

## No. 52.

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, HOUSE OF COMMONS.

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 OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 3RD MARCH, 1881.
 

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## PRAYERS.

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

The following Petitions were read and received :—

Of the Municipal Council of the County of Simcoe; praying that the Bill now before Parliament, respecting the Northern Railway Company of Canada, may become law.

Of the Honorable *Frank Smith*, Senator, and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Northern, North-Western & Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company.

Of *F. W. Whiteman*, and others, of the Counties of Annapolis, Kings, and Digby, Nova Scotia; praying for an Act of Incorporation as a Steamship Company.

Of the Reverend *J. A. Richey*, and others, Members of the Church of England in the Parish of Seaforth, Diocese of Nova Scotia; praying that any Bill to be introduced, having for its object the legalization of marriage with the sister of a deceased wife, may not become law.

Of *Michael McCarthy*, and others, of Sandwich East, County of Essex, Ontario; praying for amendments to the General Railway Act in relation to drainage facilities.

*Mr. Langevin*, from the Select Standing Committee on *Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines*, presented the Second Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill No. 23 to incorporate the Ontario and Quebec Railway Company, with amendments.

*Mr. Langevin* presented,—Return to an Order of The House of the 21st ult; for a copy of all leases granted by the Government to any persons or Company, for the use of waterpowers, and for certain privileges in relation to the construction of Wharves or Warehouses, on the Beauharnois Canal.

On motion of *Mr. Ross* (Middlesex) the Return laid before The House on the 5th May, 1879, relating to Wrecking and Coasting in Canadian waters, together with the Report of *Mr. John Lewis* to the Minister of Customs, was referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the *Printing* of Parliament.

On motion of *Mr. Williams*, the Petition of *William Barclay McMurich*, Mayor and others, of the City of Toronto, presented this day, was read and received; praying that the Petition of the Ontario and Pacific Junction Railway Company, for certain Amendments to their Charter, may be granted.

*Sir John A. Macdonald* introduced a Bill No 77 to amend the Dominion Lands Acts; which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow*.