

Of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*; praying for power to create a Third Mortgage on the *Montreal* and *Champlain* Railroad Line, by them purchased, not to exceed \$500,000, and for power to consolidate all liens upon the said Railroad.

Of the *Montreal* and *Champlain* Railroad Company; praying that power may be granted to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, to create a Third Mortgage on the *Montreal* and *Champlain* Railroad Line, by them purchased, not to exceed \$500,000, and for power to consolidate all liens upon the said Railroad.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Blake* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for holding the Elections at any General Election on the same day.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cartwright* have leave to bring in a Bill for the better protection of Navigable Streams and Rivers.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Blake* have leave to bring in a Bill for securing the independence of the Senate.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday next.

The Honorable Sir *Francis Hincks*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, laid before the House,—Statement of all allowances and gratuities granted under the Act 33 Vict. Cap. 4, intituled: “An Act for better ensuring the efficiency of the Civil Service of *Canada*, by providing for the Superannuation of persons employed therein in certain cases. (*Sessional Papers No. 17.*)

And also, Statement of the cases in which additions have been made to the actual number of years service of persons employed in the Civil Service, who have been Superannuated, under the provisions of the Act 33 Vict. Cap 4. (*Sessional Papers No. 17.*)

The Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Postmaster General, for the year ending 30th June, 1871. (*Sessional Papers No. 2.*)

The Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald* a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, delivered to Mr. *Speaker*, a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. *Speaker*, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

LISGAR,

The Governor General transmits for the information of the House of Commons, certain Despatches and Minutes of the Privy Council, having reference to the Treaty of *Washington*. (*Sessional Papers No. 18.*)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 18th April, 1872.

On motion of Mr. *McDonald*, (*Lunenburg*), seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, (*Glengarry*).
Ordered, That the said Message and accompanying documents be printed and the Rules of this House be suspended as regards the same.