

On motion of Mr. *Bunster*, seconded by Mr. *DeCosmos*,

*Ordered*, That there be laid before this House, copies of all papers relating to a certain Mail Contract let on the east coast of *Vancouver Island, British Columbia*, between *Comox* and *Victoria, B.C.*, once per week, and a service of twice a week between *Nanaimo* and *Victoria*, with reasons why the said service was not continued as per contract.

On motion of Mr. *Robertson (Hamilton)*, seconded by Mr. *Kilvert*,

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Orders in Council made under and by virtue of the Act 36 *Victoria*, Cap. 47 (respecting Weights and Measures), and the Act amending the same, between the 1st July, 1873, and the 27th February, 1879, and all correspondence in reference to the working and carrying out of the said Act.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by such Members of this House as are of the Queen's Privy Council.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

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Friday, 28th February, 1879.

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table:—

By Mr. *Lantier*,—The Petition of the *Côteau* and Province Line Railway and Bridge Company.

By Mr. *Fortin*,—The Petition of Reverend *F. X. Bossé* and others, of *Percé*, and other places in the County and District of *Gaspé*; and the Petition of *Charles Chrasson*, Mayor, and others, of *Iles de la Madeleine*.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Drew* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the *Welland* Railway Company to convert their six per cent. Debenture Bonds into five per cent. Debenture Stock, and for other purposes.

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 on Monday next.

Sir *John A. Macdonald*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House standing and being uncovered) and is as followeth:—

LORNE.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:—

Accept my thanks for the loyal address you have voted in answer to the Speech with which I opened the Session, and I receive with satisfaction your assurance that your earnest and careful attention will be given to the important measures which are to be submitted for your consideration.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

February, 1879.