

Also, Return to an Address to His Excellency, dated 18th February, 1878, for copies of all correspondence between the Government of *Canada* and any party in *Canada* or elsewhere, and also between the Government of *Canada* and the Imperial Government, about the admission of Canadian built ships into French ports at the same rate, and on the same conditions, as ships from *Great Britain* and *Ireland* are admitted in said ports, or on such other conditions, as may be therein mentioned. (*Sessional Papers, No. 70.*)

Mr. *Smith*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Order of this House, dated 13th March, 1878, for a Statement shewing the amount expended for the re-measurement of steam vessels registered under the Act of the late Province of *Canada*, now repealed; the names of the steam vessels; their tonnage; the amount paid, and to whom the said vessels belonged. (*Sessional Papers, No. 71.*)

Mr. *Rymal*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented to the House the Eighth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the notices given on the Bill from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to incorporate the *Fishwick's* Express and Merchants Forwarding Company (Limited)," and find them sufficient.

Mr. *Macdonnell*, from the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the following Bills, and have agreed to report the same with amendments:

Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Sydenham* Harbor Company;

Bill from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Regular Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of *Ontario* and *Quebec*."

On motion of Mr. *Smith* (*Westmoreland*), seconded by Mr. *Coffin*,

Ordered, That the Order of the House, of yesterday, for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law respecting Deck Loads, be discharged, and the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* (*Westmoreland*) have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal Section 23 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1876," as to Ships in Canadian 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 To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Young*, seconded by Mr. *Holton*,

Ordered, That the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be empowered to employ short-hand reporters to take down evidence in such investigations as the Committee may deem necessary.

On motion of Mr. *Tupper*, seconded by Mr. *Masson*,

Ordered, That the Bill from the Senate intituled: "An Act to incorporate the "*Fishwick's* Express and Merchants Forwarding Company (Limited)" be read a second time on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. *Langevin*, seconded by Mr. *Plumb*,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return showing 1st,—The several sums of money paid out of the \$39,256.01, deposited in the Bank of *Montreal*, to pay certain parties for land taken for Canal purposes, and payable on certificates of the Department of Justice; 2nd,—The names of parties to whom such several sums of money have been paid, and the dates of such several payments.