

Your Committee have also examined the Petitions of the Grand Trunk, the Great Western and the Northern Railway Company of *Canada*, praying for the passing of an Act to confirm and legalize an agreement entered into between them, in relation to their use of the *Toronto Esplanade*; and of the *Canada West Farmers' Mutual and Stock Insurance Company*, praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation, and find that the Notice has not yet been published for the full length of time required; but inasmuch as it will be competent for them, as Committee on Private Bills, to provide that no injury to any party shall arise therefrom, they therefore recommend the suspension of the 53rd Rule in each case.

With regard to the Petition of *W. King* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Sylvester*, *St. Giles*, and *Ste. Agathe*, County of *Lotbinière*, praying that the said Parishes may be re-united into one Registration Division, your Committee find that the Notice has not yet been published for the full length of time required in the District of *Arthabaska*, one of the localities affected, though regularly published in the other localities; but inasmuch as it will be competent for them, as Committee on Private Bills, to provide that no injury to any party shall arise therefrom, they recommend therefore the suspension of the 53rd Rule.

With regard also to the Petition of the Corporation of the Town of *Napanee*, praying for an Act to confirm and legalize a certain By-law of the late Village of *Napanee*, respecting the division of the said Village into Wards, and for other purposes, your Committee find that no Notice has been given; but as these proceedings were rendered necessary by the absence of any provision for such division in the Act of last Session incorporating the said Village as a Town, and inasmuch as it will be competent for them, as Committee on Private Bills, to provide that no injury to any party shall arise therefrom, they therefore recommend the suspension of the 53rd Rule.

On the Petition of the Reverend *Saml. D. Rice*, of the City of *Hamilton*, praying for an Act to authorize the Trustees of real property of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in *Canada* to sell the same for the uses of the Church, your Committee find that Notice has been given in the *Canada Gazette* only, and are of opinion that no local Notice is necessary in this case.

The Petition of *L'Union St. Pierre de Montréal*, praying for an amendment to their Act of Incorporation, is not of a nature to require the publication of Notice under the 53rd Rule.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. FERGUSSON BLAIR,
Chairman.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson Blair*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal Investment Association*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the report be now received, and the said amendments were then read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lestie*, it was

Ordered, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the Committee on Banking and Commerce, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Acts relating to the *Niagara District Bank*," 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. *Currie*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, 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?