

Friday, 17th January, 1896.

The Members convened were :

The Honourable *JOHN JONES ROSS*, Speaker,

The Honourable Messieurs

Adams,	Cochrane,	McClelan,	Perley,
Allan,	De Blois,	McDonald (C.B.),	Poirier,
Almon,	Dever,	McInnes (N. Westm'tr),	Power,
Armand,	Dickey,	McKay,	Primrose,
Arsenault,	Dobson,	McKindsey,	Prowse,
Baird,	Ferguson (P.E.I.),	McLaren,	Read (Quinté),
Baker,	Gowan,	McMillan,	Reesor,
Bellerose,	Guévremont,	Merner,	Reid (Cariboo),
Bernier,	Landry,	Miller,	Scott,
Bolduc,	Lougheed,	Montplaisir,	Smith (Sir Frank),
Boucherville, de	Macdonald (P.E.I.),	O'Brien,	Snowball,
Boulton,	Macdonald (Victoria),	O'Donohoe,	Vidal,
Bowell (Sir Mackenzie),	MacInnes (Burlington),	Ogilvie,	Villeneuve,
Casgrain,	Masson,	Owens,	Wark,
Clemow,	McCallum,	Pelletier,	Wood.

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table :—

By the Honourable Mr. Clemow,—Of the High Court of Ontario of the Independent Order of Foresters.

By the Honourable Mr. Villeneuve,—Of the St. Lawrence and Adirondack Railway Company ; and of the South-western Railway Company.

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

Of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada ; praying for the passing of an Act confirming an agreement made between the Petitioners and the St. Lawrence and Adirondack Railway Company.

Of the St. Lawrence and Adirondack Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act confirming an agreement made between the Petitioners and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada.

Of the Corporation of the City of Toronto ; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the construction of a ship canal between Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario by way of the City of Toronto and Lake Simcoe.

Of the Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters ; praying for the passing of an Act amending their Act of Incorporation by increasing the mortuary benefit, regulating the investment of their funds in foreign countries, and for bringing them immediately under Government inspection.

Of the Provisional Directors of the Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Pontypool Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act reviving their Act of Incorporation, and extending the time for the commencement and completion of their proposed works.

Of Arthur Lyon, M.D., and others, of Shawville, in the Province of Quebec, and others, of elsewhere ; praying for the passing of an Act to revive the Act to incorporate the Kingston and Pontiac Railway Company, and to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the said work.