

Wednesday, 13th May, 1874.

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

By Mr. Ross (*Durham*),—The Petition of *Samuel Porter* and others, of the Townships of *Manvers* and *Cavan*.

By Mr. Hagar,—The Petition of *Peter McLaurin* and others, of *East Hawkesbury*, County of *Prescott*.

By Mr. Wright (*Pontiac*),—The Petition of the Reverend *Charles Boyd*, B.A., and others, of *Thorne*, County of *Pontiac*.

By Mr. Snider,—The Petition of *John Sutherland* and others, of *Hanover*, Counties of *Grey* and *Bruce*.

By Mr. Smith (*Peel*),—The Petition of *W. Merritt Shaw* and others, of *Port Credit* and vicinity, County of *Peel*.

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

Of the *Niagara* Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in *Canada* in Session at *Strathroy*; of the Reverend *G. F. Lee* and others, of the Township of *Mono*, County of *Simcoe*; of *Thomas Camerton* and others, of *Keppel*, County of *Grey*; of *S. J. Hannan* and others, of *Kilbride*; of the County Council of the County of *Halton*; and of *A. Muldoon* and others, of the Village of *Thornhill*, County of *York*; severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *W. M. King*, of *Oakville*; praying that no Prohibitory Liquor Law may be passed.

Of *Thomas G. Robinson* and others, of *St. Stephen* and *Milltown*, County of *Charlotte*; praying that no Act may be passed empowering a Company to build a Railway Bridge across the River *St. Croix* at *St. Stephen, N.B.*, to *Calais, U.S.*

Of *S. Pritchard* and others, Merchants and others, of the Province of *Manitoba*; praying for a continuance of the present Custom Tariff until the completion of railway communication with the said Province.

*Mr. Orton*, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report to this House what will best conduce to the interests of Agriculture, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee which was read. (*Appendix No. 2.*)

On motion of the Honorable Mr *Mackenzie*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Holton*, Resolved, That when this House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Friday next, at 3 o'Clock, P.M.

Resolved, That when this House adjourns on Friday next, it do stand adjourned until Saturday at 3 o'Clock, P.M., and that the order of business on that day be the same as on Friday.

The Honorable Mr. *Mackenzie*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Address to His Excellency, dated 20th April, 1874, for a copy of the Minute of Council, authorizing the recent increase of tariff upon the *Windsor* and *Annapolis* Railway; and of all communications between the Government, the *Windsor* and *Annapolis* Railway Company, the Local Government of *Nova Scotia*, or any individual relating thereto; also for a Return of the tariffs upon various lines of Railway in *Nova Scotia*, viz.: *Windsor* and *Annapolis* Railway, Intercolonial, and line between *Windsor* and *Halifax*. (*Sessional Papers, No. 55.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have considered the following Bills, and have agreed to report the same, with amendments, viz :—