

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*; praying that the appointment of Division Court Clerks be placed in the hands of County Councils.

Of *P. B. Brown* and others, of the Township of *Culross*; praying for amendments to the Act of last Session, relative to the County Town of the County of *Bruce*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Lambton*; praying that any measure having for its object the amalgamation of the *Buffalo* and *Lake Huron* Railway with the Grand Trunk Railway, may not become Law.

Of the Agricultural Society of *East Middlesex*,—of the Agricultural Society of the Township of *Hope*,—and of the Agricultural Society of *North Hastings*; severally praying for an amendment to the Agricultural Law, in accordance with the terms of a Bill introduced last Session, providing for the election of the Board of Agriculture by Districts.

Of *C. Ouellet* and others, of the Township of *Bégon*, County of *Temiscouata*; praying aid for a Road.

Of the Canadian Land and Emigration Company (limited); praying for the passing of an Act to confirm the incorporation of the said Company, to facilitate the proof thereof, and of the execution by the said Company of Deeds and other Instruments by means of Attorneys or Trustees within this Province,—and also, to facilitate the registration of Deeds, Conveyances and other Instruments so executed by the said Company.

The Honorable Mr. *Howland*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Post-master General, for the nine months ending 30th June, 1864. (*Sessional Papers, No. 3.*)

Mr. *Bell*, from the Select Committee appointed to obtain information as to the extent and resources of the Canadian Gold Fields, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee recommend that their Quorum be reduced to five Members.

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

Mr. *Somerville*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the notices given on the following Petitions, and find them sufficient, viz :—Of *E. Boudreau* and others, Pilots for and above the Harbour of *Quebec*, for amendments to their Act of incorporation,—of the Rector and Churchwardens of *St. John's Church, Bowmanville*,—of the *Buffalo* and *Lake Huron* Railway Company,—of the *Hamilton* and *Port Dover* Railway Company,—of *Jacob Chapman* and others; for an Act to legalize By-law No. 116 of the Corporation of the Township of *Bayham*,—of *Mrs. Marianne Doyle*,—and of *Joseph Watson* and others, for a re-survey of the side-lines in the Township of *Portland*.

On the Petition of the Town Council of *Lévis*, for amendments to their Act of incorporation, the notices are sufficient for ordinary amendments only.

On the Petition of the *St. Lawrence Tow-Boat Company*, for amendments to their Act of incorporation, the amendments specified in the Petition correspond with the notice, with the exception of a provision for exempting the Company from liability from expense incurred for moorage or dockage, or for damage done by any tow when in charge of the owner or his agent; this provision is not mentioned in the notice, and Your Committee therefore recommend that it be not included in the Bill.

On the Petition of the *Ottawa and Prescott Railway Company*, for the confirmation of a certain agreement for transferring the control of the road to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, the notice merely refers to amendments to the Act of incorporation; but evidence having been adduced, to the satisfaction of Your Committee, that the application is made with the knowledge of all the share and bondholders, and with the consent of a large majority of them, they beg to recommend that the notice be considered sufficient.

On the Petition of *John Lorn McDougall* and others, for an Act to empower them to wind up the affairs of the estate of the late *John Lorn McDougall*, the notice is not yet complete, having a month to run; but the written consent of all the parties interested has been laid before your Committee; they therefore beg to recommend that the notice be considered sufficient.