

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

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *York*; praying for certain amendments to the Militia Act.

Of the Council of the Agricultural and Arts Association of the Province of *Ontario*; praying for the passing of an Act for the regulation of the transport of live stock.

Of *Jean Gauvreau*, and others, holders of Salmon Fishing Licenses in the waters of *Baie des Chaleurs*, County of *Bonaventure*; and of *William Lynd*, and others, Salmon Fishers, within the Estuary Fishing on the *Grand Casapedia* river, County of *Bonaventure*; severally praying for certain amendments to the Fisheries Act.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Norfolk*; praying that the export duties levied upon saw logs, shingle bolts and stave bolts, under schedule F of the tariff of 1868, may be repealed.

Mr. *Scatcherd*, 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 *Joliette*, informed the House, That the Honorable *John Jones Ross*, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, on Saturday last, and this day.

Ordered, That the Honorable *John Jones Ross* do attend in his place in this House, To-morrow.

Mr. *Cartwright*, 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 *Argenteuil*, informed the House, That *William Hoste Webb*, Esquire, and *Charles C. Colby*, Esquire, Members of the Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, on Saturday last, and this day.

Ordered, That *William Hoste Webb*, Esquire, and *Charles C. Colby*, Esquire, do attend in their places in this House, To-morrow.

The Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker three Messages from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Messages were read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and are as follow :—

JOHN YOUNG.

His Excellency the Governor General communicates to the House of Commons the appointment of the Honorable Sir *John Alexander Macdonald*, K. C. B., Minister of Justice, and Attorney General; the Honorable *Hector Louis Langevin*, C. B., Secretary of State for *Canada*; the Honorable *William McDougall*, C. B., Minister of Public Works, —and the Honorable *Samuel Leonard Tilley*, C. B., Minister of Customs, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons, as Commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of the 31st Victoria, Chapter 27, intituled “ An Act respecting the Internal Economy “ of the House of Commons, and for other purposes.”

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Ottawa, 19th April, 1869.

JOHN YOUNG.

The Governor General communicates to the House of Commons the accompanying copy of a Despatch received by Lord *Monck* from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in answer to the Address voted to Her Majesty, on the 23th April, 1868.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Ottawa, 19th April, 1869.

*The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor General.*

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DOWNING STREET, 1st June, 1868.

MY LORD,—I laid before the Queen a copy of Your Lordship's despatch, No. 71, of