

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

Of the *Welland Railway Company*; and of the *Northern Railway Company of Canada*; severally praying that the Bill, now before Parliament, for constituting a Court of Railway Commissioners for *Canada*, and to amend the Consolidated Railway Act, 1879, may not become law.

Of *Charles T. Grant* and others, of the River Inhabitants; and of *William Brymer* and others, of *L'Ardoise*, County of *Richmond, Nova Scotia*; severally praying that the Fishery Act may be so amended as to make the close season for fly-fishing for salmon to correspond with the close season for net-fishing.

*Mr. Beaty*, for the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Tenth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the joint Petition of the *Winnipeg and Hudson's Bay Railway and Steamship Company*, and the *Nelson Valley Railway and Transportation Company*; praying for the passing of an Act to amalgamate the said Companies under the name of "The *Winnipeg and Hudson's Bay Railway and Steamship Company*," and find that no Notice has been given, but your Committee beg to recommend a suspension of the 51st Rule, on the ground that the measure is one of urgency, and of great public importance, and affects no vested rights.

*Ordered*, That *Mr. Weldon* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts respecting procedure in Criminal cases, and other matters relating to Criminal Law.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

*Mr. White (Cardwell)* moved, seconded by *Mr. White (Hastings)*, and the Question being proposed, That the First Report of the Select Committee appointed to supervise the Official Report of the Debates of this House during the present Session, be concurred in;

*Mr. Desjardins* moved, in amendment, seconded by *Mr. Royal*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words "referred back to the said Committee for further consideration," inserted instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the Main Question, so amended, being put;

*Ordered*, That the First Report of the Select Committee appointed to supervise the Official Report of the Debates of this House during the present Session, be referred back to the said Committee for further consideration.

On motion of *Mr. Grandbois*, seconded by *Mr. Mackintosh*,

*Ordered*, That there be laid before this House, copies of all Reports made up to this date, respecting the movement of the ice at the Wharf at *Rivière du Loup*, and the Wharf at *Rivière Ouelle*.

On motion of *Mr. Ives*, seconded by *Mr. Dawson*,

*Ordered*, That there be laid before this House, a Return of all Petitions for, and correspondence with respect to new guns for the *Richmond Field Battery*.

*Mr. Platt* moved, seconded by *Mr. Fisher*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Reports, not already brought down, by Government Engineers, relative to the several proposed routes for the *Murray Canal*, with estimated cost of construction by adopted route