

PRAYERS.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Tessier* ; of *N. Rosa* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Campbell* ; of *John McDonald* and others, of the Town of *Ingersoll, Ontario*.

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

Of the City Bank of *Montreal* ; of *John Bruce* and others, of the Town of *Walkerton*, in the County of *Bruce* ; of *James Gillies* and others, of the Village of *Carleton Place* ; of *M. P. Hayes* and others, of the Village of *Seaforth* ; and of *Robert R. Burns* and others, of the Township of *Pakenham, Ontario* ; severally praying that in any legislation on the subject of Banking no change of a fundamental character may be made in the present system, and that the circulation of the Banks be preserved on its present basis.

Of the Reverend *Octave Renaud* and others, of the Parish of *St. Paul* ; and of *Gilbert Riopel* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Beatrice*, in the County of *Joliette* ; severally praying for the repeal of the duty on Canadian Tobacco.

Of *James M. Irvine* and others, of the Town of *Port Hope* ; of *John Barwick* and others, of *Woodstock* ; and of *Geo. Harris* and others, of *Bowmanville, Ontario* ; severally praying for the passing of a Patent Law similar to the Law of *England*, or for the passing of a Law granting Patents to the Inventors alone, irrespective of nationality or residence.

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills presented their ninth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows :

COMMITTEE ROOM,
20th May, 1869.

The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honor to present their ninth Report.

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the Great Western Railway Company, praying that the holders of Preference Shares, which the Company has been empowered to issue, may be allowed the option of converting the same into ordinary shares, and find that it is not of a nature to require the publication of notice, as the preference shares are not to be issued until the sanction of the Stockholders shall have been obtained at a general meeting.

All which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. ALLAN,
Chairman.

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled: "An Act to naturalize *Eli Clinton Clark*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, seconded by the Hon. Mr. *McCrea*, it was *Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Dickey* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McCully*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying