

Tuesday, 30th April, 1872.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Statement of the operations of *La Caisse d'Economie de Notre Dame de Québec*, for the year ending 31st May, 1861. (*Sessional Papers No. 13.*)

Also, List of Shareholders of the Union Bank of Lower Canada, on the 31st March, 1872, in conformity with the Act 34 Vict., cap. 5, sec. 12. (*Sessional Papers No. 13.*)

And also, General Statement and Return of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of *St. Francis*, for the year 1871. (*Sessional Papers No. 12.*)

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*,—The Petition of the *Quebec Board of Trade*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Archangeault*,—The Petition of *Emile Bonnement*, Knight of the Legion of Honor.

By Mr. *Bowman*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the Village of *Waterloo*, County of *Waterloo*, Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable Sir *A. T. Galt*,—The Petition of *D. McInnes*, and others.

By Mr. *Morrison*, (*Niagara*),—The Petition of *W. E. Cassells* and others.

By Mr. *Chipman*,—The Petitions of *John H. Clarke*, and others, residing along the Shore of *Minus Basin*.

By Mr. *Baker*,—The Petition of the *St. Francis and Megantic International Railway Company*.

Mr. *MacFarlane*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Notices given on the following Petitions, and find them sufficient, viz.:—Of *Joseph E. Archer*, for the issuing to him of letters patent for the *Hallen-Roberts Knitting Machine and Loom*; of *Charles H. Waterous* and others, for incorporation of the *Dominion Water Works Company*; of *John Schultz*, for incorporation of the *Central Railway Company of Manitoba*, and the *North-West Railway Company of Manitoba*; of the *Mutual Life Association of Canada*; of the *Board of Trade of Sorel*; of *F. McGaw* and others, for incorporation of the *Inland Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Canada*; of *Thomas Reynolds*, and others for incorporation of the *St. Lawrence International Bridge Company*; of *George W. Campbell* and others, for incorporation of the *Canada and Newfoundland Sealing and Fishing Company*; of *Sir Hugh Allan* and others, for incorporation of the *Canada Pacific Railway Company*; and of the Honorable *D. L. Macpherson*, of *Toronto*, and others, for incorporation of the *Inter-oceanic Railway Company of Canada*.

On the Petition of *R. J. Reekie* and others, of the City of *Montreal*, for an Act of incorporation to enable them to construct a Railway westward from *Lake Nipissing* through *Fort Garry* to *British Columbia*, and certain branch lines to the same;—Your Committee find that the only Notices published were in the *Canada Gazette* from the 13th of the present month of April, and in two *Montreal* papers from the 10th and 11th instant respectively, with no notice at any other point on the line; the Notices are therefore insufficient.

The Counsel for the Petitioners moved the Committee to recommend a suspension of the Rule in this case, on the grounds that the question was one of urgency, and of great public utility, and that it was not one likely to affect private rights; but Counsel having also been heard in opposition to this course, the Committee after a careful consideration of the matter, decided not to recommend a suspension of the Rule relative to Notice.

On the Petition of *William L. Forsyth* and others, for incorporation of the *Anticosti Company*, your Committee find the Notice sufficient, except in one particular; the