

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time ; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Young (Montreal)* have leave to bring in a Bill¹ to incorporate the Royal Canadian Insurance Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time ; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Ordered, That Mr. *Young (Waterloo)* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Goldsmiths' Company of *Canada*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time ; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

On motion of Mr. *Tourangeau*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Blanchet*,

Ordered, That the Petition of Messrs. *O. L. Richardson & Sons*, Tanners, and others, of the City of *Quebec*, be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter and affidavit thereto attached :—

CANADA,
Province of *Quebec*,
District of *St. Hyacinthe*. }

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada :—

In the matter of the Election Petition of *Jean Bte. Chagnon*, Farmer, of the Parish of *St. Pie*, in the Electoral District of *Bagot*, but having right to vote in the Electoral District of *Rouville* for the Election of a Member of the House of Commons of *Canada*, *Chrysostome Blanchard*, and *Antoine Courtemanche*, both farmers of the Parish of *St. Paul d'Abbottsford*, in the said Electoral District of *Rouville*, complaining of the undue Election of *Honoré Mercier*, Esquire, for the said Electoral District of *Rouville*, copy of which Election Petition is hereunto annexed :

Take notice that we, the said Petitioners aforesaid, the undersigned, withdraw the said Petition against the Election of *Honoré Mercier*, the sitting member in the said House of Commons, for the said Electoral District of *Rouville*, the said Petition having been obtained from us by fraud and by means of false representations. We declare it to be our intention not to proceed with the said Petition, which is to be considered null and of no effect.

his
CHRYSOSTOME x BLANCHARD,
mark.

his
ANTOINE x COURTEMANCHE.
mark.

Signed, sealed and executed in the said Parish of *St. Paul d'Abbottsford*, in the District of *St. Hyacinthe*, this thirty-first of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, in my presence, the same having first being read and explained.

ONIAS CROFFIELD.

I, the undersigned, *Onias Croffield*, farmer, of the Parish of *St. Paul d'Abbottsford*, District of *St. Hyacinthe*, having been duly sworn on the Holy Gospel, depose and say :—