

By the Honorable Sir *A. T. Galt*,—The Petition of *D. Lorn Macdougall*, and others of the Province of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *D. McInnes*, and others.

By Mr. *Pickard*,—The Petition of the President, Directors, and Company of the Central Bank of *New Brunswick*.

By Mr. *Fortin*,—The Petition of *Antoine Painchaud*, and others, of the Municipality of the Township of *York*, County of *Gaspé*.

By Mr. *Baker*,—The Petition of the Honorable *A. B. Foster*, and others.

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

Of the *Quebec* Board of Trade; praying for the passing of an Act, to allow of the floating of logs down the *Ottawa* River singly, thus saving the trouble and cost of making up rafts.

Of *Emile Bonnemant*, Knight of the Legion of Honor; praying for an Act of Naturalization.

Of the Corporation of the Village of *Waterloo*, County of *Waterloo*, Province of *Ontario*; praying for the passing of an Act to legalize an agreement between them and the Grand Trunk Railway, respecting a Branch Line from the Town of *Berlin* to the Village of *Waterloo*.

Of *D. McInnes*, and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Manitoba* Junction Railway Company.

Of *W. E. Cassells*, and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Imperial Guarantee and Loan Society.

Of *John H. Clarke*, and others, residents along the Shore of *Minas* Basin; praying that *Justus Loomer*, Master Mariner, of *Cornwallis*, may be appointed Pilot on *Minas* Basin, and the Harbors and Rivers thereof, in conformity with the Acts concerning Pilots and Pilotage.

Of *John H. Clarke*, and others, residents along the shore of *Minas* Basin; praying that Pilotage may be levied from all Foreign Vessels entering *Minas* Basin; and also for the appointment of a Pilot.

Of the *St. Francis* and *Megantic* International Railway Company; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

On a motion of the Honorable Sir *George E. Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Howe*,

*Ordered*, That the Bill from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act respecting the Statutes of *Canada*," be now read the first time.

The Bill was accordingly read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, To-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Howe*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, laid before the House,—Account of the moneys expended under the authority of the Act 31 *Vic.*, Cap. 67, on account of the Geological Survey of *Canada*, for the year ending 30th June, 1871. (*Sessional Papers No. 31.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Pope*, from the Select Standing Committee on Immigration and Colonization, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee beg respectfully to recommend that their Quorum be reduced to nine Members.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Langevin*, a Member of the Honorable Privy Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 22nd April, 1872, for copies of all Reports made by Mr. *Perley*, C.E., on the most practical and effectual means of securing and maintaining the