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

Of the Northern Railway Company of Canada; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the issue of Debenture Stock or Terminable Bonds

Of the Right Reverend Vital Grandin, Bishop of St. Albert, on behalf of himself and the Association "Les Révérends Pères Oblats de Marie Immaculée, of the North-West Territories"; praying to be incorporated.

Of the Montreal Board of Trade; praying for the passing of an Act providing for the better distribution of Insolvent Estates.

Of the Quebec Fire Assurance Company; praying for the passing of an Act to amend their Acts of Incorporation.

The Honorable Mr. Bellerose, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their Third Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:-

THE SENATE.

COMMITTEE ROOM, Monday, 19th February, 1883.

The Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honor to make their Third Report.

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find that sufficient

Notice has been given in each case :-

Of the President, Directors and Company of the Grafton Harbour; praying for the passing of an Act to confirm certain of their proceedings, to change the name of the Company, increase their capital stock, and for other purposes.

Of D. Blain, and others, of the City of Toronto; praying to be incorporated as

"The Central Bank of Canada."

Of the President, Directors and Shareholders of the Farmers' Bank of Rustico. in the Province of Prince Edward Island; praying for the passing of an Act to continue the Act of Incorporation of the said Bank.

Of the Bank of Nova Scotia; praying for the passing of an Act amalgamating the Union Bank of Prince Edward Island with the said Bank, and also decreasing

the value of, and increasing the number of shares.

Of the Union Bank of *Prince Edward Island*; praying for the passing of an Act amalgamating the said Bank with the Bank of *Nova Scotia*.

Of William Darling, Chairman, and others, Managers of the Temporalities Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland; praying for the passing of an Act to amend the Act 45 Victoria, Chapter 124.

And of Peter Nicholson, of the Village of Prince Arthur's Landing; praying for the passing of an Act granting him a divorce from his wife, Rosetta Nicholson, and find in this case that sufficient Notice under Rule Seventy-two has been given.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Jos. H. BELLEROSE.

Chairman.

The Honorable Mr. Bellerose, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their Fourth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

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