By the Honorable Mr. Blake, of William Lutes and others, of the Township of Townsend; and of the Municipal Council of the Township of Windham, in the County of Norfolk, Province of Ontario.

By the Honorable Mr. Macdonald, of J. H. Flagg and others, of the Township of Fullarton, in the Province of Ontario.

By the Honorable Mr. Guevremont, of George Baptists and others, of the City of Three Rivers, in the Frovince of Quebec.

By the Honorable Mr. Ryan, of Sir Hugh Allan and others, of the City of Montreal; of the Board of Trade of the said City of Montreal; and of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada.

By the Honorable Mr. Leonard, of the Board of Trade of the City of London, in the Province of Ontario.

By the Honorable Mr. Campbell, of the Reverend John A. Mulock and others, of the City of Kingston, in the Province of Ontario.

By the Honorable Mr. Burnham, of the Canada Landed Credit Company.

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

Of the Montreal Northern Colonization Railway Company, praying for power to continue its line of Railway to the terminus of, or to such point on the Canadian Pacific Railway as shall be nearest to the Province of Quebec, and more convenient for establishing a connection between the two Railways.

Of John Schultz, M. P., of the Province of Manitoba, praying for an Act of incorporation as "The North Western Trading Company."

Of the Glasgow Canadian Land and Trust Company, Limited, praying for the passing of an Act of incorporation in the Dominion of Canada, vesting in them all the powers of their memorandum of association.

Of the Municipal Councils of the Counties of Oxford and Norfolk, and of the Municipal Councils of the Townships of Nottawasaga, Oalland, and East and West Garafraxa, in the Province of Ontario; severally praying for the passing of an Act prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors as beverages in the Dominion of Canada.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, in the Districts of *Iberville* and *Ottawa*, for the year 1872; and in the District of *Beauharnois*, for the years 1871 and 1872; and also in the County of *Berthier*, for the year 1872.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:

(Vide Sessional Papers.)

The Honorable Mr. Aiking presented to the House a Bill intituled "An Act to "provide for the establishment of The Department of the Interior."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.