

Thursday, 1st April, 1897.

The Members convened were :—

The Honourable *CHARLES ALPHONSE PANTALÉON PELLETIER, C.M.G.*,  
Speaker

The Honourable Messieurs

Adams,	De Blois,	MacInnes (Burlington),	Ogilvie,
Allan,	Dever,	MacKeen,	Owens,
Almon,	Dickey,	Masson,	Perley,
Armand,	Dobson,	McCallum,	Power,
Arsenault,	Ferguson,	McDonald (C.B.),	Primrose,
Baird,	Forget,	McInnes (N. Westm'tr),	Prowse,
Bellerose,	Gowan (C.M.G.),	McKay,	Reid,
Bernier,	Hingston (Sir William),	McKindsey,	Sanford,
Bolhec,	Kirchhoffer,	McLaren,	Scott,
Boucherville, de (C.M.G.)	Landry,	McMillan,	Snowball,
Boulton,	Lewin,	Merner,	Sullivan,
Bowell, (Sir Mackenzie),	Lougheed,	Miller,	Temple,
Casgrain,	Lovitt,	Mills,	Vidal,
Clemow,	Macdonald (P.E.I.),	Mowat (Sir Oliver),	Wark.
Cochrane,	Macdonald (Victoria),	O'Brien,	Wood.

PRAYERS.

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

By the Honourable Mr. Forget,—Of Andrew Frederick Gault and others, of the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec.

By the Honourable Mr. Perley,—Of James Patterson and others, of Winnipeg, and others of elsewhere.

By the Honourable Mr. Bernier,—Of the Manitoba and South-Eastern Railway Company.

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

Of the Ontario Pacific Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act extending the time for the construction and completion of said road, changing the name of the company to The Ottawa and New York Railway Company, and for other purposes.

Of the Central Counties Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act amending certain Acts relating to said railway, and granting them power to bridge the St. Lawrence River.

Of the Great North-West Central Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act extending the time for constructing the uncompleted portion of said road.

Of George Earl Church and others, of London, England, and others of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, Provisional Directors incorporated by Act of Parliament of Canada, 58-59 Vic., chap. 68 ; praying for the passing of an Act extending the time for the commencement and completion of their said works, to change the name of the company, and for other purposes.

Of the British Columbia Southern Railway Company praying ; for the passing of an Act granting them power to extend their line, and to issue bonds to the extent of thirty thousand dollars per mile.