

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

Of the *Quebec Bank* ; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing them to increase their Capital Stock, and also, for extending and amending their Charter.

Of *John George Crebassa*, of the Town of *Sorel*, in the County and District of *Richelieu*, in the Province of *Quebec*, in the Dominion of *Canada*, Esquire, Notary ; complaining of the undue Election and Return of *George Isidore Barthe*, Esquire, for the Electoral District of *Richelieu*.

Of *W. Brydome Jack*, President of the University of *New Brunswick* ; praying that should a grant be given to the Observatory of the said University, the Senate thereof will be enabled to provide instruments of approved accuracy, and secure the services of a competent Observer.

The Honorable Mr. *Langevin*, a Member of the Privy Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 17th February, 1871 ; for copies of all correspondence, Reports of Engineers and other documents relating to the leasing by the Government to the *Montreal Warehousing Company* of a lot of land bordering on the *Lachine Canal*. (*Sessional Papers No. 22.*)

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron (Peel)*, have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Railway Act of 1868.

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.

Ordered, That Mr. *Crawford (Leeds)*, have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Ontario and Quebec Railway Company*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time ; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That Mr. *Snider* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Town of *Owen Sound* to impose and collect Harbor Dues, and for other purposes.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time ; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. *Young* have leave to bring in a Bill respecting the Naturalization of certain Aliens.

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.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Holton*, seconded by Mr. *Blake*,

Ordered, That the Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 17th February, 1871, for Copies of all Correspondence, Reports of Engineers, and other documents relating to the leasing by the Government to the *Montreal Warehousing Company* of a lot of land bordering on the *Lachine Canal*, be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament.

The Honorable Sir *George E. Cartier*, a Member of the Honorable the 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 being uncovered, and is as followeth :—