

By Mr. *Lanthier*,—The Petition of the Board of Trade of *St. Johns*, Province of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Thompson (Haldimand)*,—The Petition of *Thomas William Oxley* and others, of the Township of *Seneca*, County of *Haldimand*.

By Mr. *Bodwell*,—The Petition of *John F. German* and others, of the Village of *Norwich*, Province of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Beaty*,—The Petition of the Members of the Amalgamated Engineers in general meeting assembled.

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

Of the Council of the Municipality of the City of *Toronto* ; representing the great advantage to the country at large that would result from the construction of a Ship Canal to connect the waters of Lakes *Huron* and *Ontario* ; and praying the House to adopt such measures as will tend to that result.

Of *Richard Blain* and others ; praying for the continuance of the Insolvent Act of 1869, and its amendments, on and after 1st September, 1873, without limitation of time.

Of *Thomas Hicks* and others ; complaining of the periodical statements issued by certain Agents professing to impart to their subscribers secret information as to the credit and standing of Merchants, Traders, and others, in all parts of the country, to the serious injury of many trustworthy institutions and individuals ; and praying that the giving of such secret information may be declared a criminal offence, punishable by law.

Of *R. R. Cramton* and others ; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *F. J. Parker* and others, of the County of *Missisquoi*, Province of *Quebec* ; praying that the Bill now before Parliament for the repeal of the Acts imposing duties on Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange, may become law.

The Honorable Mr. *Blanchet*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have considered the following Bills, and have agreed to report the same severally amended :—

Bill respecting the *St. Francis and Megantic* Railway.

Bill to incorporate the *Canada and Detroit* River Bridge Company.

Bill to amend the *Erie and Niagara* Railway Act.

Mr. *Palmer*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the West Riding of the County of *Peterborough*, informed the House, That, pursuant to the 82nd section of the Act respecting Controverted Parliamentary Elections, they had extended the time for fying the lists of voters intended to be objected to by both parties, until the first day of May next, the said Lists to be fyled with the Chairman of the said Committee.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* reported, from the General Committee of Elections, That, pursuant to the 52nd section of the Act respecting Controverted Parliamentary Elections, they had selected two additional members to be placed on the Chairmen's Panel, viz. :—*Alfred W. Savary*, Esquire, and *Louis Amable Jetté*, Esquire.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* also reported, from the General Committee of Elections, That they had appointed the days for choosing Select Committees for the trial of Election Petitions in the following cases, viz. :—

For the Electoral District of *Porthuef* :—Monday, the 5th day of May next, at 10 o'Clock, A.M., from Panel B, No. 3.

For the Electoral District of *Maskinongé* :—Monday, the 5th day of May next, at 10 o'Clock, A.M., from Panel B, No. 3.