

and Champlain Railroad Company, Ship-owners and Ship Chandlers of Ontario, &c.

Hon. Mr. SANBORN gave notice that he would move for copies of all correspondence between the Dominion Government and Local Governments of Ontario and Quebec, with respect to the Provincial Arbitration.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL laid on table list of Standing Committees of the Senate, which Government intended moving.

Hon. Mr. BOTSFORD gave notice that he would move for an address, praying for return, giving certain information respecting European & North American Railroad, and that portion of the Intercolonial Railroad, extending to Amherst, N. S.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL presented Address from His Excellency the Governor General, laying before the House certain Census returns.

The House then adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 18, 1872.

The SPEAKER took the chair at three o'clock.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were read :

Of the Corporation of the Town of Woodstock, in the Province of Ontario.

Of Sir W. E. Logan, F.R.S., and others of the City of Montreal, of Sir Hugh Allan, President of the Montreal Telegraph Company, and of the Board of Trade of the City of Montreal.

Of Messrs. Jones and Miller, and of Wm. Lewis and others connected with Shipping in the Province of Ontario.

Of the Caughnawaga Ship Canal Company.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. MITCHELL, that the following be Standing Committees of the House :

PRINTING—Hon. Messrs. Aikens, Bureau, Burnham, Carrall, Chapais, Dumouchel, Ferguson, Girard, Hazen, Holmes, Locke, Olivier, Reesor, Sanborn, Simpson and Skead.

LIBRARY—Hon. Messrs. Allan, Blake, Bourinot, Chaffers, Chapais, Cormier, Cornwall, Ferguson, Girard, Hazen, Lucoste, Leonard, Locke, Macfarlane, Malhiot, Mills, Odell, Panet, Reesor, Renaud and Steeves.

STANDING ORDERS AND PRIVATE BILLS.—

Hon. Messrs. Aikens, Allan, Archibald, Armand, Botsford, Bourinot, Cornwall, Dever, Dickson, Ferrier, Flint, Girard,

Guevremont, Hazen, Letellier de St. Just, Miller, Northup, Olivier, Panet, Perry, Sanborn, Steeves, and Hon. Mr. Campbell.

BANKING, COMMERCE, AND RAILWAYS.—Hon. Messrs. Bureau, Chapais, Churchill, Ferrier, Foster, Hamilton (Kingston), Kaulback, McDonald (Toronto), McLelan, McMaster, Macdonald (Victoria), Macpherson, Malhiot, Mitchell, Robertson, Ryan, Simpson, Skead, Smith, Sutherland, Tessier, Wark, Wilmot, and Wilson.

CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS.—Hon. Messrs. Armand, Benson, Botsford, Burnham, Carroll, Chapais, Christie, Dickey, Dickson, Dumouchel, Hamilton (Inkerman), Letellier de St. Just, McLelan, McDonald (Toronto), Macfarlane, Macpherson, Miller, Mitchell, Mills, Read, Ryan, Seymour, Shaw, Tessier, and Wilson.

PATENTS.

Hon. Mr. SANBORN made the following enquiry of the Government :—Whether it is the intention of the Government during the present Session of Parliament, to introduce a Bill to amend the Law relating to Patents for Inventions, so as to permit citizens of other countries to obtain Patents on the same terms as citizens of the Dominion can obtain them in foreign countries ; not giving to foreigners in any case better terms than to our own citizens ?

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—It is the intention of the Government to introduce a bill making more liberal the existing law respecting Patents ; but it will be more convenient hereafter to state its precise details.

THE FISHERIES.

Hon. Mr. MILLER asked :—Whether it is the intention of the Government to maintain a force for the protection of the Coast Fisheries during the coming season, and if so, will the Imperial Government co-operate in the service ?

Hon. Mr. MITCHELL—It is the intention of the Government to place the usual force on the service to which my hon. friend has referred, and it is also the intention of the Imperial Government to give such directions as will ensure the co-operation of Her Majesty's fleet with the cruisers of the Dominion.

Hon. Mr. LOCKE—Is the force to be placed on the service at once ?

Hon. Mr. MITCHELL—One vessel has already received orders to proceed to the Magdalen Islands in connection with the herring fishery. The mackerel fishery which requires the most vigilance on our part, does not come on till later, but we