

Dorion (Napierville), the Honorable Mr. *Smith (Westmorland)*, and Mr. *Scatcherd*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House in Committee on the Bill for the better protection of Navigable Steams and Rivers ;

Mr. *Cartwright* moved, seconded by Mr. *Wilkes*, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair ;

Mr. *Bellerose* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Masson*, That all the words after " That," to the end of the Question be left out, and the words : " this House will, this day six months, resolve itself into the said Committee," inserted instead thereof ;

And the Question being put on the amendment ; the House divided : and it passed in the Negative.

Then the Main Question being put,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable Mr. *Carling* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the amendments be now taken into consideration.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

Thursday, 1st May, 1873.

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

By Mr. *Wright (Ottawa)*,—The Petition of *Charles Platt Treadwell*, of the Town of *L'Original*, Esquire, Sheriff of the United Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell*.

By Mr. *De St. George*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Portneuf* ; and the Petition of *François Papillon*, Mayor, and others, of *St. Jean Baptiste des Ecureuils*, County of *Portneuf*.

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

Of the *Quebec Harbor Commissioners* ; praying that they may be enabled to carry out certain improvements in the said Harbor, and that in any changes or arrangements which may be made, the rights of holders of Debentures of the said Harbor, may be protected.

Of *Charles Platt Treadwell*, of the Town of *L'Original*, Esquire, Sheriff of the United Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell* ; praying that the Indians in the North West may be engaged to assist in the construction of the *Pacific Railway* ; and also that an Act may be passed to protect the Buffalo and other game in the said Territory, from wanton destruction.

Mr. Speaker reported to the House, That the Recognizances to the following Election Petitions are objectionable :—

Of *Jean Baptiste Chagnon*, Farmer, of the Parish of *St. Pie*, in the Electoral District of *St. Hyacinthe*, *Chrisostome Blanchard* and *Antoine Courtemanche*, Farmers,