

Monday, 11th May, 1874.

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

By Mr. *Ross (Middlesex)*,—The Petition of the *Niagara Annual Conference* of the Methodist Episcopal Church in *Canada* in session at *Strathroy*.

By Mr. *Little*,—The Petition of the Reverend *G. F. Lee* and others, of the Township of *Mono*, County of *Simcoe*.

By Mr. *Snider*,—The Petition of *Thomas Camerton* and others, of *Kippel*.

By Mr. *Chisholm*,—The Petition of *W. M. King*, of *Oakville*; the Petition of *S. H. Hannan* and others, of *Kilbride*; and the Petition of the County Council of the County of *Halton*.

By Mr. *Blain*,—The Petition of *A. Muldoon* and others, of the Village of *Thornhill*, County of *York*.

By Mr. *Cunningham (Marquette)*,—The Petition of *S. Pritchard* and others, Merchants and others, of the Province of *Manitoba*.

By Mr. *Gillmor*,—The Petition of *Thomas G. Robinson* and others, of *Saint Stephen* and *Milltown*, County of *Charlotte*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron (Ontario)*,—The Petition of the Western Assurance Company.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were read and received :—

Of *R. K. McDonnell* and others, of *Walsingham*, County of *Norfolk*; of the General Assembly of the *Canada Presbyterian Church*, of the Reverend *Thomas Walker* and others, of the Township of *Edwardsburg*, of the Reverend *J. McIntyre* and others, of *Osnabrock*, County of *Stormont*; of the Town Council of *Saint John's*, of the Session of the *Nairne Church, Strabane*, of the Sunday School Association of the Town of *Dundas*, of *Henry Vallick* and others, of *West Flamboro'*, of *Enoch Eaton* and others, of the Township of *East Flamboro'*, and of *Joshua Pitt*, President, and *A. McPherson*, Secretary, on behalf of the *Dundas Temperance Union*, County of *Wentworth*; severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *Robert Noble* and others, of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Albion*, and others, and of *W. H. Leech* and others, manufacturers, and others, of the Province of *Ontario*; severally praying that the manufacturing interests of the Dominion may be protected by the imposition of certain import duties.

Of the Municipal Council of the Village of *Richmond Hill*; praying that the said Village may be attached to and form part of the West Riding of the County of *York* for Parliamentary Election purposes.

Of Messrs. *Hugh* and *Andrew Allan* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for the passing of an Act declaring null all existing laws and by-laws, whether of the Parliament of the Province of *Canada*, the City of *Quebec*, or the Town of *Lévis*, preventing the free navigation of the *St. Lawrence* opposite the City of *Quebec*, at all times, or at any particular time.

Of Messrs. *A. A. Ayers* and Company and others, dealers in butter; praying for certain amendments to the Act respecting the inspection of certain articles of Canadian produce.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—List of Stockholders of the *St Stephen's Bank, St. Stephen, N.B.*, April, 1874, under the provisions of the Act 34 *Vict.*, Cap. 5, Sec. 12. (*Sessional Papers, No. 13.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Smith (Westmoreland)*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented to the House the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have considered the following Bills, and have agreed to report the same with amendments, viz. :—

Bill to incorporate the Provincial Steamship Company.