

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bourassa* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Insolvent Act of 1875, and the several Acts in amendment thereof.

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 Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House again in the Committee of Supply;

Mr. *Cartwright* moved, seconded by Mr. *Coffin*, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the Clock on Saturday morning;

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On motion of Mr. *McCarthy*, seconded by Mr. *Langevin*,
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Tuesday next.

And then The House, having continued to sit till five minutes after Twelve o the Clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 25th February, 1878.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Lists of Stockholders of the Bank of *Montreal* on the 7th February, 1878; of the Consolidated Bank of *Canada*, on the 8th February, 1878; of *La Banque de St. Hyacinthe*, on the 21st February, 1878; of *La Banque d'Hochelaga*, on the 2nd January, 1878; of the *Stadacona* Bank, on the 7th February, 1878; of the Standard Bank of *Canada*, on the 1st January, 1878; and of the Union Bank of *Halifax*, under the provisions of the Act 34 *Victoria*, Chapter 5, Section 12. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 15.)

Also, General Statement and Return of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of *Beauharnois* for the year 1877, and Supplementary Returns from the same District for the years 1872, 1874, 1875 and 1876. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 13.)

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

By Mr. *Appleby*,—The Petition of *J. E. Messenett* and others, of *New Brunswick*.

By Mr. *Jetté*,—The Petition of *La Société de Construction de Napierville*; and the Petition of the Honorable *W. W. Webb* and others of the Dominion of *Canada*.

By Mr. *Burk*,—The Petition of the Reverend *William Jolliffe* and others, of the Town of *Bowmanville*, County of *Durham*, Province of *Ontario*.

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

Of the *Canada* Agricultural Insurance Company; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to wind up and liquidate the business of the said Company.

Of *John Kay*, Chairman, and *H. G. McPherson*, Secretary, on behalf of a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Village of *St. George*, County of *Brant*; praying for certain Amendments to the Temperance Act of 1864.