

Monday, 11th May, 1863.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Return from the Bank of *British North America*, of an Alphabetical List of their Shareholders, the amount of stock standing in the name of each, and the place of residence of such Shareholder, on the 1st January, 1863; in obedience to the Order of the House of the 2nd March, 1863.—(*Sessional Papers, No. 9.*)

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Alley*,—The Petition of the *Quebec Board of Trade*.

By Mr. *Jackson*,—The Petition of the Presbytery of *Grey*, of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*.

By Mr. *Scoble*,—The Petition of *Alexander Steele* and others, of the Village of *Fin-gal*, and Township of *Southwold*.

By Mr. *Morris*,—The Petition of *John Hamilton* and others.

By Mr. *McKellar*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Chatham*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Protestant School Commissioners of the City of *Quebec*.

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

Of *C. Beattie* and others, of the City of *Kingston*; and of *L. McPherson* and others, of the Township of *Williams*; severally praying for the passing of an Act for the better observance of the Lord's Day.

Of *H. W. F. Bolckow* and others; praying that their Petition for the passing of an Act to empower the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company to issue Preferential Bonds to the extent of £60,000 sterling, and to authorize the Bondholders of the Company to vote at all meetings thereof, may be received, notwithstanding the expiration of the time limited for the reception of Petitions for Private Bills.

Of *Henry Benjamin*, of the City of *Montreal*, Merchant; praying that the Commissioner of Public Works may be authorized to pay him the sum of £32 17s 3d., for Carpet furnished for the use of His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*.

Of *A. Heward* and others, Merchants and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying that the Bill to amend the Act twelfth *Victoria*, Chapter one hundred and fourteen, intitled, "An Act to consolidate the laws relative to the powers and duties of the Trinity House *Quebec*, and for other purposes," may not become law.

Of *William Gunn* and others, of the Township of *Bruce*, County of *Bruce*; praying that a further survey may be made of the coast of *Lake Huron*, for the purpose of selecting the most suitable localities for the construction of Commercial Harbours.

Of *F. Chamberland* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Cécile du Bic*, County of *Rimouski*; praying aid for a Bridge in the said County.

Of *L. Guillet* and others, of the County of *Champlain*; praying for aid to construct a Bridge over the River *Batiscan*.

Of the Vestry of Christ's Church, *Hamilton*; praying that the same privileges may be extended to them for educating their children in the principles of their own faith, as are now conceded to the Roman Catholics.

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

Your Committee have examined the Bill to amend the Act 20 *Vic.*, Cap. 151, relating to the *Fort Erie* Railway Company, and have agreed to report the same with several amendments.

Mr. *Benjamin*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the subject of the Printing of the Legislature, presented to the House the Seventh Report of the said Committee, which was read as followeth:—

The Committee have carefully examined the following documents, and recommend that they be printed as Sessional Papers: