

By Mr. *McConkey*,—The Petition of *E. Webster* and others, of the Townships of *Nottawasaga* and *Surwidale*.

By Mr. *Poulin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *F. H. Provençal* and others, of the Parish of *St. Césaire*, County of *Rouville*.

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of the North-West Navigation and Railway Company.

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

Of *John Simpson* and others, of *Lachute*, County of *Argenteuil*,—and of *E. Cole* and others, of *Papineauville*, County of *Ottawa*; severally praying for the redress of certain grievances connected with the subject of Protestant Education in *Lower Canada*.

Of *John A. Cameron* and others; praying for amendments to the Common School Laws.

Of *A. P. Bishop* and others, of *Dudswell*, County of *Wolfe*; praying that no new privileges be granted to the British American Land Company.

Of *Thomas Dick*, of the City of *Toronto*; praying that the prayer of the Petition of *F. H. Medcalf*, Mayor, on behalf of the Citizens, and of *Marcus Rossin*, on behalf of the Directors for the re-construction of “The *Rossin House*,” for an Act to exempt the the Hotel portion of the “*Rossin House*” from the imposition and payment of taxes for the term of five years, may not be granted.

Of *J. Topping*, Warden of the County of *Oxford*; praying for the passing of an Act granting to County Councils in *Upper Canada* the power to make some general provision for the poor and destitute.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Port Hope*; praying for the passing of an Act to legalize an Agreement between the Corporation of the said Town and the Bank of *Upper Canada*; and that the Standing Rules requiring notice to be given, may be dispensed with.

Of *R. Sheal* and others, Manufacturers of Square Timber and Sawed Lumber, and others, interested in the Lumber Trade of *Canada*; representing that in preparing the Resolutions on which to base the contemplated Federation of the *Canadas* and the British Maritime Provinces on this Continent, it was proposed to vest in the Local Governments the right to deal with the sale and management of Public Lands, and to impose duties on the export of Timber, &c., and otherwise to regulate and control the Lumber Trade,—and praying that as far as *Upper* and *Lower Canada* are concerned, the management of the Trade should be vested in the General Government, and that each Province should receive the revenue arising from this branch of industry within its own bounds.

Of the Agricultural Association of the County of *Addington*,—and of *J. D. Ham* and others, of the United Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington*; severally praying for the passing of an Act to authorize County Councils to borrow money for the purpose of buying seed-grain to be sold to the Farmers, so as to enable them to sow their lands.

Of *John McCutcheon*, of the County of *Chambly*; setting forth his views on the subject of the Confederation of the British North American Provinces, and praying to be allowed to submit them at greater length at some future period.

Mr. *Somerville*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Eighth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the notice given on the Petition of *Jacob Y. Shantz* and others, for an Act to alter the limits of the Village of *Berlin*, and find the same sufficient.

On the Petition of *James* and *John Miller* of *Montreal*, for incorporation of the *Canada Bark Company*, Your Committee find that no notice was given; but as no private interest can be interfered with by the application, they recommend a suspension of the 53rd Rule in this case.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Petitions on Private Bills be extended to the 9th March; for receiving Private Bills, to the 16th March; and for receiving Reports on Private Bills, to the 30th March next.