

April 23, 1872

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, April 23, 1872

The **SPEAKER** took the chair at 3 p.m.

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*Prayers*

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### ROUTINE BUSINESS

**Mr. MORRISON (Niagara)** presented a petition to extend the time for commencement of the Huron and Niagara Ship Canal.

**Mr. SCRIVER** presented a petition for a charter for the Quebec Railway Co.

**Hon. Mr. HUNTINGTON** presented the first Report of the Committee on Standing Orders.

**Mr. MORRISON (Niagara)** introduced a Bill to incorporate the Detroit Railway Bridge Co.—Referred to committee on Railways and Telegraph Co.

**Mr. MORRISON (Niagara)** introduced a Bill to incorporate the St. Clair Railway, Bridge, and Telegraph Co.

**Mr. COSTIGAN** introduced a bill to compel Members of the Local Parliament, when dual representation is not allowed, to resign their seats before becoming Members of this House.

**Mr. SHANLY** introduced a Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Caughnawagha Canal Co.

**Hon. Mr. IRVINE** introduced a Bill to incorporate the Canada Railway Equipment Co.

**Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN** gave notice that he would move the House into Committee on certain resolutions respecting the enlargement of the Dominion canals respecting the improvement and enlargement of the canals, as recommended by the report of the Canal Commissioners, and the construction of the Baie Verte Canal.

**Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER** gave notice that he would move a series of resolutions relative to the Canadian Pacific Railway.

**Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD** brought down the letter of Hon. Mr. Campbell on the Fishery question. Also all

correspondence on the question which could properly be brought down in the interests of the country. The concurrence in the resolution asking for a grant of \$45,000 for the Geological Survey was taken up.

The resolutions were concurred in and read.

**Hon. Mr. HOWE** introduced a Bill founded on the resolutions.

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### GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANK

**Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS** having moved that the Report of the Committee of the Whole on certain resolutions respecting the Government Savings Banks &c. be received.

1. *Resolved*, —That it is expedient to amend Section 16 of the Government Savings Bank Act 34, Vic. Cap. 6, by providing that the surplus of the assets of the Saint John Savings Bank over its liabilities on the 1st July, 1871, which have been ascertained to be \$39,560.44, shall be left in the hands of the Trustees of that Institution to be by them appropriated to some local purpose of public interest, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, and by providing that the surplus of the assets of the Northumberland and Durham Savings Bank over its liabilities on the 10th April, 1872, which have been ascertained to be \$87,669.91, shall be left in the hands of the Trustees of that Institution, to be by them appropriated to some local purpose or purposes of public interest, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council.

2. *Resolved*, —That it is expedient to amend the Act relating to Banks and Banking, by correcting a Clerical Error in Section 72, by protecting innocent parties to notes and bills in certain cases under Section 52, and by enabling Banks to receive deposits of savings from minors and others, under certain limitations.

3. *Resolved*, —That it is expedient to amend the Act regulating the issue of Dominion Notes, 33 Vic., Cap. 10, amending the Act 31 Vic., Cap. 46, by providing that the amount of any excess over nine million dollars may be held by the Receiver General, partly in specie and partly in deposits in Chartered Banks.

4. *Resolved*, —That it is expedient to consolidate the Acts respecting the Public Debt and the raising of loans so as to make one Act applicable to all future loans, and amend the same by enabling the Governor in Council, in raising any loan hereinafter authorized, to establish a sinking fund not exceeding one-half of one per cent per annum for paying of the same, and to change the