

By the Honorable Mr. *Christie*,—of *George S. Cotter* and others, of *Haldimand*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Inkerman)*,—of *Joseph Robinson* and others, of *Ottawa*.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the following Petitions were severally read :

Of *James Glass* and others, of *Belleville* ; praying for an Act of Incorporation for the purpose of carrying on business as a Banking Company in the County of *Hastings*.

Of *R. Kimber*, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod ; praying for compensation for outlays on his House, an allowance for the proper completion of the same, and a hearing on certain grievances connected with the duties properly belonging to his office.

Of *Michael Graybiel* and others, Mill owners, and others, on the Upper Level of the *Welland Canal* ; praying for a more equitable distribution of the surplus waters of the said Canal for Milling purposes.

Of *C. M. Shepard* and another, of the County of *Bonaventure* in the District of *Gaspé* ; praying that the Northern Route may be selected for the Intercolonial Railway.

And of the Canadian Inland Steam Navigation Company ; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

The Honorable Mr. *Wark* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Steeves* :

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House copies of the correspondence which has taken place between Her Majesty's Imperial Government, the Government of the late Province of *Canada*, the Government of this Dominion, and the *Hudson's Bay Company*, relative to the claims of that Company to the North-West Territory, and the transfer of such claims.

Also, copies of Reports of Explorations made under instructions from either of the aforesaid governments, with the view of opening up communication with the said Territory, and more especially with that part of it known as the *Red River* settlement, and any estimates which have been prepared of the cost of opening such communication.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That those Members of the Privy Council who are Members of this House do wait on His Excellency the Governor-General with the said Address.

The Honorable *David Reesor* presented Her Majesty's Writ, summoning him to the Senate.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and

*Ordered*, To be put upon the Journal, and it is as follows :

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CANADA.

*Victoria*, By the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Trusty and Well-Beloved the Honorable *David Reesor*, of Our Province of *Ontario*, in our Dominion of *Canada*,

GREETING :—

Know Ye, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the State and defence of our Dominion of *Canada* concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Senate of Our said Dominion, and We do command you, the said Honorable *David Reesor*, that, all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside,