

By Mr. *St. Jean*,—The Petition of *Alphonse Benoit*, Chairman of a Literary Convention at *Ottawa*.

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

Of the *North Grey* District Lodge of the United Temperance Association of *Canada*; and of the *Owen Sound* Division of Sons of Temperance, County of *Grey, Ontario*; severally praying for the insertion in the Temperance Act of clauses providing for the right of search and confiscation of Liquors illegally exposed for sale.

Mr. *Mackenzie*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Address to His Excellency, dated 26th March, 1877, for: 1st. Copies of the arrangement made by the Government or by the General Manager of the Intercolonial Railway, with the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, respecting the tariff of charges for the conveyance of passengers and freight over the Grand Trunk and Intercolonial Railways; 2nd. A Statement of the rates which should have been and ought still to be charged for passengers and freight by the Grand Trunk Railway from its various Stations to *Rivière du Loup*, and *vice versa*, per passenger, per car, and per the hundred pounds of the different classes of merchandise; 3rd. A Statement of the rates charged by the Intercolonial Railway, for passengers and freight over the Intercolonial Railway from *Rivière du Loup* to its various Stations, and *vice versa*, per passenger, per car, and per the hundred pounds of the different classes of merchandise. (*Sessional Papers, No. 24b.*)

Also, Return to an Order of this House, dated 4th March, 1878, for copies of specification for construction of *Malpeque* Breakwater; copies of tenders, with names of sureties offered for performance of contract; also, copies of all correspondence in connection with said work or contract. (*Sessional Papers No. 60.*)

Also, Return to an Order of this House, dated 4th March, 1878, for a statement shewing the amount of moneys disbursed to January 1st, 1878, upon Contracts Nos. 13, 14, 15, 23 and 25, of the *Canada Pacific* Railway. (*Sessional Papers, No. 20e.*)

Also, Return to an Order of this House, dated 11th March, 1878, for copy of Report of Surveys, or any examination made of the *Saskatchewan* River, having in view the improvement of the navigation by removing the obstructions which now exist at the *Coals Falls* and other points between that place and the *Grand Rapids*. (*Sessional Papers, No. 61.*)

Also, Return to an Order of this House, dated 25th November, 1878, for copy of every Report of the Chief Engineer, Acting Chief Engineer, or any other Engineer or Engineers of the *Canadian Pacific* Railway, in the possession of the Government, suggesting or recommending a survey, in 1876, of the whole or part of the route between *Burrard's Inlet* and *Yellow Head Pass*; with a copy of any order or instructions sent respecting the said survey; also, a copy of every Report or Reports from each and all of the said Engineers, in possession of the Government, suggesting or recommending a survey, in 1877, of the said route between *Burrard's Inlet* and *Yellow Head Pass*; with a copy of any order or instruction sent respecting such survey. (*Sessional Papers, No. 20f.*)

Also, Return to an Address to His Excellency, dated 4th March, 1878, for: 1st,—A copy of the progress estimate or estimates of work done under contract 15 of the *Canada Pacific* Railway, shewing the nature and quantity of work done and material furnished under such Contract and reported by the Engineers to the 31st January, 1878, together with the amount paid to the Contractors up to said date and the date of such payments;

2nd,—Copy of all recommendations by the Engineers as to the mode of making payments to the Contractors for the different works on said Contract number Fifteen;

3rd,—Copy of all Reports, Correspondence, Orders in Council and other documents having reference to any change in the gradients or in the location of the line covered by Contract number Fifteen, since the letting of the work, together with an