

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Allan*,—Of the Commissioners of the Harbour of *Toronto*, and of the Corporation of the City of *Toronto*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Odell*,—Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*, in the Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Bellerose*,—Of the Isolated Risk and Farmers Fire Insurance Company of *Canada*.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the following Petition was read:—

Of the *Quebec* Fire Assurance Company, praying that the Act 41 Vict. Cap 31, intituled: "An Act to amend and consolidate as amended the several Acts relating to "the *Quebec* Fire Assurance Company" may be so far amended that its subscribed capital be reduced to five hundred thousand dollars divided into five thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, without the holders of existing policies being affected by such.

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, Secretary of State, presented to The House the Eleventh Annual Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries being for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1878.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, Receiver-General, informed the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General under his Sign-Manual which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

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

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The Governor General transmits to the Senate copies of Letters-Patent passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, constituting the office of the Governor General of the Dominion of *Canada*, and of the Royal Instructions accompanying the same,—also of Her Majesty's Commission appointing him to be Governor General of the said Dominion.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA, 19th February, 1879.

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DRAFT OF LETTERS-PATENT passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, constituting the Office of Governor General of the Dominion of *Canada*.

Letters Patent,
Dated 5th October, 1878. }

Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of *India* ; To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting :

Preamble.

WHEREAS We did, by certain Letters-Patent under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, bearing date