

the numerous petitions forwarded on this subject, may bring about so desirable a result without further delay."

From *St. Catharines*, we learn that a memorial was transmitted "by the Mayor to the member for the County, for presentation to Parliament, most numerous and respectably signed."

A friend from *Port Sarnia*, informs us:—"We have forwarded *two* petitions—one general, and signed by nearly *the whole adult population* of our village, and the other from the Municipality in Council assembled—both framed in accordance with the model and instructions furnished previously."

Your Committee have resolved on renewing this experiment, and are at present engaged in preparing fresh forms, to be despatched so soon as an accurate list has been obtained of the memorials presented up till the adjournment of Parliament.

To the subject of the *Canals*, your Committee regret they have not been able as yet, to pay that amount of attention which its growing importance demands.

In most of the memorials to Government, the subject was referred to. We have also still in existence a sub-Committee, to gather such information from forwarders, lockmasters, &c., as may form the basis of more direct and definite action in future. From the success that has attended the closing of the Welland, as well as several of the leading Canals in the States, your Committee are not without hope, that an effort, if energetically made in this direction, would meet with a favourable issue.

Memorials were again sent from our City to the three branches of the Legislature, on the subject of Sabbath labour in the Post Office. These were entrusted to the Hon. A. N. Morin, Provincial Secretary, for transmission to His Excellency; and to the Honorables Jas. Ferrier and John A. Macdonald, for presentation to the Legislative Council and Assembly, respectively. No acknowledgments were received from the last two gentlemen, but it is fully understood that the memorials reached their destination, and were duly presented.—They were signed more numerous than any previously sent. Upwards of 700 of the male members of the