

By the Honorable Mr. *Langevin*,—The Petition of the *Quebec* Harbor Commissioners.

By the Honorable Mr. *Carling*,—The Petition of the Great Western Railway Company.

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

Of *H. J. Hubertus*, and others, of *Ottawa* ; praying for an Act of Incorporation for the purpose of constructing a Railway to connect *Toronto* with *Ottawa City* via *Peterboro'* and *Carleton Place*, and to cross the *Ottawa* River into the Province of *Quebec*, there to amalgamate with other Railways.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Madoc* ; and of *A. F. Wood*, and others, of the Township of *Madoc*, County of *Hastings* ; severally praying that an Act may be passed to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a Railway from *Peterboro'* to *Ottawa City* via *Carleton Place*, and to cross the *Ottawa* River into the Province of *Quebec*, there to amalgamate with other Railways.

Of *Henry Howard*, M.D., and others, of *St. John's*, *Quebec* ; praying for certain amendments to the Act respecting Patents for Invention.

Of the Northern Railway Company of *Canada* ; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing and empowering the Company to make arrangements for the leasing and working of the lines of Railway of other Companies, contiguous and subsidiary to the Northern Railway.

Of the Dominion Board of Trade ; praying for the passing of an Act to consolidate and amend the existing Inspection Laws.

Of the *Montreal* Corn Association ; praying for the repeal of the Duty imposed upon Flour, Wheat and other Grain.

Of the Dominion Board of Trade ; praying for the repeal of the Duty imposed upon Flour, Wheat and other Grain ; also, on Coal and Coke.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Village of *Trenton* ; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing them to impose and collect Harbor Dues.

Of the Union Bank of *Lower Canada* ; and the Dominion Bank ; severally praying for the passing of an Act extending and amending their Charter.

Of the *Montreal* Auxiliary Bible Society ; praying exemption from the payment of the duty of five per cent. on all copies of the Holy Scriptures imported by them.

Of the Municipality of the Village of *Seaforth* ; praying that the Village of *Seaforth* may be annexed to the Electoral Division of the South Riding of the County of *Huron*, for Electoral purposes.

The Honorable Mr. *Dunkin*, from the Select Standing Committee on Immigration and Colonization, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee beg to recommend a reduction of their Quorum to nine Members.

*Ordered*, That the Quorum of the said Committee be reduced to nine Members.

Mr. *Brousseau*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

The Committee recommend that their Quorum be reduced to seven Members.

The Committee would also recommend that the following documents be printed :—

Statement of Expenditure charged to Unforeseen Expenses in the Fiscal Year from 1st July, 1870, to 18th February, 1871.

*Ordered*, That the Quorum of the said Committee be reduced to Seven Members.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Harrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the law as to the carrying of dangerous weapons.