

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

Of *J. H. Wilson* and others, of *St. Thomas*, County of *Elgin* ; praying that measures may be adopted in favor of the system of Free Trade, and the substitution of direct taxation as a more economical mode of raising the necessary revenue.

Of the Reverend *William Belt* and others, of the Township of *Scarborough* ; praying for the establishment of an Asylum for Inebriates.

Of the Right Reverend the Anglican Lord Bishop of *Huron* ; praying that the Bill to amend the Synod Act of the Church of *England* and *Ireland* in *Canada*, may not become law.

Of the Reverend *W. Park* and others, of the County of *Durham*,—and of the Reverend *Thomas Henry* and others, of *Lachute* ; severally praying that the present system and the endowment of the *Toronto* University and University College, may be preserved intact.

Of *A. Mirick* and others, of the Counties adjoining the *Rideau* Canal and Navigation ; praying that measures may be adopted to improve the *Rideau* navigation.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *London*, County of *Middlesex* ; praying that the Bill to restore to Roman Catholics in *Upper Canada* certain rights in respect to Separate Schools, may not become Law.

Of *Alexandre Gravel*, *Ferdinand Lefrançois* and *Edouard Cloutier*, Electors in and for the County of *Montmorency*, in the Province of *Canada* ; representing that the Honorable *Joseph Cauchon*, Member for the said County, had, at the time of his Election, entered into certain contracts with the Government, which causes him to be disqualified, and praying that his seat may be declared vacant.

Mr. *Morris* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Galt*, and the Question being proposed, That the Petition of *H. W. F. Bolckow* and *John Vaughan*, of *Middlesbro'-on-Tees*, *Yorkshire, England*, and others, praying for the passing of an Act to empower the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company to issue preferential bonds to the extent of £60,000 sterling, and to authorize the bondholders of the Company to vote at all meetings thereof, be now received and read, notwithstanding the expiration of the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills.

And a debate arising thereupon ;

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said Question be postponed until Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Mowat*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Fourteenth Report of the said Committee, which was read as followeth :—

Your Committee have considered the Bill to erect the Parish of *Ste. Clothilde de Horton* into a separate Municipality,—Bill to erect the Township of *Tingwick* into two separate Municipalities,—Bill to erect the Townships of *Wendover* and *Simpson* into a separate Municipality,—and Bill to erect the Parish of *St. Albert de Warwick* into a separate Municipality ; and as they all relate to Municipalities within the same County, your Committee have combined the provisions of all these Bills in the one last mentioned, and submit the same, as amended, for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee have considered the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to incorporate certain Persons under the name of the *Montreal* and *Salaberry* Steamboat Company,” and have agreed to report the same without amendment.

They have also considered the following Bills, and have prepared amendments to each, which they submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House, viz :—

Bill to re-unite the North and South Ridings of the County of *Waterloo* for registration purposes.

Bill to authorize *Marie Louise Lavasseur* to collect tolls on a Bridge over the River *Becancour*, in the County of *Nicolet*.

Bill to enable the surviving trustees under the Will of the late Lieutenant-General Sir *William Johnston*, K. C. B., deceased, to sell certain lands in *Canada* belonging to the estate of the said General *Johnston*.

Bill to incorporate the Village of *Beauharnois*, under the name of the Town of *Beauharnois*.