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The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill respecting Interest and Usury in the Province of *Nova Scotia* ;

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And then The House, having continued to sit till One of the Clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

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### Thursday, 8th May, 1873.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That in obedience to the Order of the House of 14th March last, the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery had prepared a Return from the Records of the Elections to the present House of Commons; shewing the number of votes polled for each Candidate in the different Electoral Districts during the last General Election; the total number of votes on the voters' lists of each such District, and the population in such constituency as shewn by the last Census, which was laid on the Table. (*Sessional Papers, No. 54*).

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

By Mr. *Lewis*,—The Petition of the Members of the *Ottawa* Trades Council in general meeting assembled ; and two Petitions of the Members of the Free Stone Cutters Association of *Ottawa*, in general meeting assembled.

By Mr. *Witton*,—The Petition of the Members of the *Canadian* Labour Unity of the City of *Hamilton*.

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

Of Messrs. *Ross* and Company and others, Merchants, Shipowners and Traders of the City of *Quebec* ; praying for certain amendments to the Bill now before Parliament respecting Pilotage.

Of *D. E. Scott* and others, of *Pakenham* and vicinity ; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

The Honorable Mr. *Langevin*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 1st May, 1873, for a statement containing a general description of the quantity and situation of all Naval Reserve Lands in the Province of *Ontario*, that have been handed over to the Dominion Government by the Commissioners of Admiralty, with the dates of such transfer ; also a statement in detail, with dates, shewing the amounts hitherto received by the Dominion Government by way of rental or otherwise for the use or occupation of any such Naval Reserve Lands ; the names of any persons who have received permission to use or occupy any such lands, and the amounts payable by them respecting therefor. (*Sessional Papers, No. 61*.)

Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 28th April, 1873, for copies of all claims preferred against the Government for losses sustained by the breaking of the booms at the mouth of the *Madawaska* River in the Spring of 1871 ; and all portions of the evidence taken by the arbitration which examined into these claims, bearing on the conduct of *John Harvey*, the Slide-master at that place. (*Sessional Papers No. 62*.)