On motion of Mr. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Wright.

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all correspondence relating to the disasters which have occurred to Canadian vessels, navigating the Great Lakes and the Georgian Bay, within the past three years; together with the Reports of persons appointed to enquire into the causes of these disasters; the names of the vessels lost or stranded, and the ports from which they sailed; also a Statement of the reported loss of life in each case.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

Wednesday, 14th February, 1883.

PRAYERS.

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

By Mr. Wilson,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of Elgin. By Mr. Thompson,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of Haldimand.

By Mr. Massue,—The Petition of Jean Baptiste Gauthier, of Sorel, one of the

Veterans of 1812-15.

By Mr. Patterson (Essex), - The Petition of Hugh Lennox and others, Farmers, of the County of Essex.

By Mr. Smyth,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of Chatham,

County of Kent.

By Mr. Sutherland (Oxford),—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of Oxford.

By Mr. Desjardins,—The Petition of the Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien.

By Mr. McCarthy,—The Petition of James Crossland and others, Steamboat Engineers of Canada; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of Simcoe.

By Mr. Valin,—The Petition of Edmond Lachance and others, of the Electoral

District of Montmorency.

By Mr. Casey,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of Elgin.

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

Of John M. Geyette and others; and of Thomas Elliott and others, Steamboat Engineers of Canada; severally praying for certain amendments to the Steamboat

Inspection Act, 1882.

Of the Louris and Rocky Mountain Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to change the name of the said Company to that of the Manitoba and Rocky Mountain Railway Company, to extend the time for the commencement of work upon main line of said Railway, and for further amendments to their Acts of incorporation.

Of the President, Directors and Company, of the Grafton Harbour; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to change the name of said Company to that of the Grafton Harbour Company, to legalize certain proceedings of said Company,

and for other purposes.

Of the Union Bank of Prince Edward Island; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to amalgamate with the Bank of Nova Scotia.