

Thursday, 12th March, 1863.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, Return from the *Ontario Bank*, of an Alphabetical List of its Shareholders, the amount of stock standing in the name of each, and the place of residence of such shareholders, on 5th March, 1863; in accordance with the Order of the House of the 2nd March, 1863. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 9.)

Also, Return of the Trustees of the *Quebec Provident and Savings' Bank*, for the year ending 1st of March, 1862. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 9.)

Also, Return of the Average Amount of Liabilities and Assets of the *City Bank of Montreal*, on 24th February, 1863. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 9.)

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

By Mr. *Denis*,—The Petition of the Reverend *A. Thibault* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Cécile*, and the Petition of *Louis Bertrand* and others, of the Parish of *Stanislas de Kotska*, both of the County of *Beauharnois*; and the Petition of *A. F. Hamelin* and others, Pilots for and above the Harbor of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Nottawaga*, County of *Simcoe*.

By Mr. *Sylvain*,—The Petition of *Renaud E. Rousseau* and others, of the Parishes of *St Jérôme de Matane* and *Ste. Felicitee*, County of *Rimouski*.

By Mr. *Harcourt*,—The Petition of the Reverend *John McRobie* and others, of the Township of *Walpole*, County of *Haldimand*.

By Mr. *Street*,—The Petition of *Hugh Murray* and others; and the Petition of *Fisher Monro* and others, Masters of Vessels, Merchants and others, residing along the *Welland Canal*.

By Mr. *McKenzie*,—The Petition of *Archibald Young* and others, Policy Holders of the *Canada Life Assurance Company*.

By Mr. *Blanchet*,—The Petition of *Louis Vallière* and others, of the Parish of *St. Henri*, County of *Lévis*.

By Mr. *Haultain*,—The Petition of *William Sergeant* and others, of *Belmont*.

By Mr. *Daoust*,—The Petition of *M. Tracey* and others, of the Parish of *St. Columban*, County of *Two Mountains*.

By Mr. *Bell*, (Russell) Two Petitions of the Municipality of the Township of *Bromley*; and the Petition of *G. Ross* and others, of the Township of *Bromley*, County of *Renfrew*.

By Mr. *Desaulniers*,—The Petition of *A. Pinsonneault* and others, of the Parish of *St Jacques le Mineur*.

By Mr. *Alexandre Dufresne*,—The Petition of the Reverend *O. Desorcy* and others, of the Parish *Alexandre*.

By the Honorable *John A. Macdonald*,—The Petition of the *Kingston Hospital*.

Mr. *Jobin* reported, from the Select Committee on the Bill to alter the boundaries of the Counties of *l'Assomption*, *Joliette*, *Berthier*, and *Montcalm*, for electoral and other purposes, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Mr. *Benjamin* reported, from the General Committee of Elections, that they had appointed the following days for choosing the Select Committees to try the matter of the Petitions, complaining of undue Elections and Returns for the following places.

North Riding of *Oxford*:—Friday, 20th March, at 11 A. M., from Panel B. No. 1.
County of *Perth*:—Monday, 23rd March, at 11 A. M., from Panel C. No. 2.

Mr. *Simpson* from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented to the House the first report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee would recommend to Your Honorable House, that their Quorum should be reduced to seven Members.

Ordered, That the Quorum of the said Committee be reduced to seven Members.