

Of *James Weyms*, Chairman, and *James S. Johnston*, Secretary, on behalf of a meeting of the Inhabitants of *Brantford, Ontario*; praying for certain amendments to the Temperance Act of 1864.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex*; praying that the Agriculturists of the Dominion may be placed on an equal footing with those of the *United States* by a readjustment of the Tariff, until such time as the Government of the *United States* gives us a renewal of reciprocity.

Of *Robie Uniacke* and others, of the City of *Halifax*, Province of *Nova Scotia*; praying that the Act of 1876, cap. 16, of the Parliament of *Canada*, and all Acts in contravention of the charter of the *Halifax* Street Railway Company, may be so amended as not to deprive the said Company of their rights of arbitration as acquired under their charter, and that a clause be inserted in such amending Act granting the said arbitration under the terms of the said charter.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Essex*; praying for such a revision of the Canadian Tariff as may enable the Agricultural producers of the Dominion to compete successfully with the *United States*, and that such other revision of the Tariff be effected as shall, without being prohibitory in its character, encourage the languishing industries of the country.

Ordered, That Mr. *Huntington* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend "The Post Office Act, 1875."

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. *Snider* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize certain arrangements between the Dominion Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Association and the Dominion Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry 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.

Ordered, That Mr. *Burk* have leave to bring in a Bill respecting the *Port Whitby* Harbor Company.

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. *Mackenzie*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House standing and being uncovered) and is as followeth:—

DUFFERIN.

The Governor General communicates to the House of Commons the appointment of the Honorable *Alexander Mackenzie*, Minister of Public Works; the Honorable *Isaac Burpee*, Minister of Customs; the Honorable *Thomas Coffin*, Receiver General; and the Honorable *Wilfrid Laurier*, Minister of Inland Revenue, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as Commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of the Act 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 27, intituled: "An Act respecting the Internal Economy of the House of Commons, and for other purposes."

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, 20th February, 1878.

Mr. *Smith*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Address to His Excellency, dated 16th April, 1877, for copies of all Petitions, Correspondence and Orders in Council relating to complaints made against the administration of the Harbour Board of *Montreal* in connection with the town of *Sorel* and the