

April 17, 1874

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday April 17, 187

The **SPEAKER** took the chair at 3.30 p.m.

Prayers

RETURNS

The **SPEAKER** laid on the table certain returns relating to Nova Scotia.

Petitions were presented in favour of a prohibitory liquor law; to incorporate the St. John New Brunswick Printing and Publishing Company; praying for the repeal of the export duty on saw logs; for amendments to the Act incorporating the Imperial Insurance Company and of W.J. Bell and others praying for an Act of Incorporation.

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PETITIONS PRESENTED

Several petitions for Private Bills were presented.

Mr. O'DONOHUE presented petitions from George Thomson and 300 others; Harry Gifford and 300 others; R.J. Noble and others; W. Wilson and others; W. Taylor and others; C.G. Helliwell and others, praying that a prohibitory liquor law be not passed.

Mr. MOSS presented the petition of the Imperial Building, Savings and Investment Society praying for an Act of Incorporation; also the petition of the Dominion Telegraph Company praying for an amendment to their Act of Incorporation.

A number of petitions were also presented praying for a prohibitory liquor law.

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REPORTS PRESENTED

Mr. HALL presented the second report of the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, reporting, among others, the Bill of Mr. H.S. Howland for the Ontario and Pacific Junction Railway, and that for the Lake Superior and Manitoba Railway.

RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT

Mr. DELORME introduced a bill to amend the general Act in regard to railways, with a view to providing greater security for life and protection of property on railways in Canada.

Right Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD stated that this being a public measure, it was customary for the Government to take charge of it.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said it was the practice of members to introduce amendments to the Railway Act.

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BILLS INTRODUCED

The following Bills were introduced:—

Mr. TASCHEREAU—To amend the General Act relating to Railways, and provide for the greater security of life and property on the railways of Canada.

Mr. CARON—To amend the Act incorporating the St. Lawrence Tow Boat Company.

Mr. MILLS—To remove obstructions from navigable rivers.

Mr. DOMVILLE—To amend the Act incorporating the Maritime Warehousing and Dock Company; also to amend the Act incorporating the Canada Mutual Marine Insurance Company.

Mr. THOMPSON (Haldimand)—For better egress from railway cars in case of fire.

Mr. MacLENNAN—To amalgamate the Canadian Telegraph Supply Manufacturing Company (limited), and the Toronto Manufacturing Company (limited), under the name of the Electric and Hardware Manufacturing Company.

Mr. MOSS—To incorporate the Ontario and Pacific Junction Railway Company; also, to incorporate the Lake Superior and Manitoba Railway Company.

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RIEL

Mr. BOWELL moved that the witnesses now in attendance upon the order of the House to give evidence in reference to the matter of the indictment and the issue of a warrant against Louis Riel be now discharged.—Carried.