

Monday, 7th March, 1870.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, in the Districts of *Iberville* and *Montmagny*, for the year 1869. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 9.)

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

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—The Petition of *La Banque du Peuple*.

By Mr. *Wright* (*Ottawa County*),—The Petition of *M. McBean* and others.

By Mr. *Kymal*,—The Petition of *Britton Bath Osler*, of the Town of *Dundas*, County of *Wentworth*.

By Mr. *Magill*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Bodwell*,—The Petition of the Municipality of *South Norwich*.

By Mr. *Walsh*,—The Petition of the United Agricultural Societies of the North and South Ridings of the County of *Norfolk*.

By Mr. *Cameron* (*Huron*),—The Petition of *James Laidlaw* and others ; the Petition of *B. Seymour*, Junior, and others ; and the Petition of *James Somerville* and others, Farmers, Producers and Manufacturers, of *Western Ontario*.

By Mr. *Savary*,—The Petition of the Reverend *R. F. Uniacke*, Rector of *St. George's* Church, *Halifax*, and others, Members of the Church of *England*, of the City of *Halifax*, *Nova Scotia*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Tupper*,—The Petition of the Baptist Convention of *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and *Prince Edward Island*, assembled in Annual Session, at *Halifax*, *Nova Scotia*.

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

Of *B. Pomroy* and others, of *Sherbrooke* ; praying for an Act of Incorporation, under the name of the "*St. Francis and Megantic International Railway Company*."

Of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Niagara* ; of *John Hall* and others of the Town of *Niagara* ; of *A. M. Smith* and others, of the City of *Toronto* ; of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of *Niagara* ; and of *R. B. McPherson* and others, Merchants, Shipowners, and Traders, of the Village of *Thorold*, and County of *Welland* ; severally praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the *Ontario and Erie Ship Canal Company*, with power to build and construct a Ship Canal from the *Niagara River*, at or near *Fort George*, in the Town of *Niagara*, to the *Welland Canal*, immediately above Lock 25, and to extend the same to *Port Colborne*, or to the waters of the *Upper Niagara River*, at or near the Village of *Chippawa*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *York* ; and of the Municipal Council of the County of *Peel* ; severally praying that Custom Duties may be imposed upon various articles imported into *Canada* from the *United States*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *York* ; and of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *London* ; severally praying for the abolition of the Excise Duty on Refined Petroleum.

Of *John Robert Martin*, of the Town of *Cayuga*, in the County of *Haldimand*, and Province of *Ontario*, Barrister at Law ; praying for the passing of an Act to declare his marriage with *Sophia Stinson* to be dissolved, and that he be divorced from her.

Of *Joseph Scott* and others, of *Tyrconnell, Ontario* ; praying that in the event of a Harbor of Refuge being constructed on the north shore of *Lake Erie*, the Bay at Village of *Tyrconnell* be the site selected.

Of the Council of the Agricultural and Arts Association of the Province of *Ontario* ; praying for the abolition of Customs Duties on Imported Thoroughbred Animals.

Of the Union Bank of *Halifax*, in the Province of *Nova Scotia* ; praying for an extension of their Charter.