

Of the *Quebec Fire Assurance Company*; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to reduce their subscribed Capital Stock, and for other purposes.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Oxford*; praying for the passing of an Act to regulate prison labor.

Of *Alexander Muir*, and others, Vessel Owners, Mariners and others interested in the navigation of the Inland Lakes and Rivers; praying for such legislation as will tend to relieve the depression experienced by Canadian Shipping, and for the improvement of navigation.

Of *George Garnham*, and others, Fruit Growers, of the County of *Elgin*; praying that in the Tariff, protection may be afforded to Canadian fruits; and also that steps may be taken to prevent the importation and spread of the disease called "Yellows" in Peach Trees, Peaches and Peach Pits.

Of the Isolated Risk and Farmers' Fire Insurance Company of *Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to change the name of the said Company to that of the Sovereign Fire and Marine Insurance Company of *Canada*, and to make further Amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

The two following Petitions were also read:—

Of the Welland Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing them to convert their First and Second Mortgage Bonds into First and Second Debenture Stock, and for other purposes.

Of *Noah Shakespeare* and others, of the Province of *British Columbia*; praying for the passing of an Act to restrict further immigration of Chinamen; also that in the construction of the Intercolonial Railway the employment of Chinese labor may be prohibited, and that the Act of the Provincial Government of *British Columbia* in placing the local tax upon the Chinese in that country may be confirmed.

And attention having been called to the fact that the said Petitions had Appendices attached, contrary to the Rules of the House; the said Appendices were, with leave of the House, withdrawn; and the Petitions were received.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, That he had received from the Honorable Mr. Vice-Chancellor Blake, one of the Judges selected for the trial of Election Petitions, pursuant to "The Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874," Certificate relating to the Election—

For the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of *Elgin*.

And the same was read and ordered to be entered in the Journals of this House, and is as follows:—

EAST ELGIN CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

*In Chancery.*

The Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874.

Election of a Member for the House of Commons for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of *Elgin*, holden on the 17th day of September, A.D. 1878.

ARCHIBALD BLUE,

*Petitioner.*

THOMAS ARKILL,

*Respondent.*

1. I hereby certify that the trial of the Petition in this case took place before me at *St. Thomas*, in the County of *Elgin*, on the 27th and following days of January last.

2. I determined that the said Respondent, *Thomas Arkill*, was duly elected and is entitled to represent the East Riding of the County of *Elgin* in the House of Commons of *Canada*.