

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

Of the Managers of the Newsboys' Lodging and Industrial Home of *Toronto* ; praying for certain amendments in the Criminal Law with reference to juvenile offenders.

Of *W. M. Blackwood*, and others, of *Tatamagouche* and vicinity, County of *Colchester* ; and of *Alexander Steel*, and others, of *Malagash* and vicinity, County of *Cumberland*, Province of *Nova Scotia* ; severally praying the Government to cancel the lease given to the Honorable *Alexander McFarlane* of certain oyster beds and mud flats at *Back Bay, Tatamagouche*.

Of *James W. Mack*, Chairman, on behalf of a meeting of the inhabitants of the Townships of *Godmanchester* and *Elgin* ; praying for the adoption of such measures as will protect and secure the rights of the Indians of *Two Mountains*.

The Petition of *Benjamin Parkinson*, presented on Monday last, representing that he was honorably discharged in 1851, after twenty-five years of faithful service in Her Majesty's Army ; that he is now aged and infirm and unable to support his family on his small pension, and praying for a grant of land or a gratuity of money, being read ;

A Motion was made and seconded, That the said Petition be now received ;

Mr. Speaker ruled, "That as the granting of the prayer of this Petition would involve the expenditure of public money, it cannot be received."

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

Your Committee have examined the notices given on the Petition of "*La Société de Construction du Comté d'Hochelaga*," for the passing of an Act to change the said Society into a Loan and Investment Society, and for other purposes, and find them short in point of time, but as no private rights can be affected by the measure, other than those of the Petitioners, they therefore recommend that the notices be deemed sufficient.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Tupper* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act intituled : "An Act respecting the Intercolonial Railway," passed in the 39th year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*.

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 To-morrow.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Laurier* have leave to bring in a Bill further to amend the Acts respecting Stamps on Bills and Notes.

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 To-morrow.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Mills* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the creation and registration of Homestead Exemption Estates in the Territories of *Canada*.

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 To-morrow.

Mr. *Mills* moved, seconded by Mr. *Burpee (St. John)*, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider certain proposed Resolutions providing for carrying out the provisions of the Bill of the present Session, intituled : "An Act to facilitate the Colonization of Dominion Lands by providing for the incorporation of Railway Companies, and aiding the construction of Railways traversing such Lands."

Mr. *Mackenzie*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, then acquainted the House, That His Excellency the Governor General having been informed of the subject matter of this motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.