

## No. 43.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, HOUSE OF COMMONS.

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OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1881.

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## PRAYERS.

Sixteen Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of *John Anderson* and others, of the North-West Territory; praying that the introduction and sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the North-West Territory, especially in such portion thereof as is proposed to be annexed to Manitoba, may continue to be prohibited.

Of *Henry Thomas* and others, Pilots of the Port of St. John, New Brunswick; praying that any Bill to be introduced having for its object the exemption of vessels under the tonnage of two hundred tons from compulsory pilotage in the said Port, may not become law.

Of *James Maclaren*, of the Village of Buckingham, and others; praying that the Bill now before Parliament to incorporate the Hull Mines Railway Company, may become law.

Of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company; praying that the Bill now before Parliament for constituting a Court of Railway Commissioners for Canada, and to amend the Consolidated Railway Act, 1879, may not become law.

Mr. *McDonald* (Pictou) presented,—Return to Address to His Excellency the Governor General, of the 2nd instant; for copies of all correspondence between any of the Provincial Governments and the Government of the Dominion, relating to the rights of the Provincial Governments to appoint Police Magistrates, Justices of the Peace, and Inspectors of Licences.

On motion of Mr. *Longley*, the Petition of *F. W. Whiteman*, and others, of the Counties of *Annapolis*, *King's*, *Digby* and *Yarmouth*, presented this day, was read and received; praying to be permitted to lay before The House their Petition for the passing of an Act incorporating them under the name of the Western Counties Steamship Company, notwithstanding the expiration of the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills;—and the said Petition was referred to the Select Standing Committee on *Standing Orders*.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the proposed motion of Mr. *McCarthy* for the second reading of the Bill No. 12 for constituting a Court of Railway Commissioners for Canada, and to amend the Consolidated Railway Act, 1879.—and the motion of Mr. *McCuaig* in amendment thereto,—and which motion was, that the Bill be read a second time, this day six months.

And a further Debate arising,—the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Ives*, adjourned.