

Thursday, 28th March, 1878.

PRAYERS.

The following Petition was brought up, and laid on the Table :—

By *Mr. Borron*,—The Petition of *William H. Plummer*, Reeve, and others, of the Municipality of *Sault Ste. Marie*, District of *Algoma*, Province of *Ontario*.

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

Of the Municipality of *Charlotte*; of *G. G. King*, and *E. Simpson*; of *J. A. Moran*, and others, of *St. George*; of *Henry Smith*, and others, of *West Isles*; of *Judson L. Gupbee*, Sen., and others, of *North Head, Grand Manan*; of *H. Gore*, M.D., and others, of *St. Andrews*, County of *Charlotte*; and of the Victory Lodge, U. T. A., *Jerusalem*, County of *Queen's, New Brunswick*; severally praying that the Bill, now before Parliament, respecting the traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, may become law.

Of *Alphonse Benoit*, Chairman of a literary convention at *Ottawa*; praying that steps may be taken to collect, preserve and publish certain public archives; and praying further for certain Amendments to the Act respecting copyrights.

Ordered, That *Mr. McCarthy* have leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the trial of Controverted Elections of Members of the House of Commons by amending and consolidating the Acts now in force on that subject.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bill further to amend the Act intituled: "An Act respecting the Public Works of *Canada*," as amended in Committee of the whole House, and the amendments were twice read and agreed to.

And the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

*Mr. Mitchell* moved, in amendment, seconded by *Mr. Domville*, That all the words after "now" to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with an instruction that they have power to amend" the said Bill by providing that parties suffering damages by the neglect or misconduct in the management of the Intercolonial Railway, or any of the officers thereof, "shall have remedy for such damages in the ordinary Courts of Law," inserted instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

*Mr. Speaker* acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Senate by their Clerk, as followeth :—

The Senate have passed the Bill intituled: "An Act to extend to the Province of *Prince Edward Island* 'The Railway Act, 1868' and certain Acts amending the "same," without any amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Bill to amend the Act respecting conflicting claims to lands of occupants in *Manitoba*, as amended in Committee of the whole House; and the amendments were twice read and agreed to.