

## No. 53.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, HOUSE OF COMMONS.

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 OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1881.
 

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## PRAYERS.

Four Petitions were brought up, and laid on the Table.

Mr. *Gault*, from the Select Standing Committee on *Banking and Commerce*, presented the Fifth Report of the said Committee, reporting the following Bills, *with Amendments, viz:—*

Bill No. 32 to incorporate the *Crédit Foncier* of the Dominion of Canada;—and

Bill No. 31 to enlarge and extend the powers of the *Crédit Foncier Franco-Canadien*.

Mr. *Drew*, from the Select Standing Committee on *Standing Orders*, presented the Nineteenth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

The Committee have considered the Petition of *F. W. Whiteman*, and others, of the Counties of Annapolis, Kings and Digby, Nova Scotia; for an Act of incorporation as a Steamship Company, and find no notice was published, the applicants being under the impression, that it was a matter, coming more properly under the jurisdiction of the Local Legislature, and as no existing rights can be affected, the Committee recommend the suspension of Rule 51.

On the Petition of the Hon. *Frank Smith*, Senator, and others, for an Act of incorporation, under the name of the Northern, North-Western, and Sault Ste Marie Railway Company, no notice was given, but the Committee beg to recommend a suspension of Rule 51, on the ground, that the measure is one of great public utility.

As the Session is probably approaching its close, the Committee recommend, that the notice required by Rule 60 to be given by Committees, prior to the consideration of Private Bills, be reduced to twenty-four hours, for the remainder of the Session.

On motion of Mr. *McCarthy*, Rule 51 was suspended, so far as regards the Petition of the Hon. *F. Smith*, and others,—and also of *F. W. Whiteman*, and others, in accordance with the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee on *Standing Orders*.

On motion of Mr. *Drew*, the notice required by Rule 60 to be given by Committees, prior to the consideration of Private Bills, was reduced to twenty-four hours for the remainder of the Session, as recommended by the Select Standing Committee on *Standing Orders*.

On motion of Mr. *Beaty*, the Petition of *R. L. Denison*, and others, private shareholders of the Northern Railway Company of Canada, presented this day, was read and received; praying that the Bill now before Parliament respecting the Northern Railway Company of Canada, may not become law.