

By Mr. Lajoie,—The Petition of *M. Blais* and others, of *Yamachiche*.

By the Honorable Mr. Rose,—The Petition of the *Montreal City Passenger Railway Company*.

By Mr. Dufresne (*Iberville*),—The Petition of *J. Loupret* and others, of the Parish of *St. Athanase*; and the Petition of *J. B. Chevalier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Grégoire le Grand*, both of the County of *Ilerville*.

By Mr. Dorion (*Drummond and Arthabaska*),—The Petition of *L. Raiche* and others, of *Ste. Monique*; and the Petition of *C. Morin* and others, of *Champlain*.

By the Honorable Mr. Dorion (*Hochelaga*),—The Petition of *M. Girard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean de Matha*; and the Petition of *J. Piette* and others, of the Parish of *St. Félix de Valois*, both of the County of *Joliette*; the Petition of *C. S. Chermier* and others, of *Sault au Récollet*; and the Petition of the Honorable *L. J. Papineau* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. Wood,—The Petition of *E. B. Wood* and *J. Y. Bown*, of the Town of *Brantford*.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Honorable *L. J. Papineau* and others, of the City of *Montreal*, be now received and read.

And the said Petition was received and read; praying that any measure having for its object the Confederation of the Provinces of *British North America*, may not become law.

Mr. Somerville, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Ninth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Ingersoll*, for an Act to consolidate the debt of the said Town, and they find the notice sufficient.

On the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Port Hope*, for an Act to legalize an agreement between the Corporation of the said Town and the Bank of *Upper Canada*, Your Committee find that the said agreement was only completed within the last few days, and it was, therefore, impossible to give the usual notice; a By-law to give effect to the said agreement was, however, submitted to and approved by the rate-payers, at a meeting called after due notice; your Committee therefore recommend a suspension of the 53rd Rule in this case.

Mr. Geoffrion reported, from the Select Committee on the Bill to define the right of property in swarms of Bees, and to exempt them from seizure in certain cases, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received the following letters from the *Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway Company*, and the *Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada*, in reply to his letters enclosing copies of the Order of the House of the 15th February, instant:—

BUFFALO AND LAKE HURON RAILWAY COMPANY,
Brantford, Canada West, 21st February, 1865.

WM. B. LINDSAY, Jr., Esquire,
Clerk, Legislative Assembly, *Quebec*.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 15th instant, enclosing Copy of an Order of the Legislative Assembly respecting the Mortgage Debenture-Holders of this Company, and to state that I have written to the Managing Director of the Grand Trunk Railway Company on the subject.

I am, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

W. MACLEAN,
Secretary.