

Friday, 22nd May, 1874.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—General Statement and Return of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of *Joliette*, for the year 1873. (*Sessional Papers, No. 11.*)

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

By Mr. *St. Jean*,—The Petition of *G. Shouldis* and others, of By Ward, City of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Richard*,—The Petition of *John Hough*, sen., and others, of *South Ireland*, County of *Megantic*.

By Mr. *Bowman*,—The Petition of *Alfred Boomer* and others, of the Township of *Wellesley*, County of *Waterloo*.

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

Of *C. S. Wilson* and others, of the Town of *Picton*; of the Municipal Council of the County of *Prince Edward*; of the Reverend *F. L. Stephenson* and others, of *North* and *South Crosby*, and of *John Sheppard* and others, of Front of *Landsdowne*, County of *Leeds*; and of the Reverend *J. Hart* and others, of *Reach*, County of *Ontario*; severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Mr. *Ross (Middlesex)*, from the Select Committee to whom were referred the Petitions for a Prohibitory Liquor Law, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee, which was read. (*Appendix, No. 8.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Fournier*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Seventh Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the following Bills, and have agreed to report the same, with amendments, viz. :—

Bill to enable the *Montreal Northern Colonization Railway Company* to build a bridge over the *Ottawa River*.

Bill to incorporate the Central *Canada* Telegraph Company.

Bill from the Senate, intituled : “An Act to incorporate the Great North-West Railway Company.”

Your Committee would recommend that the 58th Rule be amended by making the fee payable on Private Bills “two hundred dollars” instead of “one hundred dollars.”

The Honorable Mr. *Holton*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented to the House the Eleventh Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have considered the following Bills, and have agreed to report the same, with amendments, viz. :—

Bill from the Senate, intituled : “An Act to authorize corporations incorporated without the limits of *Canada* to lend and invest moneys therein.”

Bill to incorporate the *Ottawa Loan and Investment Company*.

Bill to incorporate the International Express Company.

Bill from the Senate, intituled : “An Act to amend the Act 27th *Victoria*, chapter 49, incorporating ‘The Lower *Canada* Investment and Agency Company (Limited).’”

Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Western Assurance Company, and other Acts affecting the same, and to extend the powers of the said Company.

Bill from the Senate, intituled : “An Act to define and extend the powers of the Western *Canada* Permanent Building and Savings Society, and to authorize the shareholders to change the name of the said Society.”