

Tuesday, 21st March, 1871.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—General Statement and Return of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials in the District of *Three Rivers*, for the year 1870. (*Sessional Papers No. 26.*)

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

By Mr. *Dufresne*,—The Petition of *Maxime Beaupré*, Merchant of the Parish of *St. Michel d' Yamaska*.

By Mr. *O'Connor*,—The Petition of *James Dougall* and others, Members of the Board of Trade of the Town of *Windsor*.

By the Hon. Mr. *Tupper*,—The Petition of *Charles Creed*, M. D., and others, of *Pugwash*; and the Petition of *Rufus F. Black* and others, of the the District of *River Philip*, County of *Cumberland*, Province of *Nova Scotia*.

By Mr. *Scatcherd*,—The Petition of *William Weld*, of the City of *London*, Editor of the "Farmer's Advocate."

By Mr. *Cameron* (*Inverness*),—The Petition of *Norman McQuarrie* and others, County of *Inverness* and its vicinity.

By Mr. *Ryan* (*Montreal West*),—The Petition of *William Footner* and others; and the Petition of *W. R. Hibbard* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *James Dougall* and others, Members of the Board of Trade of the Town of *Windsor*, presented this day, be now received and read.

And the said Petition was received and read; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Mr. *Harrison* from the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have considered the Bill to incorporate the *Fredericton* and *Saint Mary's* Bridge Company, and have agreed to certain amendments which they submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

As there is reason to anticipate an early close of the Session, your Committee beg to recommend that the notice required to be given, under the 60th Rule, of the consideration of Private Bills by Committees, be reduced to three days.

Mr. *Bown*, from the Select 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 *Samuel Waddell* and others, of *Montreal*, for incorporation of the Metropolitan Bank, and find it sufficient.

On the Petition of *La Banque Jacques Cartier*, for a continuance of their Charter, and power to increase their Capital Stock, Your Committee find that no notice was given, the Petitioners having been under an impression that they could have received the requisite powers under the general Banking Act. As the whole Banking System is now under review by the Legislature, Your Committee recommend a suspension of the Rule relative to notice in this case.

As there is reason to suppose that the Session will shortly close, Your Committee recommend that the notice required to be given under the 60th Rule, of the consideration of Private Bills by Committees be reduced to three days.

On motion of Mr. *Harrison*, seconded by Mr. *Bown*,

Ordered, That the Notice of the consideration of Private Bills by Committees, required by the 60th Rule, be reduced to three days for the remainder of the Session.