

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Imperial Bank ;"

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill from the Senate, intituled : "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate a Company by the name of *Le Credit Foncier du Bas Canada* ;"

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The Honorable Mr. *Burpee*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Address to His Excellency, dated 6th May, 1874, for a Return of all the officers in the Customs Department of *Nova Scotia* since 1st of July last, who have received an increase of salary under the provisions of Act 36 *Vict.*, Cap. 31, by which a certain sum was provided for the increase of the pay of the Civil Service outside the employés of the House. (*Sessional Papers No. 29.*)

Also,—Return to an Address to His Excellency, dated 27th April, 1874, for comparative statement of Duties paid on Imports at the Port of *Saint John, N.B.*, for the first fifteen days of the month of April of the years 1873 and 1874 ; showing description of goods, whether out of vessel or in bonded warehouse, and the name of the Importer.—(*Sessional Papers No. 21.*)

And also,—Return to an Address to His Excellency, dated 7th April, 1874, for a Return showing in detail the quantity and character of machinery admitted into *Canada* free of duty under the Order in Council, admitting free machinery not manufactured in the Dominion ; the Return to embrace the last three years. (*Sessional Papers No. 58.*)

Mr. *Burpee* (*Sunbury*) brought up and laid on the Table, a Petition of *J. S. Bois De Veber*, M. P., on behalf of certain Lumber Manufacturers and dealers in Lumber in the Province of *New Brunswick*.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be now received.

And the said Petition was read and received, praying to be permitted to lay before the House, a Petition for the incorporation of an Association to be called "The Lumber Exchange," notwithstanding the expiration of the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to further amend thirty-first *Victoria*, chapter forty-eight, intituled : "An Act respecting Insurance Companies," and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Jetté* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be reprinted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read the third time on Friday next.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the removal of obstruction from Navigable Rivers ;

Mr. *Mills* moved, seconded by Mr. *Forbes*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

Mr. *McCallum* moved, in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *White*,