

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that the Clerk of the Senate had laid upon the Table the certificate of one of the Commissioners, setting forth that the Honorable *James D. Lewin*, a Member of the Senate, had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required by the *British North America Act, 1867*.

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

Of the *Springhill and Parrsborough Coal and Railway Company (Limited)*; praying for an Act to confirm certain Acts passed by the Legislature of the Province of *Nova Scotia*, and for other purposes.

Of the *Canada Southern Bridge Company*; praying for an Act to extend the time limited for the completion of the Company's works and the continuance of all its corporate powers except with regard to the construction of a Railway Bridge across the main Channel of the River *Detroit*.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General under his sign manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

Dufferin.

The Governor General transmits to the Senate further correspondence having reference to the construction of the Canadian *Pacific* Railway.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, February 16th, 1877.

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 57.*)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 10th April, 1876, praying His Excellency to be pleased to cause to be laid before this House:—

1st. A copy of every contract, deed or agreement entered into between the Government of the Dominion of Canada or any of its Members and *McGill* College (The Royal Institution for the advancement of learning), concerning an immoveable, situate in the City of *Montreal*, known by the name of The Crystal Palace, and heretofore possessed by the Board of Arts and Manufactures, and subsequently by the Council of Arts and Manufactures of the Province of *Quebec*.

2nd. A copy of every Order in Council passed on the subject of the said property, as well as of every order, instruction or injunction given by the Minister of Justice of the Dominion on the subject of the said immoveable since the first of January, 1872.

3rd. A copy of every Order given by the Government of the Dominion by the Minister of Justice or by any Member of the Privy Council to any Military Officer or Commander of the Active Force of Canada, to the effect that he should take possession of the said building, or Crystal Palace.

4th. Copies of all letters between the Government of the Dominion of *Canada* or any of its Members and any person in the City of *Montreal*, and a copy of every order given to such person enjoining him to take possession of the said property.

5th. Copies of all letters between the Department of Militia of the Province of *Canada* and the Board of Arts and Manufactures of *Lower Canada* and the said *McGill* College, on the subject of the occupation of the said property by the said Government.