

And the Question being put, That the Bill do pass; the House divided: and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry back the Bill to the Senate and acquaint their Honors, That this House hath passed the same, without any amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Acts incorporating the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company and the *Canada* Central Railway Company, and to provide for the amalgamation of the said Companies," and the same were read a second time and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry back the Bill to the Senate and acquaint their Honors, That this House hath agreed to the amendments.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill respecting the *Canada* Vine Growers' Association;

*Ordered*, That the said Order be discharged.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Law relating to Stamps on Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Wood reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 18th April, 1878.

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table:—

By Mr. *St. Jean*,—The Petition of the *Ottawa* Board of Trade and others, Merchants of the City of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Roy*,—The Petition of *S. Dionne*, and others, of *St. Denis*; the Petition of *C. T. Anctil* and others, of *St. Phillippe de Néri*; and the Petition of the Reverend *E. Démers* and others, of *Mont Carmel*.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petition was read and received:—

Of the Reverend *Edouard Dufour*, Curé, and others, of *St. Roch des Aulnets*; praying that the excise duty on the manufacture of Foreign Tobacco may be increased by ten cents per pound, or the same duty on the manufacture of Canadian Tobacco reduced by a similar amount.

On motion of Mr. *Cartwright*, seconded by Sir *Albert J. Smith*,

*Resolved*, That when the House adjourns this day, it shall stand adjourned until Three o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday next; and that Government measures shall have precedence immediately after Routine proceedings.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill respecting persons imprisoned in default of giving sureties to keep the peace;