

Tuesday, 5th May, 1874.

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

By Mr. *Little*,—The Petition of Mrs. *John Fisher* and others; the Petition of *Christopher Whitelock* and others; the Petition of *Eliza Stephens* and others; the Petition of *F. A. H. Bowling* and others; the Petition of *John Head* and others, the Petition of *George Whiten* and others, all of *Cookstown* and vicinity; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Tecumseth*; the Petition of *Mark Vasey* and others, of the Townships of *Medonte* and *Tay*; and the Petition of *John Kidd* and others, of *Cookstown* and vicinity, all of the County of *Simcoe*.

By Mr. *Chisholm*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Nottawasaga*, County of *Halton*.

By Mr. *Wright (Ottawa)*,—The Petition of *Duncan McPhail* and others, of *Wakefield* and *Masham*, County of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *O'Donohoe*,—The Petition of *Thomas Whitehead* and others; the Petition of *R. C. Bothwell* and others; the Petition of *George J. Potts, M.D.* and others; and the Petition of *Henry Thomas Sarge* and others, all of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Paterson*,—The Petition of *Isaac Walker* and others, of the Township of *Tuscarora*, County of *Brant*.

By Mr. *Higinbotham*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Maryborough*, County of *Wellington*.

By Mr. *Brooks*,—The Petition of the Shareholders of the *Saint Francis* and *Megantic* International Railway Company.

Mr. *Rymal*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Eighth 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 the *Quebec* Frontier Railway Company,—of the Provisional Directors of the Imperial Bank,—of Sir *Leopold Heath* and others, for incorporation of the Anglo-Canadian Mortgage and Investment Company,—of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Loan and Savings' Company,—and of the Dominion Telegraph Company.

On the Petition of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of *Nova Scotia*, for a modification of their corporate name, and for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation, your Committee find that notice was published in the *Canada Gazette* only; but as the proposed amendments are to be submitted for the consent of the Shareholders, no private rights can be affected, and the notice may therefore be considered sufficient.

On the Petition of the Honorable *William McMaster* and others, for an Act to extend the time for commencing the subscription of Stock in the *Canada* and *New York* Bridge and Tunnel Company,—Your Committee find that the occasion for this application has arisen in consequence of a judicial decision so recent as to make it impossible to give the usual notice; and as a mere extension of time is asked, with no additional powers, they recommend a suspension of the Rule requiring Notice.

Your Committee have considered the Petition of *E. T. Brooks, M.P.* and others, for leave to present a Petition from the Shareholders of the *St. Francis* and *Megantic* International Railway Company, concerning the issuing of bonds, notwithstanding the expiration of the time; and the reasons assigned justify them in recommending that the said Petition be received.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jones (Halifax)* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act relating to the Bank of *Nova Scotia*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.