

others, of the United Townships of *Dalhousie*, *North Sherbrooke* and *Lavant*; and the Petition of the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of *Dalhousie*, *North Sherbrooke* and *Lavant*, in Session assembled.

By Mr. *Carrier*,—The Petition of Messrs. *Gilmour & Co.* and others.

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were read :—

Of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of *Frontenac*; praying that an Act may be passed to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a Railway from the City of *Kingston* to the Town of *Pembroke*, and to cross the *Ottawa* River, at or near *Pembroke*, and to amalgamate with Railway lines in the Provinces of *Ontario* and *Quebec*.

Of the Honorable *W. P. Howland*, and others; praying for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Dominion Life Association.

Of the *Ontario* Bank; praying for the passing of an Act extending the powers and privileges of their Charter in conformity with the Act respecting Banks and Banking.

Of *John Pickard*, M. P., and others, of the City of *Fredericton* and vicinity; praying for an Act of incorporation under the name of the *Fredericton* and *St. Mary's* Bridge Company.

Of *A. Frye* and others, of *Windsor*, Province of *Quebec*; praying for certain amendments to the Act respecting patents for invention.

Of the Corporation of the County of *Kent*; praying for authority to employ prisoners at labor outside prison walls.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade; praying for the repeal of the duty imposed upon flour, wheat and other grain; and also on coal and salt.

Of the Dominion Board of Trade; praying that in the event of any Act being passed for the revision or modification of the laws regulating the granting of patents of inventions, it shall not be necessary for a British subject to reside one year in the Dominion before his application for a patent is granted.

Of *Eugène Chinic* and others; praying that the capital of the *Banque Nationale* be increased to two million dollars, and the Charter of that Institution continued with certain amendments by special Act, with a view to facilitating proceedings in the Courts of Justice.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Harrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to remove doubts as to the liability to stamp duties of Premium Notes, taken or held by Mutual Fire Insurance Companies.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Wednesday next.

The Honorable Sir *Francis Hincks*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 27th February, 1871, for the names of all employees of the Federal Government employed by any of the Local Governments before or in connection with the Commission of Arbitration on the subject of the public debt of the Provinces of *Quebec* and *Ontario*, the duration and nature of their services, and the amount paid to each of them, either as salary, indemnity, travelling expenses, or otherwise, together with the date of such payments, and also the amount paid by the Government of *Canada* in connection with such arbitration. (*Sessional Papers No. 21.*)

*Ordered*, That the said Return be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament.

The Honorable Sir *Francis Hincks*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.