

By Mr. *Paterson (Brant)*,—The Petition of Messrs. *Wilson, Smyth and Muirhead*, Solicitors for *Peter Wood*, of the City of *Brantford*, and others.

By Mr. *Curran*,—The Petition of the Council of the *Montreal* Board of Trade.

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

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; praying that a Dominion Bailiff or Bailiffs may be appointed to convey prisoners to the Penitentiaries.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; of the Municipal Council of the County of *Oxford*; and of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*; severally praying that an Act may be passed constituting a Court of Railway Commissioners for *Canada*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Haldimand*; and of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; severally praying that an Act may be passed providing for the adjustment of difficulties arising between Railway Companies and the Public respecting rates and charges.

Of *Jean Baptiste Gauthier*, of *Sorel*, one of the Veterans of 1812-15; praying for the adoption of such measures as will improve the position of the said Veterans, and secure to them additional benefits.

Of *Hugh Lennon* and others, Farmers, of the County of *Essex*; praying that a duty may be imposed upon all kinds of Wool and Broom Corn, and that the duties upon Pork and Corn may be increased.

Of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Chatham*, County of *Kent*; praying that such steps may be taken as will cause the removal of obstructions in the River *Thames*.

Of the *Crédit Foncier Franco-Canadien*; praying that it may be placed in the same position as all similar institutions in the Dominion as regards the rate of interest which it may demand, and for the repeal of the Act 44 Vict., cap. 58.

Of *James Crossland* and others, Steamboat Engineers, of *Canada*; praying for certain amendments to the Steamboat Inspection Act, 1882.

Of *Edmond Lachance* and others, of the Electoral District of *Montmorency*; praying for certain amendments to the Act relating to the Fisheries.

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

Your Committee have examined the Notices given on the following Petitions, and find them sufficient, viz.:—Of the President, Directors and Company of the *Grafton* Harbour; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to change the name of said Company to that of the *Grafton* Harbour Company, to legalize certain proceedings of said Company, and for other purposes;—of the Bank of *Nova Scotia*; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to amalgamate with the Union Bank of *Prince Edward Island*; also to reduce their capital stock, and for other purposes;—of *D. Blain* and others; praying for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Central Bank of *Canada*;—and of the Union Bank of *Prince Edward Island*; praying for the passing of an Act empowering them to amalgamate with the Bank of *Nova Scotia*.

The time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills will expire To-morrow; your Committee recommend that the same be extended to Thursday, the 1st of March next.

On motion of Mr. *Beaty*, seconded by Mr. *Kranz*,  
Ordered, That the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended to Thursday, the 1st March next, in accordance with the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders.