

May 4, 1874

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, May 4, 1874

The **SPEAKER** took the chair at 3.15 p.m.

Prayers

PETITIONS PRESENTED

Several petitions were presented in favour of a prohibitory liquor law, including one from Hamilton with 2,201 signatures, presented by **Mr. IRVING**.

Some petitions were presented in favour of protection to manufacturers.

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RETURN

Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT presented a return by Insurance Companies, according to law.

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REPORTS BY COMMITTEES

Hon. Mr. HOLTON presented the second report of the Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Mr. ROSS (Middlesex West) presented the third report of the Joint Committee on Printing.

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BILL INTRODUCED

Mr. MOSS introduced a Bill to enable the Great Western Railway Company further to extend and improve its connections, and to authorize and confirm the issue of certain debenture stock.

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MOTIONS

Mr. BROOKS moved that the petition of the shareholders of the St. Francis and Mégantic Railway Company be now received and read.

The motion was carried, and the petition referred to the Committee on Standing Orders.

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PRIVATE BILLS

The following private Bills were advanced a stage:—

An Act to incorporate the Lochiel, Hawkesbury and L'Original Junction Railway Company, as amended by the Standing

Committee on Railways, etc, etc. The bill had been introduced by the **Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (Glengarry)**.

An Act to change the name of "The Victoria Bank of Canada" to that of "The Manufacturers' Bank of Canada."

An Act to amend the Act 36 Vic., Cap. 106, incorporating the Canada Investment and Guarantee Agency.

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ALBION MINES SAVINGS BANK

The second reading of the bill respecting the Albion Mines Savings Bank was then moved by **Mr. CARMICHAEL** and carried.

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IMMIGRANTS RETURNING HOME

Mr. STEPHENSON asked whether it was true that the Minister of Agriculture had evidence of the fact that immigrants are in the habit of coming to Canada during the summer, receiving Government assistance, securing high wages, and returning to England during the winter.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said that the Government had no information relative to this.

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INSOLVENCY LAW

Mr. BABY enquired whether it was the intention of the Government to bring in an insolvency law this session.

Hon. Mr. DORION: It is the intention of Government to bring in a measure to amend the Insolvency Law this session.

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CHETICAMP HARBOUR

Mr. McDONNELL enquired whether the Government intended to expend any money in dredging and improving the Harbour of Cheticamp, Inverness County, and if so when.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said that the Government proposed, as soon as a dredge could be obtained from England in that quarter, to dredge the harbour out, as well as a part of the channel by which it is entered from the north. The purpose would be to give better access to the harbour. It was not, however, the intention of the Government to build the piers proposed to be placed there by Mr. Baillairgeon and Mr. Page.

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