

Thursday, 17th April, 1873.

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

By Mr. *Bodwell*,—The Petition of the Very Reverend *C. O. Caron*, Vicar General and others, of the City of *Three Rivers*, County of *St. Maurice*, Province of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Charlton*,—The Petition of *J. Hunter* and others, of the County of *Norfolk*.

By Mr. *Landerkin*,—The Petition of *James Beaton* and others ; and the Petition of *David Davis* and others, both of the Township of *Gleneig*, County of *Grey*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Anglin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *James Quinn* and others, Catholic Inhabitants of the Parish of *St. Stephen*, County of *Charlotte*, *New Brunswick*.

By the Honorable Mr. *McDonald (Pictou)*,—The Petition of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petition was read :—

Of *George Johnston* and others, of the Township of *Gloucester*, County of *Carleton* ; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Mr. Speaker reported to the House, That the Recognizances to the Election Petitions of *James Evans*, against the Election and Return of *David Glass*, Esquire, for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of *Middlesex* ; of *John Watson*, against the Election and Return of *William A. Thomson*, Esquire, for the Electoral District of the County of *Welland* ; of *Nicholas Piton*, against the Election and Return of *Pierre Alexis Tremblay*, Esquire, for the Electoral District of *Charlevoix*, are *objectionable*.

Also, That the Recognizances to the Election Petitions of *Harry Abbott*, Esquire, against the Election and Return of *Jacob Dockstader Buell*, Esquire, for the Electoral District of the Town of *Brockville*, with the Township of *Elizabethtown* thereto attached ; and of *Francis Anderson*, against the Election and Return of *Cyril Archibald*, Esquire, for the Electoral District of *Stormont*, are *unobjectionable*.

And also, That the securities to the Election Petitions of *Robert Metcalf* and *Robert Earl*, against the Election and Return of *Jacob Dockstader Buell*, Esquire, for the Electoral District of the Town of *Brockville*, with the Township of *Elizabethtown* thereto attached ; of *Charles Edwy Smith* and *Henry Lockington*, against the Election and Return of *Lewis Ross*, Esquire, for the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of *Durham* ; and of *Thomas John Reeve*, *John Cook Thompson*, *Weston Hunt*, *Robert Shaw* and *Frederick Billings*, against the Election and Return of the Honorable *Joseph Edouard Cauchon*, for the Electoral District of *Quebec Centre*, are *unobjectionable*.

Mr. *McDonald (Antigonish)*, from the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the *Citizen Printing and Publishing Company*, and have agreed to an amendment, which they submit for the consideration of your Honorable House.

They have also considered the Bill to legalize, confirm, and extend Letters Patent granted to *James McNabb*, inventor of a Horizontal Car Coupler, and have agreed to report the same without amendment.

The time for receiving Private Bills having expired yesterday, your Committee recommend that it be further extended to the 23rd instant ; and the time for receiving Reports on Private Bills, to the 7th of May next.

Your Committee beg leave also to recommend that the time for posting Bills, under the 60th Rule, be reduced to three days for the remainder of the present Session.