

“common to those two Provinces, threaten to give rise to serious embarrassment, and, that for the avoidance of such difficulties, the debt of the former Province of *Canada* should be assigned entirely to the Dominion as though it had been so from the first, with compensation to the Provinces of *New Brunswick* and *Nova Scotia* for the share which those Provinces would have to pay upon the surplus of that debt, and praying Her Majesty to be pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament the passage of an Act to amend the *British North America Act* in accordance with such representation” inserted instead thereof.

And then The House adjourned till to-morrow.

Friday, 10th March, 1871.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, (*Peel*),—The Petition of the Dominion Telegraph Company.

By the Honorable Sir *Francis Hincks*,—The Petition of the Municipal Corporation of the County of *Renfrew*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Tilley*,—The Petition of His Lordship the Bishop of *Fredric ton*, and others.

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

Of Messrs. *Donovan* and *Williams*, and others, of the City of *Montreal*; and of *Duncan Dewar*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Andrews*; severally praying for the passing of an Act granting Letters Patent to the Inventor or first Introducer, or to Inventors alone, irrespective of nationality or residence, but in all cases requiring the establishment and continuous operation of the invention in the Dominion.

Of *S. M. Ryerson*, and others, of *Nova Scotia*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Western Bank.

Of *William Workman*, and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for an Act of Incorporation, under the name of the Mutual Insurance Company of *Canada*.

Of *Edward Bealer*, and others, of the City of *Toronto*; praying for an Act of Incorporation, under the name of the Isolated Risk Fire Insurance Company of *Canada*.

Of the Honorable *Alexander Campbell*, and others; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate them as the *Kingston* and *Pembroke* Railway Company.

Of the Corporation of the City of *Kingston*; praying that an Act may be passed to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a Railway from the City of *Kingston* to the Town of *Pembroke*, and to cross the *Ottawa* River at or near *Pembroke*, and to amalgamate with Railway lines in the Provinces of *Ontario* and *Quebec*.

Of *James Morris*, and others, Seamen, Sailors, and others employed in the Inland Lake Navigation, and upon the *Welland* Canal; praying that a small tax may be imposed on the Sailors of all vessels passing through the *Welland* Canal, to be appropriated to the maintenance of the Marine Branch of the *St. Catharine's* General and Marine Hospital.

Of *J. H. Gould*, Warden, and others, Members of the Corporation of the County of *Lanark*; of *Thomas Jackman*, and others, of the County of *Lanark*; of *Solomon Johns* and others, of the Townships of *Marmora* and *Lake*; *J. W. Turner*, and others, of the Township of *Elziver*; of the Corporation of *Hungerford*; and of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Elziver*; severally praying that an Act may be passed to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a Railway from *Peterboro'* to *Ottawa City* *via*