

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY, 1831.

PRAYERS.

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

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of *T. Archambault* and others; praying to be allowed to withdraw their names from the Petition requesting that the affairs of the Banque Ville Marie be wound up, and further that the Bill to reduce the capital stock of the said Bank, may become law.

Of Messrs. *R. Abbott* and Company and others; and of *E. J. Reed* and others; severally praying that any Bill to be introduced having for its object the incorporation of the European, American and Canadian Cable Company, may become law.

Of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby, and of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Ontario; severally praying that such steps may be taken as may be necessary to ensure the making of Port Whitby a harbor of refuge.

Of *J. C. Hanley* and others; of *Alexander McLachlan* and others; of *George Jones* and others, of the Electoral Division of Cardwell; of *Charles Brown* and others, of the Electoral Division of Halton; of *Archibald McQuarrie* and others, of the Electoral Division of West York, Ontario; of *John H. Bellwood* and others, of the Electoral Division of West Durham; of *William B. Hutton* and others, of the Electoral Division of North Huron; of *Sidney Warner* and others, of the Electoral Division of Lennox; of *Charles Doan* and others, of the Electoral Division of North York; of *Alfred Oakley* and others, of the Electoral Division of West Toronto; and of *William Sheppard* and others, of the Electoral Division of East Toronto; severally representing that the offer made by a responsible Canadian Company to construct, maintain and operate the line of the Pacific Railway for a much smaller bonus and on terms far more favorable to the country than the proposed contract now before Parliament; and praying that such contract may not be ratified, but that a public work of such importance should be submitted to general public competition.

Of the Toronto Seamen's Benevolent Union, and others; praying that better provision, than at present exists, may be made by law for the preservation of life in the case of persons employed on or travelling by sea-going and other vessels.

Mr. *Domville*, from the Select Standing Committee on *Banking and Commerce*, presented the Second Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill No. 15 to incorporate the Metropolitan Fire Insurance Company of Canada, *with amendments*.

The Committee have also had under consideration the Bill No. 26 to incorporate the Ontario Investment Association, and beg leave to report that the Preamble of the said Bill has not been proved to their satisfaction, because it is their opinion that the