

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Act 32, 33 *Vict.*, Cap. 35, respecting the trial of felony and misdemeanor, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Scatcherd* reported, That the Committee had made some progress; and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to provide for taking the Polls by ballot at Elections of Members to serve in the House of Commons of *Canada*;

Mr. *Tremblay* moved, seconded by Mr. *Young* (*Waterloo, S. R.*), and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

On motion of Mr. *Palmer*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McDonald* (*Pictou*),

*Ordered*, That the Debate be adjourned until Monday next; and be then the First Order of the day.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

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### Friday, 4th April, 1873.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *McGreevy*,—The Petition of the *Quebec and Gulf Ports Steamship* Company, incorporated under Letters Patent.

By Mr. *Brooks*,—The Petition of *C. H. Fletcher* and others, of *Sherbrooke*.

By Mr. *Rymal*,—The Petition of the Reverend *T. S. Howard* and others, of the Township of *Ganford*; the Petition of *John Edmunds* and others, of the Township of *Binbrook*; the Petition of the Reverend *William P. Wallen* and others, of the Township of *Ancaster*; the Petition of *Samuel Field* and others, of the Townships of *Ancaster* and *Beverly*; and the Petition of the Reverend *P. W. Paagham* and others, of the Township of *Ancaster*, all of the County of *Wentworth*.

By Mr. *Bergin*,—The Petition of the Counties' Council of the United Counties of *Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry*.

By Mr. *Lanthier*,—The Petition of *Charles Clarke* and others.

By Mr. *Robillard*,—The Petition of *James McCauley*, and others, of *St. Clement de Beauharnois*, County of *Beauharnois*.

By Mr. *Gibson*,—The Petition of *William Ray*, and others, of the Township of *Winchester*, County of *Dundas*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Carling*,—The Petition of *Edward Ellis* and others; the Petition of *George Richardson* and others; and the Petition of *James T. Lawrie* and others, of the City of *London*.

By Mr. *Delorme*,—The Petition of *E. Bachaud* and others, of the City of *St. Hyacinthe*.

By Mr. *Wilkes*,—The Petition of *James Aikenhead* and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Ross* (*Durham, E.R.*),—The Petition of the Reverend *Donald M. Macintosh* and others, of the Township of *Hope*, County of *Durham*.

By Mr. *Mills*,—The Petition of *James Whatman*, of the County of *Kent, England*.

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

Of the Reverend *John Lees* and others, of the Township of *Biddulph*; of *P. Allan Findlay* and others, of the Township of *Biddulph*; of *William J. Waddilove* and others,