

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A Return from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, setting forth that His Excellency the Governor General had summoned to the Senate,

The Honorable *Harcourt Burland Bull*, of the City of *Hamilton*, in the Province of *Ontario*, in the room and stead of the late Honorable *Donald McDonald*.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*,—Of the Confederation Life Association.

By the Honorable Mr. *Trudel*,—Of *La Banque Jacques Cartier, Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Dickie*,—Of *Stephen Selden*, of the City of *Halifax*, in the Province of *Nova Scotia*.

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

Of the Fruit Growers' Association of *Ontario*; praying that the duty upon Fruit may be made a specific duty.

Of the Fruit Growers' Association of *Ontario*; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the Governor in Council to prevent the importation of diseased Peach Trees into *Canada*.

Of the International Bridge Company; praying for an Act to enable them to increase the capital stock of the Company to the sum of three millions of dollars.

Of the *Montreal and Champlain Junction Railway Company*; praying that the Act 41 *Vict.*, cap. 29, may be so amended as to clearly authorize the Petitioners to take up the existing track between the point of junction of the line of the Petitioners in the said Act mentioned with the line formerly known as the *Montreal and Champlain Railway* (now the property of the Grand Trunk Company), and *Caughnawaga*; also, that the Grand Trunk Railway Company may be authorized to abandon that portion of the line from which the track shall be taken, and be relieved from maintaining the Ferry at *Caughnawaga*.

Of the Grand Trunk Railway Company; praying that the Petition of the *Montreal and Champlain Junction Railway Company* may be granted.

Of the Dominion Board of Trade; praying for the extension of the Telegraph System to the Islands in the *St. Lawrence*.

Of the *Canada Life Assurance Company*; praying for an Act to amend their Act of Incorporation by providing for an increased proportion of the profits of the Company being allotted to the Assurers upon the Participation Scale; enabling the Directors to fix the time of the Annual General Meeting; removing the restriction as to the number of votes which any one shareholder may cast; granting power to the Company to invest in securities issued in Great Britain or foreign countries, so far as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying on the business of the Company therein, and for other purposes.

Of the President and Directors of the Home Savings' and Loan Company (Limited), of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may be passed to authorize the sale and transfer to the said Company of the assets and good will of the *Toronto Savings Bank* by its Trustees, upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon by the Trustees of the Bank and the Directors of the Company.