

the money so received for the said *Rivière du Loup* Branch ; and also, all correspondence in reference to their expending the said money or any portion thereof, either in purchasing or constructing a Railway or Railways in the *United States*, either in their own name or by an associated Company, or in any other way, and how much money received for the *Rivière du Loup* Railway purchase has been so expended ; and also, any and all correspondence shewing whether the Government lien for the debt of £3,111,500 and accrued interest owing by the said Railway, attaches upon the said Railway or Railways so purchased or built in the said *United States*, with the length and cost of the same.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

Friday, 16th March, 1883.

PRAYERS.

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

By Mr. *Foster*,—The Petition of the Reverend *James Grey* and others, of *Sussex*, County of *King's*, *New Brunswick*.

By Mr. *McIsaac*,—The Petition of *Alexander Polson* and others, of *South River*; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. F. Forbes* and others, of *Union Centre*, County of *Antigonish*.

By Mr. *Brecken*,—The Petition of the Reverend *D. Fitzgerald*, D.D., Rector of *St. Paul's Church*, and others, of *Charlottetown*, *Prince Edward Island*.

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

Of *James Rosborough* and others ; and of *James Gardner* and others, of *Musquodoboit Harbour*, County of *Halifax*, *Nova Scotia* ; severally praying for the adoption of such measures as will prevent the running of Railway Trains on the Lord's Day.

Of the *McGill University* ; praying that before any legislation on the subject of the granting certain exceptional privileges in the profession of Dominion Land Surveyor to graduates of the *Royal Military College*, full opportunity may be given to those interested in science education, and in the profession of engineering and surveying in the several Provinces, to state their views on this important matter.

Of the Reverend *Duncan Gillis* and others, of the Municipality of *Douglas*, County of *Gaspé* ; praying that the Fishery Act may be so amended as to make the close season for fly-fishing for salmon, to correspond with the close season for net-fishing.

Sir John A. Macdonald, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Minister of Justice, as to Penitentiaries in *Canada*, for the year ending 30th June, 1882. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 29.)

Mr. Bowell, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Order of this House, dated 23rd February, 1883, for a Return containing the names of persons in the employ of the Customs Department in the City of *Montreal*, as Supernumerary clerks, who have been constantly employed for not less than six months, previous to the first day of July, 1882. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 49.)