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

Of the Honorable *R. Thibaudeau of Montreal* ; praying for the passing of an Act extending the time for the commencement and completion of the proposed works of the *St. Lawrence and Pacific Railway Ferry Company*.

Of the Board of Trade of the City of *Toronto* ; praying for the repeal of the Stamp duty on Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange.

Of the Mutual Life Association of *Canada* ; praying for the passing of an Act to change their name to "The Life Association of *Canada*," and for other purpose.

Of the *Bell Telephone Company of Canada* ; praying for certain amendments to their Act of incorporation.

Of the *Ontario and Quebec Railway Company* ; praying for the passing of an Act to amend the nineteenth Section of their Act of incorporation.

Of the *Montreal Telegraph Company* ; praying for the passing of an Act consolidating the Acts respecting said Company, and declaring their true intent and meaning, and conferring the same powers and privileges that are enjoyed by other Telegraph Companies.

Of *J. H. Long*, and others, of the County and Province of *Ontario* ; praying to be incorporated as "The North-Western Bank."

Of the *Canada Southern Bridge Company* ; praying for the passing of an Act extending the time for the completion of their proposed works, for a period of four years.

Of the *Canada Southern Railway Company* and the *Erie and Niagara Railway Company* ; praying for the passing of an Act reviving the rights and powers of said companies to construct and complete their original and branch lines, and to extend the time for the completion of the same.

Of the *Niagara Grand Island Bridge Company* ; praying for the passing of an Act extending the time for the commencement and completion of their undertaking.

Of *Thos. T. Eckert*, President, and *D. H. Bates*, Secretary, of the American Telegraph and Cable Company ; praying for the passing of an Act giving the said Company corporate powers within the Dominion of *Canada*.

Of *Simon J. Dawson*, and others ; praying to be incorporated as "The *Lake Superior and James Bay Railway Company*."

And of *Edward Augustus Wild*, and others, of the Dominion of *Canada* ; praying to be incorporated as "The *Thunder Bay and Minnesota Railway Company*."

The Honorable Mr. *Bellerose*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their Fourth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

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