

On motion of Mr. *Robertson (Shelburne)*, seconded by Mr. *Borden*,
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, copies of all Petitions and correspondence during the past three years with the Department of Customs, asking that *Cape Sable Island, Shelburne County*, be erected into a separate and distinct Customs District, together with Reports upon the same by officers of that Department.

On motion of Mr. *Robertson (Shelburne)*, seconded by Mr. *Borden*,
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, copies of all correspondence between the Department of Public Works and the representatives of the various Railway Lines in connection with the Intercolonial and with Steamship Companies or their representatives, with a view of obtaining such through freight rates upon grain, etc., from the West to *Halifax* or European Ports as will constitute *Halifax* the winter shipping port of the Dominion.

On motion of Mr. *Rykert*, seconded by Mr. *McCuaiq*,
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all the expenses in any way incurred in connection with the building the of *Fort Francis Lock*, up to the 1st day of January, 1879, together with the names of all persons to whom any money was paid and the services for which it was made.

On motion of Mr. *Fiset*, seconded by Mr. *Bourassa*,
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, copies of the complaint brought against Mr. *Salutre Lévesque* in his quality of Postmaster and Mail Carrier in and for the Parish of *St. Donat*; and also, copies of the proceedings of the enquiry caused by such complaint.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

Tuesday, 25th February, 1879.

PRAYERS.

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

By Mr. *Girouard (Jacques Cartier)*,—The Petition of *La Banque Jacques Cartier*.

By Mr. *Williams*,—The Petition of the *Ontario and Pacific Junction Railway Company*.

By Mr. *Ryan (Montreal)*,—The Petition of *Henry Lyman* and others, Merchants, Traders and others, of the City and District of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the Committee of Management of the *Montreal Corn Exchange Association*.

By Mr. *Stephenson*,—The Petition of *Alexander Burr* and others; and the Petition of Messrs. *Pike and Richardson* and others, of the Province of *Ontario*; the Petition of *Joshua Payner* and others, Fruit Growers, of the County of *Lambton*; and the Petition of the Corporation of the Town of *Chatham, Ontario*.

By Mr. *Patterson (Essex)*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Windsor, Ontario*.

By Mr. *Bunting*,—The Petition of *A. M. Smith* and others; and the Petition of *C. H. Biggar* and others, Fruit Growers, of the County of *Welland*.

On motion of Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, seconded by Mr. *White (Cardwell)*,

Ordered, That the Public Accounts of *Canada*, for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1878, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.