

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1871.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the Districts of Districts of Beauharnois and Saguenay, and in the County of Berthier, District of Richelieu, for the year 1870.

Also,—Statement of the affairs of the Montreal City and District Savings Bank, on the 31st December, 1870.

Nine Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Frontenac; praying that an Act may be passed to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a Railway from the City of Kingston to the Town of Pembroke, and to cross the Ottawa River at or near Pembroke, and to amalgamate with Railway lines in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Of the Honorable *W. P. Howland*, and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of The Dominion Life Association.

Of the Ontario Bank; praying for the passing of an Act extending the powers and privileges of their Charter in conformity with the Act respecting Banks and Banking.

Of *John Pickard*, M.P., and others, of the City of Fredericton and vicinity; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Fredericton and St. Mary's Bridge Company.

Of *A. Frye*, and others, of Windsor, Province of Quebec; praying for certain Amendments to the Act respecting Patents for Invention.

Of the Corporation of the County of Kent; praying for authority to employ Prisoners at labor outside Prison Walls.

Of the Montreal Board of Trade; praying for the repeal of the Duty imposed upon Flour, Wheat and other Grain; and also, on Coal and Salt.

Of the Dominion Board of Trade; praying that in the event of any Act being passed for the revision or modification of the Laws regulating the granting of Patents of Inventions, it shall not be necessary for a British subject to reside one year in the Dominion before his application for a Patent is granted.

Of *Eugène Chénier*, and others; praying that the Capital of the Banque Nationale be increased to Two million dollars, and the Charter of that Institution continued with certain Amendments by Special Act, with a view to facilitating proceedings in the Courts of Justice.

Mr. *Harrison* introduced a Bill (No. 29) to remove doubts as to the liability to Stamp-duties of Premium Notes taken or held by Montreal Fire Insurance Companies.—Second reading on Wednesday next.