

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

By Mr. *Geoffrion*,—The Petition of the *Montreal, Chambly and Sorel Railway Company*.

By Mr. *Morrison*, (*Niagara*),—The Petition of the Great Western Railway Company ; and the Petition of the *Ontario and Erie Ship Canal Company*.

By Mr. *Chipman*,—The Petition of the *Nova Scotia Electric Telegraph Company*.

By Mr. *Jones* (*Halifax*),—The Petition of *William Pryor* and others, of the City of *Halifax*, (*Nova Scotia*).

By Mr. *Scriver*,—The Petition of the Honorable *L. H. Holton* and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Abbott*,—The Petition of *M. Wanless*, Mayor and others, of the County of *Argenteuil*.

By Mr. *Magill*,—The Petition of *Kingsley Calcutt* and others, of the Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morris*,—The Petition of the Managers of the Ministers' Widows and Orphans Fund of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*, in connection with the Church of *Scotland*.

The Honorable Mr. *Huntington*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :

Your Committee have examined the Notices given upon the following Petitions, and find them sufficient, viz. :—Of the Northern Railway Company of *Canada*,—of the *Coughnawaga Ship Canal Company*,—of *H. S. Howland* and others, for an Act of incorporation, to construct a Railway Bridge at the *Sault Ste Marie*,—of the *Canada Central Railway Company*, for amendments to their Act of incorporation,—of the *Detroit River Tunnel Company*,—of Sir *H. Allan*, and others, for incorporation of the *Canadian Equipment Company*,—of the Great Western Railway Company, in reference to their financial arrangement,—of *Stephen C. Tupper*, and others of *Liverpool, N. S.*, for incorporation of the Bank of *Acadia*,—of *M. H. Gault*, and others, of the City of *Montreal*, for incorporation of the Exchange Bank,—of *J. C. Fitch*, and others, of *Toronto*, for incorporation of the Bank of *Canada*,—and of *Eugène Martineau*, and others, of *Ottawa*, for incorporation of the *Quebec Pacific Railway Company*.

The petition of the Provisional Directors of the *London and Canadian Loan and Agency Company*, (limited) prays for certain amendments to their Act of incorporation, which amendments were not specified in the Notice. Your Committee would suggest however that if provision be made in the Bill that no important amendments affecting the Shareholders shall go into operation without their consent having been first obtained at a General Meeting, the Notice may be deemed sufficient.

Mr. *Fournier*, from the Select Standing Committee on Expiring Laws, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee would recommend that their Quorum be reduced to seven Members.

Ordered, That the Quorum of the said Committee be reduced to seven Members.

Mr. *Magill*, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report to this House the extent and condition of the Manufacturing interests of the Dominion, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee respectfully recommend that their Quorum be reduced to seven Members.

Ordered, That the Quorum of the said Committee be reduced to seven Members.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morrison* (*Niagara*) have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Detroit River Railway Bridge Company*.