

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. *Plumb* moved, seconded by Mr. *Baby*, and the Question being put, That the Debate be adjourned:—It passed in the Negative.

Then the Question being put, That there be laid before this House, copies of all correspondence between the Government, or any person connected with the Public Works or Railway Department, and any company or individual respecting the distribution or loan of old rails, not yet submitted to Parliament:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *MacKay* (*Cape Breton*), seconded by Mr. *Killam*,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return of quantity of Iron Rails appropriated by Order in Council, shewing the Railway lines so assisted and the quantity allotted to each; the conditions of transfer; those complying therewith; and the names of the Railways, if any, which have not fulfilled the conditions imposed, or have not applied for or received the quantities allotted them.

On motion of Mr. *Fréchette*, seconded by Mr. *Béchar*,
Ordered, That there be laid before this House, copies of all correspondence

relative to the pensions paid to the Square Timber Cullers dismissed last year.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

Tuesday, 12th March, 1878.

PRAYERS.

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

By Mr. *Gillmor*,—The Petition of Messrs. *W. B. King* and Co., and others, of the Town of *Saint Stephen*, County of *Charlotte*, Province of *New Brunswick*.

By Mr. *Holton*,—The Petition of the Reverend *E. Blyth*, Curé and others, of *St. Martine*; and the Petition of the Reverend *W. Seers*, Curé, and others, of *St. Jean Chrysostôme*.

Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have had under consideration the Bill to reduce the capital stock of the Merchant's Bank of *Canada*, and beg leave to report the same, with several amendments.

On motion of Mr. *Laurier*, seconded by Mr. *Smith* (*Westmoreland*),

Resolved, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following proposed Resolution: That it is expedient to repeal the duty of Customs imposed on Malt imported into *Canada* by the Act 40 *Vic.*, Chap. 11, Sect. 2, and to provide that British and Foreign Malt when imported into *Canada* shall be immediately placed in a suitable bonding warehouse, provided at the cost of the importer, and approved as suitable for the purpose by a duly authorized Revenue officer, and being so warehoused shall be bonded under the Excise regulation then in force, in respect of Malt made in *Canada*, and shall be subject to the same restrictions, and when taken for consumption, shall be subject to the same duty as Malt made in *Canada*.