

PRAYERS.

The following Petition was brought up, and laid on the Table :—

By the Honourable Mr. Boulton,—Of the Municipality of Miniota, in the Province of Manitoba.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petition was read :—

Of Joseph Ruse and others, of the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario ; praying for the passing of an Act incorporating them with power to construct and operate a wagon or sleigh road from a point near Lake Bennett to Dawson City, in the North-west Territories, to carry on a general merchandise and express business, and for other purposes.

The Honourable Mr. Scott, Secretary of State, presented to the Senate,—A Supplementary Return to an Address of the Senate, dated the 9th April, 1897, for a statement showing for each department of the Civil Service, the names, ages, offices and salaries of such persons employed either in the inside or outside divisions thereof ; and of such persons not in the Civil Service employed by the Government in any department, who, since the 13th July, 1896, and in cases where no commission of investigation was appointed, as have been removed from office by dismissal, superannuation or otherwise, specifying in each case the manner of, the grounds for such removal, and the length of notice given to the persons removed, and the amount of superannuation or gratuity granted, if any ; also, showing the name, age, office and salary or remuneration of any and every person appointed to the Civil Service in the place of, or as a consequence of any such removal.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. .*)

The Honourable Mr. Scott, Secretary of State, presented to the Senate,—A Partial Return to an Address of the Senate, dated the 9th April, 1897, for a Return showing :—

1. The number of commissions issued, and the number and names of all commissioners appointed by Order in Council or otherwise, since the 11th July last, to inquire into and report upon charges preferred against any employee of the Government, whether permanent or temporary, of offensive partisanship during the last Dominion Election, or at any other time.

2. The number of commissions issued, and the number and names of all commissioners appointed to inquire into and report upon charges preferred, or upon the conduct of any officer or other employee of the Government, permanent or temporary, other than those mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

3. The number and names of all commissioners appointed to investigate and report upon any claim or claims preferred against the Government, and the finding of such commissioner or commissioners thereon.

4. The date of, and copy of each commission issued, and the date of the appointment of each commissioner, his name, residence and designation.

5. The time occupied in each investigation by each commissioner or commissioners.

6. The amount paid or to be paid to each commissioner, in fees, *per diem* allowance, salary, travelling expenses, and incidentals of all kinds.

7. The number of witnesses summoned in each case to appear before the investigating commissioner or commissioners.

8. The amount paid or to be paid to each witness, in fees, *per diem* allowance, travelling expenses, or for any other services rendered.

9. The number of bailiffs and constables employed in each case, and the amount paid or to be paid to each for his services in any capacity.

10. The number and names of all lawyers retained or engaged in any way by the Crown to conduct each case, the amount paid or to be paid to each lawyer or counsel so engaged.