

Wednesday, 31st March, 1897.

The Members convened were :—

The Honourable *CHARLES ALPHONSE PANTALÉON PELLETIER, C.M.G.*,  
Speaker,

The Honourable Messieurs

Allan,	Dever,	McCallum,	Poirier,
Almon,	Dickey,	McDonald (C. B.),	Power,
Armand,	Dobson,	McInnes (N. Westm'tr.),	Primrose,
Arsenault,	Ferguson,	McKay,	Prowse,
Baird,	Forget,	McKindsey,	Reid,
Baker,	Gowan (C. M. G.),	McLaren,	Robitaille,
Bellerose,	Kirchhoffer,	McMillan,	Scott,
Bernier,	Landry,	Merner,	Snowball,
Bolduc,	Lewin,	Miller,	Sullivan,
Boucherville, de (C. M. G.)	Lougheed,	Mills,	Temple,
Boulton,	Lovitt,	Mowat (Sir Oliver),	Thibaudeau (de la
Bowell (Sir Mackenzie),	Macdonald (P. E. I.),	O'Brien,	Vallière),
Casgrain,	Macdonald (Victoria),	Ogilvie,	Thibaudeau (Rigaud),
Clemow,	MacInnes (Burlington),	Owens,	Wark.
Cochrane,	MacKeen,	Perley,	Wood.
De Blois,	Masson,		

PRAYERS.

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

By the Honourable Mr. Mills,—Of the Municipal Council of the County of Kent, in the Province of Ontario.

By the Honourable Mr. Boulton,—Of R. C. Ennis and others, of Neepawa, in the Province of Manitoba, and others of elsewhere.

By the Honourable Mr. Power,—Of the Dominion Building and Loan Association, incorporated under the Legislature of the Province of Ontario.

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

Of the County Council of the County of Haldimand, of the County Council of the County of Lambton, and of the County Council of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, all in the Province of Ontario; severally praying for the passing of an Act amending the Railway Act of Canada, respecting the drainage of Railways.

Of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada; praying for the passing of an Act granting them power to financially aid certain railway companies, increasing their borrowing powers, and for other purposes.

Of the Reverend Marie Louis de Bournmont and others, of the Monastery of Notre Dame des Prairies, in the village of St. Norbert, Province of Manitoba; praying for the passing of an Act incorporating "Les Cisterciens Réformés;"—and

Of the Ottawa Gas Company; praying for the passing of an Act granting them power to change the value of their shares, their annual meeting, number of directors and providing for mode of issuing new stock, and for other purposes.