

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill further securing the Independence of Parliament ;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the Clock on Friday morning ;

FRIDAY, 22nd March, 1878.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Ross (*Middlesex*) reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House this day.

And then The House, having continued to sit till half an hour after One of the Clock on Friday morning, adjourned till this day.

Friday, 22nd March, 1878.

PRAYERS.

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

By Mr. Snider,—The Petition of the *North Grey* District Lodge of the United Temperance Association of *Canada* ; and the Petition of the *Owen Sound* Division of Sons of Temperance, County of *Grey, Ontario*.

Mr. Laurier, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Order of this House, dated 11th March, 1878, for copies of all correspondence relative to the pensions paid to the Square Timber Cutlers dismissed last year. (*Sessional Papers, No. 59.*)

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

Your Committee have examined the Bill to amend an Act intituled “ An Act respecting *La Banque Jacques Cartier*,” and find the preamble not proved, as in their opinion no evidence was submitted in support of the preamble that would justify the proposed interference with the provisions of the Act of last Session, intituled : “ An Act respecting *La Banque Jacques Cartier*.”

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie, seconded by Mr. Smith (*Westmoreland*),

Resolved, That when this House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned till Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Haggart have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts respecting Controverted Elections.

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 Tuesday next.

Mr. Cartwright moved, seconded by Mr. Mackenzie, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following proposed Resolution : That it is expedient to appoint an Officer to be called the Auditor General of *Canada*,—Salary not to exceed Thirty-two hundred dollars per annum.