

Which was carried, and the petition of Robert Francis and George Hay, contractors on the lower section of the Trent Canal, praying to be paid the full amount due for work performed by them, was read.

R. Barclay & Co.

Mr. Bockus, seconded by Mr. Manahan, moves that the petition of Robert Barclay & Co., and Adam H. Meyers and others, be now read and that the 31st rule of this House be dispensed with for that purpose.

Which was carried, and the petition of Robert Barclay & Co., contractors for improving the River Trent, praying remuneration for losses sustained by them upon their contract ;

A. H. Meyers, and 171 others.

And the petition of Adam H. Meyers, and one hundred and seventy-one others, residing near the River Trent, praying for an investigation into the cause of the suspension of the works on said river, the amounts raised by debenture for its improvement, and the expenditure of the same, were read.

On motion of Mr. Manahan, seconded by Mr. Small,

*Petitions referred :*  
Of R. Francis and G. Hay, to com. on report on improvement of Trent.

*Ordered*—That the petition of Robert Francis and George Hay, be referred to the select committee on the report of commissioners on the improvement of the River Trent.

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Ferrie,

Of J. Secord and 43 others, to com. on roads and bridges.

*Ordered*—That the petition of John Secord, J. P. and forty-three others, inhabitants of the townships of Binbrook and Glanford, be referred to the committee on roads and bridges.

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. Caldwell,

Of J. F. Taylor, to committee of supply.

*Ordered*—That the petition of John F. Taylor, be referred to a committee of the whole on supply.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Aikman,

Of W. M. Ball, to select committee.

*Ordered*—That the petition of William M. Ball, Esquire, and others be referred to a select committee to be composed of Messrs. Rykert and Parke, to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Morris,

Of C. A. Low and 121 others, to sel. com.

*Ordered*—That the petition of Charles A. Low, and one hundred and twenty-one others, inhabitants of the Eastern and Ottawa Districts, be referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. McKay, McDonell, of Glengarry, and Hotham.

On motion of Mr. Bockus, seconded by Mr. Malloch.

Of R. Barclay & Co., to com. on report on improvement of Trent.

*Ordered*—That the petitions of Robert Barclay & Co., and of Adam Henry Meyers and others, be referred to the select committee on the report of Commissioners on the improvement of the River Trent.

On motion of Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. McDonell of Glengarry.

Of D. McDonell, Esq. of Greenfield.

*Ordered*—That the petition of Duncan McDonell, Esquire, be referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. McKay, McDonell of Stormont, and Hotham.

Notice of address to His Exc'y for statement of expense of building bridge over the river Maitland by Canada Co.

Mr. Shade gives notice that he will on Monday next, move that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, with as little delay as possible, a statement in detail of the sums of money expended by the Canada Company, in erecting a Bridge over the River Maitland, near Goderich, as also for cutting down the bank of the River, and making the approaches thereto.

Sel. com. on petition of Rev. G. Archbold and others, present report.

Mr. McLean, from the select committee to which was referred the petition of the Rev. George Archbold and others, presented a report, which was received and read.

*Report*—(See Appendix.)

Com. on roads and bridges, report statute labour bill.

Bill read.

Mr. Aikman, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, to which was referred the Bill to compel persons to perform statute labour, reported the Bill.

The report was received, and the bill was read the first time.