

February 20, 1871

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, February 20, 1871

The **SPEAKER** took the chair at 3.00 p.m.

Prayers

Several petitions were received, and one was denied.

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BANKING

Mr. CRAWFORD (Leeds South) in the absence of Hon. Mr. Abbott, introduced a Bill to amend the Acts respecting Banks and Banking. It was given first reading.

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CREDIT FONCIER

Mr. DUFRESNE introduced a Bill to facilitate the incorporation of the institution *Credit Foncier*. It was given first reading.

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BANK OF UPPER CANADA, AND ROYAL CANADIAN BANK

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS presented a statement of the proceedings of the Bank of Upper Canada under the Act of last session, also the charter of the Royal Canadian Bank.

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STANDING COMMITTEES

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD presented the report of the committee appointed to strike the standing committees for the session.

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PROTECTION OF RIVERS

Mr. CARTWRIGHT introduced a Bill for the better protection of navigable streams and rivers.

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DUAL REPRESENTATION

Mr. MILLS introduced a Bill to render the members of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the local legislatures ineligible to seats in this House. It was given first reading.

EXTRADITION

Mr. MILLS introduced a Bill for the extradition of persons charged with crimes in the United States and other foreign countries. It was given first reading.

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HOCHELAGA CONTESTED ELECTION

Hon. Mr. IRVINE presented the final report of the Hochelaga election committee, with their unanimous decision that the sitting member, Hon. Mr. Dorion, is a duly elected member, and that the objection taken by the petitioner to his election before the committee and the petition against the sitting member's qualification is frivolous and vexatious.

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CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS

Mr. BLAKE asked whether it is in the intention of the Government to introduce this session a measure for the trial by judges of controverted elections.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD said it was not the intention of the Government to introduce such a measure.

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SUPREME COURT

Mr. BLAKE asked whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce this session a measure for the creation of a supreme court.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD asked that the question be left over till another day.

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THE RED RIVER EXPEDITION

Mr. STEPHENSON asked whether any portion of the Volunteer force at present stationed in the Province of Manitoba has been or is likely soon to be recalled from there, and if so, what battalion is to be reduced, and to what extent; and if both are to be reduced in what proportion is the reduction to be made; also whether in the announced land policy any portion of the public lands in Manitoba