

Wednesday, 21st April, 1869.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Annual Statement of the *Northumberland and Durham Savings Bank*, on the 1st December, 1868. (*Sessional Papers, No. 6.*)

A Message from the Senate by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery :—

Mr. Speaker,—The Senate acquaint this House, that they have appointed the Honorable Messieurs *Ross, Allan, Mills, Blake, Leonard, Flint, Reesor, Letellier de St. Just, Bureau, Leslie, Lacoste, Chaffers, Chapais, Miller, Ritchie, Burinot, Odell, Hagen* and *Ferguson*, a Committee to assist His Honor the Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of their House are concerned, and to act on behalf of their House as Members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library.

And then he withdrew.

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

By Mr. *Wright* (*Ottawa County*), The petition of *Allan McNab*, *Reeve*, and others ; the Petition of *John Gal'agher*, *Reeve* and others ; and the Petition of *James Reynolds*, *Reeve* and others, of *Brudenell*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Wood*,—The Petition of *James Blanchfield Smith*.

By Mr. *Daoust*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. J. Guyon*, Curé, and others, of *St. Eustache* ; and the Petition of the Reverend *E. Desmarais*, Curé, and others, of *St. Flacide*.

By Mr. *McMillan*,—The Petition of *J. B. A. Mongenais*, Mayor, and others, of *Vaudreuil*.

By Mr. *Thompson*, (*Ontario*),—The Petition of *Duncan Arbuthnot*, and others, of the Township of *Thorah*, County of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Worleman*,—The Petition of the Council of the Board of Trade of the City of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Irvine*,—The Petition of *Phillip Pearson Harris*, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Ross*, (*Wellington*),—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Wellington*.

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

Of the Canadian Bank of Commerce ; praying for the passing of an Act to increase their capital stock, and for amendments to their Acts of Incorporation.

Of *Joseph Cox*, and others ; of *M. McBean*, and others ; of *J. D. Baird*, and others ; severally praying that the House will take such measures as to cause the obstructions to the navigation of the Ottawa River to be removed, and an uninterrupted line to the full capacity of the leading channel and the supply of water from the summit level, to be opened through-out.

Of *John H. Miller*, M. A., and others, of the Town of *Galt* ; of *George McKinnell* and others, of *Stouffville*, County of *York* ; of *William Buckingham*, and others, of the Town of *Stratford*, Province of *Ontario* ; and of the Reverend *Thomas Hartin*, and others, of *Canterbury Station*, County of *York*, *New Brunswick* ; severally praying that the clause in the Act which imposes a duty of 5 per cent upon the importation of Books, Magazines and Pamphlets may be repealed.

Of *V. Hudon*, and others, Merchants, Traders and others, of the City of *Montreal* ; praying for the repeal of the Insolvent Act of 1864, and Amendments thereto, and for the enactment of a short and simple Act conferring on a majority of the creditors of an Insolvent, ample control over his Estate, with power to bind a minority ; and also providing a speedy and severe punishment for commercial frauds.

Of *Jacob Rott* and others, Merchants, Traders and others, of the Township of *Clinton*, County of *Lincoln* ; and of Messrs. *Parker* and *Hood*, and others, Merchants, Traders and others, of the Town of *Woodstock*, County of *Oxford* ; severally praying for the repeal of the Insolvent Act of 1864, and amendments thereto, or suspend the operations of the said Act for a period of five years.