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Of the Bank of *Nova Scotia*; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to amalgamate with the Union Bank of *Prince Edward Island*, also to reduce their capital stock, and for other purposes.

Of *D. Blain* and others; praying for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Central Bank of *Canada*.

Of *Malcolm McLeod*, of *Ottawa*, Advocate; praying that his claims for special services rendered in the *North-West Territories*, may be considered by the House.

Of *M. W. Baby* and others; praying for the passing of an Act incorporating them as a Company, for the purpose of constructing a Railway from a point on the *Quebec* and *Lake St. John* Railway, in the Province of *Quebec*, to a point on or near the coast of *James' Bay*, and for other purposes.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Victoria*; praying that an Act may be passed providing for the adjustment of difficulties arising between Railway Companies and the public, respecting rates and charges.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Victoria*; praying that a duty may be imposed upon fine wools imported into *Canada*.

*Ordered*, That *Mr. Robertson (Hamilton)* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in criminal cases.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

*Ordered*, That *Mr. Casgrain* have leave to bring in a Bill for the better prevention of fraud in relation to contracts involving the expenditure of public moneys.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

*Ordered*, That *Mr. Cameron (Huron)* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide that persons charged with misdemeanors shall be competent as witnesses.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

*Ordered*, That *Mr. Cameron (Huron)* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Criminal Law, and to extend the provisions of the Act respecting offences against the person.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

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Thursday, 15th February, 1883.

PRAYERS.

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

By *Mr. White (Cardwell)*,—The Petition of the National Insurance Company; the Petition of the Professors and Lecturers in McGill University, *Montreal*; and the Petition of the *Montreal* Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

By *Mr. Royal*,—The Petition of the Right Reverend *Vital Grandin*, Roman Catholic Bishop of *St. Albert*, on behalf of himself, and of the Association of