

April 24, 1872

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, April 24, 1872

The **SPEAKER** took the chair at 3 o'clock.

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*Prayers*

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After Routine,

### ONTARIO & HURON SHIP CANAL

A petition from the city of Toronto was read, praying for the construction of the Ontario & Huron Ship Canal.

The **SPEAKER** decided that, as the petition asked for a grant of money, it could not be received.

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### SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES

A message was received from His Excellency the Governor General, submitting Supplemental Estimates up to the 30th June, 1873.

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### RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Hon. Sir **FRANCIS HINCKS** submitted a statement of Receipts and Expenditures from the end of March, 1871, to the end of March, 1872.

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### BILLS INTRODUCED

By **Mr. BEATY**, a Bill to incorporate the Bank of Canada.

By **Mr. STEPHENSON**, a Bill to amend the Act respecting rivers and streams in Upper Canada.

By **Mr. CURRIER**, a Bill to incorporate the Quebec Pacific Railway Company.

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### MR. LYNCH'S PETITION

Hon. Mr. **McDOUGALL** (Lanark North) moved that the

petition of Mr. James S. Lynch (Manitoba) received yesterday, be referred to the Committee on privileges and elections. —Carried.

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### PROPOSED FOG-WHISTLE

**Mr. BOLTON** asked whether it was the intention of the Government to provide for the erection of a steam fog-whistle during the present summer on Machias Seal Island.

Hon. Mr. **TUPPER** replied that it was not the intention of the Government to do so during the present year.

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### SHIPPING DISASTER

**Mr. PELLETIER** asked whether it was the intention of the Government to take steps to prevent the recurrence of the disasters to shipping which have happened in the river St. Lawrence on the sailing of the fall fleet from the ports of Quebec and Montreal.

Hon. Mr. **TUPPER** said that the Government had done everything they could in that matter, and he was not aware they could do anything more.

**Mr. PELLETIER** then asked whether it was the intention of the Government to grant a reward to the inhabitants of the south shore of the St. Lawrence, who at the peril of their lives, saved crews of vessels which had been abandoned in the ice during the course of last autumn.

Hon. Mr. **TUPPER** said the subject was now under the consideration of the Government.

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### ABOLITION OF EXPORT DUTY

Hon. Mr. **SMITH** (Westmorland) asked whether the Government had had any correspondence with the Local Government of New Brunswick in relation to the export duty, the abolition of which is contemplated by the Treaty of Washington.

Hon. Sir **JOHN A. MACDONALD** said there was no correspondence.