

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA,
 Managing Director's Office,
 Quebec, February 27th, 1865.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, addressed to the Secretary of this Company, enclosing Copy of Order made by the Legislative Assembly, relative to information required by the House.

In reply, I have to say, that it is impossible to supply you with the information you want.

The bonds of the *Buffalo*, and Lake *Huron* Company, which were originally those of the *Buffalo*, *Brantford* and *Goderich* Railway Company, are issued to bearer, and passed from hand to hand without being registered in the Office of the Company. It is therefore quite impossible to tell who are the holders of the bonds, all of which, with the exception of about £80,000, are held in *England*. That £80,000 is held by the Town of *Brantford*, and they are really the only Bondholders whom the Company actually know in the matter; all the other Bonds being, as I have said, made payable to bearer, and passed from hand to hand without registration.

The same remarks apply to the second enquiry, viz.:—with reference to the deferred Debentures. For the same reason it is impossible for me to give you any information as to the names of those parties who have claims for interest which has not been paid. The parties, of course, are those who hold the Bonds; they retain the Coupons, which being presented and not paid, they will hold until some arrangements is made by which they can be disposed of.

It is an entirely unusual thing to register the holders of Bonds. They are always issued in the way I have described, to bearer, and passed from hand to hand without the necessity of going through the Company's Office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. J. BRYDGES,
 Managing Director.

WM. B. LINDSAY, JR., Esq.,
 Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of chapter four of the Consolidated Statutes of *Canada*, called upon Mr. *Smith*, Member for the East Riding of the County of *Durham*, to take the Chair during his temporary absence.

Mr. *Smith* accordingly took the Chair of the House.

On motion of Mr. *Morris*, seconded by Mr. *Biggar*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the North Riding of the County of *Waterloo* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until Wednesday, the 8th March next, at noon, at the request and with the consent of both parties.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rankin* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Reciprocity Mining Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. *Geoffrion* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend chapter seventy-five of the Consolidated Statutes for *Lower Canada*, and to annex certain Islands to the County of *Verchères* for Electoral, Municipal and Registration purposes.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the 53rd Rule of this House be suspended as regards a Bill to legalize By-law No. 200 of the Corporation of the Town of *Port Hope*, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That Mr. *Street* have leave to bring in a Bill to legalize By-law No. 200 of the Corporation of the Town of *Port Hope*, and for other purposes.