

Pursuant to the Order of this day, the following Petitions were considered as read :—

Of the Corporations of the Town of Chatham, of the city of St. John, both in the Province of New Brunswick ; of the Town of Hawkesbury, in the Province of Ontario, and of the Town of Lunenburg, in the Province of Nova Scotia ; all severally praying for the passing of such legislation as will prevent the Bell Telephone Company of Canada from increasing its rates as they existed in 1892, and requiring them to supply telephones to persons to pay for the same whose premises are upon or adjacent to a main line or branch of their system.

Of the Bay of Quinté Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act confirming an agreement between the said company and the Rathbun Company, and extending the time for the completion of their line of railway, and for other purposes.

Of the Western Alberta Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act extending the time for the commencement of their railway, and for other purposes.

Of the Medicine Hat Railway and Coal Company ; praying for the passing of an Act extending the time for the construction and completion of their railway.

And of the Red Deer Valley Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act extending the time for the construction of their railway, and authorizing a grant for a subsidy for the construction of a railway from a point at or near Calgary, in the North-west Territories.

Of the Board of Trade of the Presbyterian College, Halifax ; praying for the passing of an Act empowering the Board to administer the temporal affairs of the Presbyterian Church, Canada, Eastern Division, and for other purposes.

Of the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act extending the time for the completion of their lines, and for other purposes.

Of Thomas Dunnet and others, of the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario ; praying to be incorporated a company under the name of "The Sovereign Life Assurance Company of Canada."

Of William H. Cross and others, of the City of Toronto ; praying for the passing of an Act incorporating them an association for the promotion of the study of financial and mathematical Science and Accountancy, and for other purposes.

Of Emma Tullman and others, of Kilmarnock and elsewhere ; praying for the passing of such legislation as will provide for the non-manufacture and sale of cigarettes.

Of W. L. Bull, of the City of New York, in the State of New York, one of the United States of America, and others, of Canada ; praying for the passing of an Act incorporating them a company under the name of "The Montreal and St. Lawrence Bridge Company."

Of the Ontario Power Company, of Niagara Falls ; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the Board of Directors to make certain stock transfers, making the shares one dollar each, and for other purposes.

Of Paul Weidner, of the City of Detroit, in the State of Michigan, one of the United States of America, and others, of Canada ; praying to be incorporated a company under the name of "The Nepigon Railway Company," and for other purposes.

And of the Corporation of the Town of Prince Albert, in the North-west Territories ; praying for the passing of such legislation as will prevent the Bell Telephone Company of Canada from increasing its rates as they existed in 1892, and requiring them to supply telephones to persons willing to pay for the same whose premises are upon or adjacent to a main line or branch of their system.

The Honourable Mr. McKay (Truro), from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Third Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, and it is as follows :—