

Friday, 3rd March, 1871.

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

By Mr. *Pickard*,—The Petition of *John Pickard*, M. P., and others, of the City of *Fredericton* and vicinity,

By Mr. *Webb*,—The Petition of *A. Frye* and others, of *Windsor*, Province of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Stephenson*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the County of *Kent*.

By Mr. *Workman*,—The Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade; and the Petition of the Dominion Board of Trade.

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of *Eugene Chinic* and others.

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

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of *Owen Sound*; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the collection of Tolls and Harbor dues under the Act 24 *Vict.*, cap. 23.

Of the *Nova Scotia* Auxiliary Bible Society; praying exemption from payment of the duty of five per cent. on all copies of the Holy Scriptures imported by the Society.

Motions being made and seconded, That the Petition of *Thomas Killam* and others, praying for the erection of a Fog Whistle on *Brier Island*,—the Petition of *David A. Saunders* and others; praying for the erection and maintenance of a Beacon or Lighthouse at or near the entrance of *Port Hubert*,—and the Petition of Messrs. *Ryerson, Moses & Company*, of *Yarmouth, Nova Scotia*; praying for the re-building of the Beacon on *Butler's* point at the entrance of *Yarmouth Harbor*, and also, for the erection of a Lighthouse on the said Beacon, be now received;

Mr. Speaker ruled, that “these Petitions cannot be received, as the granting of the “prayers thereof would involve the expenditure of Public Money.”

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

Your Committee have examined the Notices given on the following Petitions, and find them sufficient, viz.:—Of *Pulaski Clark*, for an Act of Naturalization,—and of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of *Owen Sound*, for an extension of the provisions of the Act authorizing them to collect Harbor dues.

The Honorable Mr. *Tilley*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 27th April, 1870; for a return of all sums collected by Customs' Officers, or by their Deputies, for Bonds, Entries, Certificates, Blanks, or for any other charges made in their respective offices since the 1st July, 1867, and a statement of what fees (if any) such officers are entitled to receive in connection with their duties. (*Sessional Papers No. 25.*)

Ordered, That the Honorable Sir *Francis Hincks* have leave to bring in a Bill relating to Banks and Banking.

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 Friday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morris* have leave to bring in a Bill for the prevention of corrupt practices in relation to the collection of the Revenue.

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 Tuesday next.