

The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of Norfolk, Ontario, presented on Tuesday last; praying that additional pay of twenty-five cents per man, per day, be granted to non-commissioned officers and men during the time of the annual drill, being read;

Mr. Speaker said, That as the granting of the prayer of this Petition would involve the expenditure of Public money, it cannot be received.

Sir Louis H. Davies, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Thirty-first Annual Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, 1898—Fisheries. (*Sessional Papers, No. 11a.*)

Sir Louis H. Davies also laid before the House,—Copy of an Order in Council relative to the issue of licenses to United States fishing vessels. (*Sessional Papers, No. 27.*)

Mr. Sifton, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Return showing reductions and remissions made under Section 141, as added to the Indian Act by section 8, Chapter 35, 58-59 Victoria. (*Sessional Papers, No. 28.*)

Mr. Fielding, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House,—a Statement in pursuance of Section 17 of the Civil Service Insurance Act, for the year ending 30th June, 1898. (*Sessional Papers, No. 29.*)

Also,—Statement of all Superannuation and Retiring Allowances in the Civil Service, during the year ended 31st December, 1898, showing name, rank, salary, service and cause of retirement of each person superannuated or retired; also, whether vacancy was filled by promotion or new appointment, and salary of any new appointee. (*Sessional Papers, No. 30.*)

And also,—List of Shareholders of the Chartered Banks of the Dominion of Canada, as on the 31st December, 1898. (*Sessional Papers, No. 3.*)

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House,—a Detailed Statement of all Bonds and Securities registered in the Department of the Secretary of State of Canada, since the last Return, 16th February, 1898, submitted to Parliament in accordance with Section 23 of Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes of Canada. (*Sessional Papers, No. 31.*)

Ordered, That Mr. Champagne have leave to bring in a Bill respecting the Ottawa and Gatineau Railway Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Belcourt have leave to bring in a Bill respecting the Ottawa Electric Railway Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Britton have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act respecting certain works constructed in or over Navigable Waters.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Order of the Day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question which was, on Monday 20th March last, proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session;