

That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to correct a clerical error in the Act respecting Malicious Injuries to Property ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time, To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Insolvency Laws ;

Mr. Colby moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 24th April, 1872.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Lists of Shareholders of the Bank of *Nova Scotia*, on the 17th April, 1872 ; of the Metropolitan Bank ; of the Royal *Canadian Bank*, on the 20th April, 1872 ; of the *Canadian Bank of Commerce*, on the 13th April, 1872 ; and of the Ontario Bank, on the 10th day of April, 1872, in conformity with the Act 34 Vic., Cap. 5, Sec. 12. (*Sessional Papers No. 13*).

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

By Mr. Currier—The Petition of *Charles P. Treadwell*, of *L'Orignal*, Sheriff of the United Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell*.

By Mr. Kirkpatrick—The Petition of *John Green*, and others ; and the Petition of Messieurs *William Power* and Company, and others, of the Province of Ontario.

By Mr. Ryan, (*Montreal*)—The Petition of the Dominion Board of Trade ; and the Petition of *William L. Forsyth*, of *Quebec*, and others.

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

Of *Joseph E. Archer* of the City of *Quebec* ; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the issue of Letters Patent to him for an Invention known as the *Hollen-Roberts Knitting Machine and Loom*.

Of *George Gilmour*, and others, of the County of *Joliette* ; of *H. J. Tiffin*, and others ; and of *H. Taylor*, and others, all of the Province of *Quebec* ; severally praying for certain Amendments to the Act respecting Patents for Inventions.

Of *Charles H. Waterous*, of the Town of *Brantford*, County of *Brant*, and others ; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to erect and construct Water Works throughout the Dominion on the improved plan known as Waterous Improved System of Fire Protection and Water Supply.

Of *S. David* and others, manufacturers of cigars in the Dominion ; praying that the Tariff may be so amended as to secure to them further protection.

Of the Dominion Board of Trade ; praying for the appointment of average Adjusters.

Of the Board of Trade of the City of *Kingston* ; praying for the passing of an Act to provide for the collection of Demands against Ships and Vessels.