

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, HOUSE OF COMMONS.

 OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1881.

PRAYERS.

Six Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

On motion of Mr. *Kilvert*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Hamilton,—of the Board of Trade, of the City of Hamilton,—of *A. R. Boswell*, and others, Aldermen of the City of Toronto,—of Messrs *Brown, Balfour* and Company, and others, Ratepayers of the City of Hamilton,—and of *W. B. Scarth*, and others, Ratepayers of the City of Toronto, presented this day, were read and received; severally praying that the Bill now before Parliament to incorporate "The Northern, North-Western and Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company," may become law.

Sir *John A. Macdonald* presented,—Return to an Order of The House of the 21st ult.; for copies of all correspondence respecting the rights of Squatters on the Naval Reserve on Point Pelée Reef, in the County of Essex.

Mr. *Langevin* presented,—Return to Address to His Excellency the Governor General, of the 17th ult.; for a copy of all *Memoranda* to Council, and Orders in Council relating to the withdrawal of *Sandford Fleming*, from the position of Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway; also copies of all correspondence between Ministers, and between Mr. *Fleming* and any Member of the Government upon the same subject.

And also,—Return to an Order of The House of the 20th December, last; for copies of the papers which have been from time to time furnished the Government, in support of the claim of *Henry A. P. Holland*, to the Castle Garden property, Quebec.

Mr. *Orton* introduced a Bill No. 86 to prevent exactions by Pawnbrokers; which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow*.

On motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald*, it was *Resolved*, That for the remainder of the Session, Government business shall have precedence on *Wednesday*, after Routine proceedings.

On motion of Mr. *Girouard* (*Jacques Cartier*) it was *Ordered*, That item 26 on the Orders of this Day (*under Public Bills and Orders*), *viz.*:—Second reading of Bill No. 51 to limit the appellate Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Canada, be made the first Order, *to-morrow, Wednesday*, after Private Bills have been proceeded with,