

year 1871, for the choice of a Member to represent the said District in the House of Commons ; praying that the Special Return sent to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery may be amended, by inserting therein the name of your Petitioner, as the Member duly elected to represent the District of *Marquette* in the House of Commons.

Of *James McBride*, and others, of the Province of Ontario ; praying for the passing of an Act to provide for the collection of demands against Ships and Vessels.

Of *R. J. Reekie*, and others, of the City of *Montreal* ; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a railway westward from *Lake Nipissing*, through *Fort Garry* to *British Columbia*, and certain branch lines to the same.

Of *H. S. Howland*, and others ; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Pacific Junction Bridge Company*, with power to construct a railway bridge at or near *Sault Ste. Marie*, and also, to work a ferry at the same place.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Essex* ; praying that an Act may be passed assimilating the weight of the bushel measure, as respects oats, in the several Provinces of the Dominion, to that of the Province of *Quebec*.

Of the *Canada Central Railway Company* ; and of the *Detroit River Tunnel Company* ; severally praying for certain Amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of the *Great Western Railway Company* ; praying that the Petition of the *Detroit River Tunnel Company* for certain Amendments to their Act of Incorporation may be granted.

Of the *British American Assurance Company* ; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing them to increase their Capital Stock, and for further Amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of *Henry Howard*, M.D., and others, of the Town of *St. Johns*, in the Province of *Quebec* ; and of Messrs. *J. B. Osborne and Son*, and others, of the Township of *Clinton*, County of *Lincoln* ; severally praying for certain Amendments to the Act respecting Patents for Invention.

Of the *Montreal Board of Trade* ; praying that no Act may be passed giving to the *Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada* the exclusive control of the *Montreal and Champlain Railway*.

Mr. *Gibbs* from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented to House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee would recommend that their Quorum be reduced to nine Members.

Ordered, That the Quorum of the said Committee be reduced to nine Members.

Mr. *Brousseau*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

The Committee beg to recommend a reduction of their Quorum to nine Members.

Ordered, That the Quorum of the said Committee be reduced to nine Members.

Ordered, That Mr. *Harrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Mail Printing and Publishing Company (Limited)*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time ; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

On motion of Mr. *Magill*, seconded by Mr. *Workman*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to enquire into, and report to this House the extent and condition of the manufacturing interests of the Dominion, have leave to report from time to time.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Blake* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for