

April 1st, 1873

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, April 1st, 1873

The **SPEAKER** took the chair at 3 p.m.

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*Prayers*

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### PETITIONS

Amongst the Petitions presented were a large number praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

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### ELECTION COMMITTEES

**Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL** from the General Committee on Elections, reported the panels of the members to form the Election Committees.

**Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL** also recommended a reduction in the quorums for the committee.

The Panels, three in number were placed in a hat on the Clerk's table and drawn out by the clerk one by one and handed to Mr. Speaker, who numbered them one, two, and three respectively.

On motion of **Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL** the panels were returned to the General Committee on Elections.

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### BILLS INTRODUCED

The following bills were introduced:—

**Mr. CRAWFORD**—To incorporate the Dominion Express Company.

**Hon. Mr. GIBBS (Ontario South)**—To amend the Act respecting the London and Canadian Loan and Agency Company.

**Hon. Mr. MITCHELL**—To extend for a limited time the provisions of certain Acts relating to the inspection of steam-boats in British Columbia.

**Mr. ROSS (Durham East)**—To incorporate the Huron and Ontario Transportation Company.

**Mr. GEOFFRION**—To grant certain powers to the Montreal and Chambly Railway Company.

**Mr. TOURANGEAU**—To incorporate the Stadacona Bank.

On motion of **Hon. Mr. MITCHELL**, the Bill to amend the Acts relating to port wardens at Montreal and Quebec was read a third time and passed.

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### THE BUDGET

**Hon. Mr. TILLEY** rose to move the House into Committee of Ways and Means—and said: I beg to move that the Speaker do leave the chair.

**Hon. Mr. HUNTINGTON**: Does the hon. gentleman propose to make his financial statement with the Speaker in the chair?

**Hon. Mr. TILLEY**: Yes.

**Hon. Mr. HUNTINGTON**: Will the hon. gentleman permit me to say that in giving notice of the motion which I gave yesterday, I did so with the impression that the hon. gentleman would make his statement in Committee, and consequently I would have had an opportunity of proceeding before the financial statement was made. Of course there are many disadvantages in my making my motion after the financial statement. Under the circumstances it is desirable not to interpose between the financial statement and the very grave question I propose to submit. If the hon. gentleman still proposes to go on with his statement while the Speaker is in the chair, I shall give notice that tomorrow I will, after routine, propose the question of which I had the honour of giving notice yesterday.

**Hon. Mr. TILLEY**: The course I propose to take is to make my statement as was done last year and the year before, with the Speaker in the chair. I think such was suggested and entirely approved by the leading members of the Opposition; at any rate it was acquiesced in, and it is my intention to proceed in that manner on the present occasion.

Mr. Speaker, perhaps I may be permitted in the first place, before entering on the statement I am now about to make, to offer a few personal remarks. I may say, Sir, with truth and with sincerity, that there is not an hon. member on the floor of this House who regrets more sincerely than I do at this moment that the statement I am now about to submit is not to be submitted by the talented and venerable statesman who has had that privilege for the last three years. (*Hear, hear, and cheers.*) I say that the leader of the Government, my colleagues, and my predecessor, know right well that when he first intimated to the Government and to me his intention of retiring everything I could say and every argument I could present to my