tuesday, 9th inst.), at three, P.M.

*Tuesday, February 9, 1875.*

HON. MR. SPEAKER intimated to the House, that a Member was waiting to be introduced.

HON. MR. PAQUET was introduced to the House by the Hon. Messrs. Letellier de St. Just and Wilmot. His Commission having been read, he took the usual Oaths, and signed the Roll of Senators of the Dominion.

PETITIONS.

The following Petitions were presented:—

By HON. MR. VIDAL,—From Henry Wm. Peterson, of Guelph, Ont.; praying for an Act of Divorce.

By HON. MR. PERRY,—From Robt. Armour, of the Town of Bowmanville, Ont., Solicitor of the Provisional Directors of the London and Canadian Bank; praying amendment of the present Act, allowing the said bank to commence business as soon as two million dollars of stock have been subscribed, and two thousand paid thereon, and extending the time for organizing the bank to the 6th May, 1875.

By HON. MR. BENSON,—From the St. Catharine's Board of Trade; praying that immediate steps be taken to deepen the summit level, and raise the embankments of the remainder of the Welland Canal, and to deepen its harbours and its extremities so that the largest class of vessels employed on the Upper Lakes may pass freely downward to Lake Ontario.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE.

On motion of HON. MR. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST, seconded by HON. MR. CAMPBELL, it was ordered, "That the Hon. Messrs. Aikins, Bureau, Brown, Campbell, Dickey, Miller, Penny, Wilmot and the mover, be appointed a Committee to enquire into the best means to be adopted to obtain