

Of the *Hamilton* Board of Trade ; praying that the Tax on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, may be repealed.

Of the Reverend *A. Labelle*, Curé, and others ; praying for certain Amendments to the Act respecting Patents for Invention.

Of the Reverend *J. B. Champeaux*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Michel Archange*; and of *Toussaint Martin*, Sr., and others, of the Parish of *St. Rémi*, all of the County of *Napierville*; severally praying that the Bill now before Parliament intituled "An Act respecting the Grand Trunk and the *Montreal* and *Champlain* Railway Companies," may be amended, by inserting therein Sections 7 and 8 of the Act 27 and 28 *Victoria*, Chapter 85.

Of the Honorable *William McMaster*, and others, of the Province of *Ontaria*; praying for an Act of Incorporation for the purpose of building a Bridge for Railway purposes across the *Niagara* River, at some point between *Fort Erie* and *Chippawa*; and also, for a Tunnel under the said River.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade ; praying that the Bill to provide for the appointment of Average Adjusters in the principal ports of the Dominion, may become Law.

Of *James Robinson*, and others, Manufacturers of Leather and Leather Goods ; praying that an Export duty be imposed upon Hemlock Bark and its products.

Of *Donald A. Smith*, M.P., of the City of *Montreal*, in the Province of *Quebec*, and of *Fort Garry*, in the Province of *Manitoba*, and others ; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Bank of *Manitoba*.

Of *Donald A. Smith*, M.P., of the City of *Montreal*, in the Province of *Quebec*, and of *Fort Garry*, in the Province of *Manitoba*, and others ; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Manitoba* Insurance Company.

Of *D. Ford Jones*, and others, residents of the Village of *Gananoque* and along the *Gananoque* River and Lakes connected therewith ; praying for the passing of an Act to revive and amend certain Acts respecting the *Gananoque* and *Wiltzie* Navigation Company, and to afford aid thereto.

Of *William Kidston*, of *Baddeck*, in the County of *Victoria*, Island of *Cape Breton* ; representing that he has suffered injustice by the awarding of a contract for Mail service to one *John McNeil*, and praying for an investigation in the premises.

Of *Daniel McParlane*, Jr., Warden, and others, of the County of *Huntingdon*; praying that the Bill to incorporate the *Coteau* and *Province* Line Railway and Bridge Company, may become Law.

Of *W. Miller*, and others, of the Municipality of *Gaspé Bay North*; and of *John Short*, Mayor, and others of the Municipality of *Gaspé Bay South*; severally praying for the establishment of a Line of Steamers for the transport of Mails and Passengers from *Canada* to the *West Indies*, and from thence to *Brazil*.

A Motion being made and seconded, That the Petition of the Reverend *J. N. Gingras*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Bay St. Paul*, County of *Charlevoix*, presented on Tuesday last, praying for the construction of a Pier; and also for other improvements at *Bay St. Paul*, on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, be now received;

Mr. Speaker ruled, That "this Petition cannot be received, as the granting of the "prayer thereof would involve the expenditure of Public Money."

A Motion being made and seconded, That the Petition of *Maria Lilly*, Widow of the late *George Porteous*, Carter, of the City of *Montreal*, presented on Tuesday last, praying for compensation on account of the drowning of her husband, occasioned by the draw-bridge being left open at *Côte St. Paul*, *Lachine* Canal, be now received;

Mr. Speaker ruled, That "as this Petition prays for aid, it cannot be received."

Mr. *Brown*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Seventh Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—