

informed the House, That the Committee having met, pursuant to the Order of the House, the Petitioner and sitting Member, by a consent in writing signed by them, made application to adjourn the proceedings of the said Committee, and the Committee having assented to the application of the parties, ask leave to adjourn until the first Wednesday in June next, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Electoral District of *Quebec Centre*, informed the House, That, pursuant to the 82nd Section of the Act respecting Controverted Parliamentary Elections, on application of *Charles Hamilton*, Esquire, on behalf of the Petitioners, time for the delivery of the Lists of Voters intended to be objected to, was granted until Monday the 5th May instant, at the hour of six o'clock, P.M. ; such delivery to be made to the Clerk of the Committee.

Mr. *Rymal*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Fourteenth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have considered the Petition of *William A. Thomson* and another, praying to be permitted to lay before your Honorable House a Petition for incorporation of the *Canada Atlantic Cable Company*, notwithstanding the expiration of the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills. The reasons assigned by the Petitioners are satisfactory ; and as your Committee find that they have given the requisite notice, they recommend that leave be given to present the said Petition, and that the Rule limiting the time for presenting Private Bills and Reports thereon be suspended in this case.

On the Petition of *Edward A. Prentice* and others, soliciting a similar favor in behalf of another Company, to be called "The *Canada Cable Company*," your Committee are unable to report favorably, as they find that no notice whatever has been given in this case.

*Resolved*, That this House doth concur in the said Report.

The following Petition was brought up, and laid on the Table :—

By Mr. *Scatcherd*,—The Petition of *William A. Thomson* and others.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be now received and read.

And the said Petition was received and read ; praying for an Act of incorporation under the name of the *Canada Atlantic Cable Company*.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Thomson* (*Welland*) have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Canada Atlantic Cable Company*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time ; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* (*Cardwell*), seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McDonald*, (*Pictou*),

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee to whom was referred the duty of enquiring into the matters mentioned in the statement of the Honorable Mr. *Huntington*, relating to the *Canadian Pacific Railway*, to examine witnesses brought before them, upon Oath.

The Honorable Mr. *O'Connor*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 28th April, 1873, for a copy of the Report of the Special Agent of the Inland Revenue Department, respecting *British Columbia*. (*Sessional Papers No. 54.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Langevin*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency, the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 28th April, 1873, for copies of the report,