

Wednesday, 3rd April, 1878.

PRAYERS.

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

Of *Michael Gross*, and others, Members of the Independent Order of Good Templars, *Hillsborough, New Brunswick*; of *John C. Ferguson*, President, and others, of the United Temperance Alliance of *New Brunswick*; of the *Elgin* Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars; of *George Mollins*, and others, of the County of *Albert, New Brunswick*; of the *Westmoreland* County Temperance Convention, *New Brunswick*; of the *Moncton* Division Sons of Temperance, *New Brunswick*; of the Municipality of the County of *Victoria, New Brunswick*; and of the Mayor and Council of the Town of *Milntown, New Brunswick*; severally praying that the Bill, now before Parliament, respecting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, may become law.

Of *T. H. Mahony*, and others, Policy-holders in the *Connecticut* Mutual Life Insurance Company; praying that the Act 40 *Vic.*, Cap. 42, may be so amended as to exempt them from its operation and to permit the said Company to carry on its business under the Laws of *Canada*, as they did prior to the passing of said Act.

Of the County Council of the County of *Wellington*; praying that the Temperance Act of 1874, may be so amended as to permit of the sale by retail of native wines and beer; and also that provision be made for taking the vote by Ballot in the same manner as at Municipal Elections in the Province of *Ontario*.

Mr. Ross (Middlesex), from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament beg leave to submit as their Fourth Report, The First and Second Reports of the Sub-Committee appointed to audit the Printing Accounts, and for other purposes, together with the Report of the Clerk of the Committee on the Printing Services of the past year, and "The Printing Account Annual Balance Sheet, for the fiscal year 1876-7," all hereto annexed, which they respectfully recommend for the consideration of both Houses.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
14th March, 1878.

The Sub-Committee of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, to whom was referred the Accounts for the past year, beg leave to present the following as their First Report :—

The Sub-Committee examined the Balance Sheet, and having carefully compared the receipts with the certificate of the Auditor-General, of the Warrants issued,—as well as the Cash on hand, as verified by the Bank Pass-book, found them correct. The Expenditure they verified by the Accounts in detail, duly receipted by the several Contractors;—they also further verified the Account for Printing, which is furnished item by item, by a fyle of the work performed, each document being charged separately, and having tested several, both as to measurement and charges, were satisfied of their correctness.

The Sub-Committee have, therefore, signed the Balance Sheet as having been audited by them, and found correct.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
18th March, 1878.

The Sub-Committee of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, to whom was referred the Accounts of the past year, and also the application of *Mr. Botterell*, for additional assistance during the recess, beg leave to submit the following as their Second Report :—