

- By Mr. *Oliver*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Oxford*.
 By Mr. *Ross* (*Wellington, C. R.*)—The Petition of the Municipal Council of *West Garafraxa*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Township of *East Garafraxa*.
 By Mr. *Gillies*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Bruce*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Saugeen*.
 By Mr. *Ryan*,—The Petition of the Dominion Board of Trade.
 By Mr. *Horton*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Hullett*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Township of *McKillop*.
 By Mr. *Paterson*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Oakland*.
 By Mr. *Cook*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Nottawasaga*.
 By Mr. *Blake*,—The Petition of *John Donald McDonald*, of the Village of *Renfrew*, in the County of *Renfrew*, and Province of *Ontario*, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, and *Albert Smallfield*, of the said Village of *Renfrew*, Editor, electors of the South Riding of *Renfrew*, in the Province of *Ontario* and Dominion of *Canada*.

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

Of *John Schultz*, and others, of the Province of *Manitoba*; praying for an Act of incorporation, under the name of the North-Western Trading Company.

Of the *Glasgow-Canadian Land and Trust Company (Limited)*; praying for an Act of incorporation in *Canada*.

Of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*; praying for an Act to define more clearly the amount of the several charges upon the franchises and property of the *Montreal and Chambly Railroad Company* acquired by them.

Of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Ellice*; of the Municipal Council of the Township of *North Easthope*; and of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Logan*; severally praying for the passage of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the Montreal Northern Colonization Railway Company (incorporated by the Legislature of the Province of *Quebec*); praying for an Act to empower them to extend their line from *Deep River*, to a point of intersection with the proposed *Canada Pacific Railway*.

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

Resolved, That it appears by the Poll books and other papers transmitted by *Richard James Bell*, the returning officer appointed to conduct the last election for *Muskoka*, that two candidates, *Alexander Peter Cockburn* and *D'Arcy Boulton* were nominated; that a poll was demanded, granted and taken,—that at the close of the polling the said *Cockburn* had the largest number of votes, having received 652 votes, while the said *Boulton* received only 530 votes, leaving a majority for the said *Cockburn* of 122 votes—that in the Township of *Morrison* 37 votes were polled, whereof 34 were for *Cockburn* and 3 for *Boulton*, so that the omission of the votes for that Township would leave a majority for *Cockburn* of 91 votes—that in the Polling Division of *Parry Sound* 103 votes were polled, whereof 84 were for *Cockburn* and 19 for *Boulton*, so that the omission of the votes for both *Morrison* and *Parry Sound* would leave a majority for *Cockburn* of 26 votes—that the Returning Officer has made a Return of the said Election in the following words:

“RETURN—By virtue of a writ of Election for the Electoral District of the County of *Muskoka*, in the Province of *Ontario* and Dominion of *Canada*, dated the fifteenth day of *July*, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, to me directed, I hereby declare that I duly proceeded to hold the said election, and a poll having been demanded on behalf of *Alexander Peter Cockburn* and of *D'Arcy Boulton* (the only two candidates at such election who did not withdraw from the contest before the polling day) a poll was accordingly taken at the several polling places named in the proclamation by me issued in that behalf. I further declare that since the said polling, which was taken on the twenty-