

By Mr. *Dorion* (*Drummond* and *Arthabaska*),—The Petition of the Municipality of South *Durham*, County of *Drummond*; and the Petition of *A. Gibson*, Mayor, and others, of *Kingsey Falls*.

By Mr. *Pope*,—The Petition of *S. A. Hurd* and others, of the Township of *Eaton*; and the Petition of *G. E. Brown* and others, of the Township of *Compton*.

By Mr. *Willson*,—The Petition of *T. Kelly* and others, of *East Middlesex* and *Elgin*.

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

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Quebec*; praying that the Bill to extend the powers of the Local Municipality of *St. Roch*, of *Quebec* South, may not become law.

Of the Very Reverend *Angus MacDonell*, V.G., and others, of *Westport*; praying that the Separate School Law may be so amended as to secure for them efficient schools and educational institutions in *Upper Canada*.

Of *Wm. Conway Keele*, of the City of *Toronto*; praying that the House will subscribe for a certain number of copies of a work published by him, called the "Provincial Justice."

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

Your Committee have considered the Bill to legalize and confirm an agreement between the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, the Great Western Railway Company, and the Northern Railway Company of *Canada*, for the location of their tracks upon the Esplanade, in the City of *Toronto*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and have made several amendments thereto. Your Committee have also considered the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Doon* and *Galt* Railway Company," and to which they have made an amendment.

The whole of which they humbly submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Mr. *Cowan*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Thirteenth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the notices given on the Petitions of *William Lynn Smart*, and of the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company, and find them sufficient.

On the Petition of the Local Municipality of the Parish of *Quebec*, praying to be created into a County Municipality, Your Committee find that the notice was published for the full period required in the *Official Gazette*, but that it has appeared in the local papers only since the 20th of February last. In a matter in which so many local interests are involved, Your Committee consider this notice insufficient.

On the Petitions of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*, relative to certain arrears of assessment,—and of the British and Canadian School Society of *Montreal*, Your Committee find that no notice was given.

Mr. *Bell*, from the Select Committee appointed to obtain information as to the extent and resources of the Canadian Gold Fields, and the best means of their development; to enquire into the working of the Act of last Session, intituled, "An Act respecting Gold Mines," with the view of ascertaining whether it might not be amended so as to make it the means of increasing the revenue and affording, at the same time, greater encouragement to the employment of capital for the development and production of Gold Fields; also, to enquire into the granting of lands and claims within the *Chaudière* Gold Mining Division up to this time; and generally, as to all matters whatever relating to the Gold Fields; presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was read. (*Appendix No. 7*).

Ordered, That that part of the Tenth Report of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the subject of the Printing of the Legislature, which relates to the Report of the Select Committee appointed to examine into the contents of the Return relative to the Office of Supervisor of Cullers, be referred back to the said Committee for re-consideration.