

The Contractors for the Binding of Parliament, Messrs. *Hunter, Rose & Co.*, having sent in an application, praying to be relieved of their Contract, on their providing a properly qualified party, who would enter into the necessary agreements and give the required security: and they having named Mr. *Alexander Mortimer* as a person of long experience in this branch of business, and who has all the facilities necessary for doing the work well and expeditiously, and as the securities he offers are satisfactory, namely: Mr. *George Mortimer*, Druggist, and Mr. Alderman *Rowe*, Auctioneer, both of *Ottawa*, the Committee recommend that the application of Messrs. *Hunter, Rose & Co.*, to be released from their Contract for the Binding of Parliament, be accepted; and that Mr. *Alexander Mortimer* be accepted as Contractor for Parliamentary Binding under the same terms, and for the same period, as Messrs. *Hunter, Rose & Co.*'s, Contract would have continued, upon Mr. *Mortimer* furnishing the securities above mentioned.

Mr. *MacFarlane*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the notices given on the following Petitions, and find them sufficient, viz.:—Of the *Niagara District Bank*, for a renewal of their Charter,—Of *Francis Shanly* and others, for incorporation of the Dominion Construction Company,—Of *Clarke Gamble* and others, for incorporation of the Mutual Life Assurance Association of *Canada*,—and of *St. George Harvey*, for incorporation of the United Dominion Sugar Beet Root Growers and Manufacturer's Company.

On the Petition of *Peter Kennedy* and others, for incorporation of a company to construct a Railway from *Coteau Landing (via Alexandria Mills to Ottawa.)* Your Committee find that the notices have been published only since the 25th of February. The promoters state, that though long desirous of constructing this road, they were unable to undertake it, until the recent action taken by the *Ontario* Legislature for affording aid to local Railways, and that the Corporation of the City of *Montreal* offering a bonus in aid of Railway communication with the *Ottawa* Country, afforded them a prospect of success; when they immediately published the requisite notice, and held public meetings for discussing the project, at which it was most favorably received. Under these circumstances, Your Committee beg to recommend a suspension of the Rule respecting notice in this case.

The Honorable Mr. *Langevin*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 4th May, 1870, shewing, so far as the same can at present be ascertained, the number of Bridges above the size of Culverts, required to be constructed on the Intercolonial Railway, the localities where the same are to be built, and the estimated cost:—Such Return to show the estimated cost, if the spans are constructed of timber, and the estimated cost if constructed in iron. Also, a copy of so much of the Contracts for the construction of the Road as contains the provisions, if any, for enabling the commissioners to substitute iron for wood in the construction of Bridges, in case it may seem desirable to them to do so. (*Sessional Papers No. 34.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Langevin* also presented, pursuant to an Order of the House of Commons, dated 20th February, 1871,—Statement of the number of days each of the Commissioners for the Intercolonial Railway was engaged in the performance of the duties of his office, at the seat of Government, and on the line of Railway respectively, during the year 1870; also, a statement of the sums paid for the travelling expenses, of each of the Commissioners during the same year. (*Sessional Papers No. 34.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Langevin* also presented,—Returns to two Orders and one Address of the House of Commons, dated respectively the 17th February, 20th February and 23rd February, 1871, for Copies of all Tenders for Works on the Intercolonial Railway since the last Return, and in the same form as printed; also copies of advertisements calling