

the House, a Petition for amendments to the Act incorporating the said Company, notwithstanding the expiration of the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills; and also to suspend the Rule relative to Notice, so far as it effects the said Petition.

Ordered, The the said Petition be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to make better provision for the trial of Controverted Elections of Members of the House of Commons, and respecting matters connected therewith, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Geoffrion* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the amendments be now taken into consideration.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be reprinted.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to further amend thirty-first *Victoria*, Chapter forty-eight intituled: "An Act respecting Insurance Companies;"

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

Friday, 8th May, 1874.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* (*Ontario*),—The Petition of the Town Council of *St. John's*.

By Mr. *Buell*,—The Petition of the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company.

By Mr. *Bain*,—The Petition of the Session of the *Nairne* Church, *Strabane*; the Petition of *Joshua Pitt*, President, and *A. McPherson*, Secretary, on behalf of the *Dundas* Temperance Union; the Petition of the Sunday School Association of the Town of *Dundas*; the Petition of *Henry Valick* and others, of *West Flamboro'*; and the Petition of *Enoch Eaton* and others, of *East Flamboro'*, all of the County of *Wentworth*.

By Mr. *Ryan*,—The Petition of the *Montreal*; Northern Colonization Railway Company.

By Mr. *Wright* (*Ottawa*),—The Petition of the Honorable *John Hamilton*, Senator, and others.

By Mr. *Jetté*,—The Petition of *William Rodden* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; the Petition of *Ashley Hibbard* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the *Montreal* Credit Company.

By the Honorable Mr. *Abbott*,—The Petition of *Henry Mulholland* and others, Provisional Directors of the *Lower Canada* Investment and Agency Company (Limited).

By Mr. *Mackenzie* (*Montreal*),—The Petition of Messrs. *A. A. Ayres & Co.* and others.

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

Of *Joseph Hunt* and others, of *Cedar Dale*; of *A. B. Demill* and others, of *Oshawa*; of *John Orchard* and others, of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Uxbridge*, and of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Scott*, County of *Ontario*; of *H. Becksted* and others, of the County of *Dundas*; of *J. N. Cuthrie* and others, and of *Fannie*