

District of *Beauharnois*, for the years 1871 and 1872 ; and also in the County of *Berthier*, for the year 1872.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follows :

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* presented to the House a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the establishment of the Department of the Interior."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Botsford* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that an immediate and full investigation be made into the management and working of the *European* and *North American* and Intercolonial Railways, between *St. John* and *Halifax*, in order to secure a more safe and regular transport of the mails, passengers, and freight over the said Railways.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That such Members of this House as are Members of the Privy Council do wait upon His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his sign manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows :

DUFFERIN.

The Governor General communicated to the Senate copy of a Charter granted by him to a body of Canadian Capitalists for the construction of the *Pacific* Railway, together with the papers and correspondence relating to that subject.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Ottawa, 13th March, 1873.

(*For Charter, &c., vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* presented to the House a detailed statement of all Bonds or Securities registered at the Department of the Secretary of State of *Canada*, dated 13th March, 1873.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*,

The House adjourned.