River to be removed, and an uninterrupted line to the full capacity of the leading channel and the supply of water from the summit level, to be opened throughout.

Of Luncan Arbuthnot, and others of the Township of Thurah, County of Ontario; praying that the clause in the Act which imposes a duty of 5 per cent upon the importation of Books, Magazines and Pamphlets, may be repealed.

Of the Council of the Board of Trade of the City of Montreal; praying that the Insolvent Act of 1864 be not repealed, but that it be amended.

Of Philip Pearson Harris, of the City of Quebec; praying that the Act 29 and 30 Vic. cap. 157, may be amended by extending the time for the establishment by him, of a Factory for the manufacture of machines for refining and deodorising Crude Petroleum Oil, under his letters patent.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of Wellington; praying for certain Amendments to the Militia Act.

Mr. Scatcherd, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Electoral District of *Joliette*; informed the House. That the Honorable *John Jones Ross*, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee this day; in consequence of which the meeting of the said Committee was adjourned till to-morrow, at Eleven o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Web<sup>h</sup>, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Electoral District of Argenteu l, informed the House, That at the request of both parties, the Committee ask leave to adjourn till Saturday the fifteenth day of May next, for the adduction of evidence.

On motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Cartwright,

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to adjourn till Saturday the fifteenth day of May next.

Mr. MacFarlane, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:---

Your Committee have examined the petition of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, praying for the passing of an Act to increase their Capital Stock, and for amendments to their Acts of Incorporation, and find the notice sufficient.

Your Committee beg leave to recommend that their Quorum be reduced to seven Members.

Ordered, That the Quorum of the said Committee be reduced to seven Members.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison. (Niagara) have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize an addition to the capital stock of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and for other purposes relating to the said Bank.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Motion, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty :---The House resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty. Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Street reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Tuesday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill respecting Offences relating to the Coin, being read;