

The Committee on the Bill to provide for the creation and registration of Homestead Exemption Estates in the Territories of *Canada*, was resumed;

And The House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the Clock on Saturday morning;

SATURDAY, 30th March, 1878.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Young* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be taken into consideration on Monday next.

And then The House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the Clock on Saturday morning, adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 1st April, 1878.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the County of *Gaspé*; and in the Districts of *Saint Francis* and *St. Hyacinthe*, for the year 1877. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 13.)

And also, List of Stockholders of *La Banque Jacques Cartier*, on the 1st December, 1877, under the provisions of the Act 34 *Vic.*, Cap. 5, Sec. 12. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 15.)

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

By Mr. *Wallace* (*Albert*),—The Petition of *Michael Gross* and others, Members of the Independent Order of Good Templars, *Hillsborough, New Brunswick*; the Petition of *John C. Ferguson*, President, and others, of the United Temperance Alliance of *New Brunswick*; the Petition of the *Elgin Lodge* of the Independent Order of Good Templars; and the Petition of *George Mollins*, and others, of the County of *Albert, New Brunswick*.

By Mr. *Langevin*,—The Petition of *T. H. Mahony*, and others, Policy-holders in the *Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company*.

By Mr. *burpee* (*Sunbury*),—The Petition of the *Westmoreland County Temperance Convention*; and the Petition of the *Moncton Division, Sons of Temperance, New Brunswick*.

By Mr. *Costigan*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the County of *Victoria, New Brunswick*.

By Mr. *Gillmor*,—The Petition of the Mayor and Council of the Town of *Milltown, New Brunswick*.

By Mr. *Orton*,—The Petition of the County Council of the County of *Wellington*.

Pursuant to the Order<sup>o</sup> of the Day, the following Petitions were read and received:—

Of *William H. Plummer*, Reeve, and others, of the Municipality of *Sault Ste. Marie*, District of *Algoma*, Province of *Ontario*; praying that steps may be taken to further the building of a Railroad from *Sault Ste. Marie*, to such point of connection with the Canadian railroads eastward, as may be deemed advisable.

Of Mrs. *C. S. Patterson*, and others, of *Woodstock*; of Mrs. *J. E. Brown*, and others, of *Moncton*; of Mrs. *Chipman*, and others, of *St. Stephen*; of Mrs. *S. P. Roberts*, and others, of the Town of *Portland, St. John*; of Mrs. *John T. Gibson*, and others, of *Marysville*; of Mrs. *T. J. Baker*, and others, of *Grand Falls*; of *Kate Bennet*, and