

*Toronto*; and of Painters' Union, *Toronto*; severally praying for the passing of an Act to compel all vessels, whether steam or sail, navigating the inland waters of *Canada* to carry competent crews, and for other purposes.

Of *C. Phillm* and others, of the Village of *Port Dalhousie*; of Local Assembly, No. 2513, Knights of Labour; of Fidelity Assembly, No. 2056, Knights of Labour; of Seamen's Assembly, No. 7025; of Maple Leaf Assembly, No. 5933, Knights of Labour; of Advance Assembly, No. 10291, Knights of Labour; of *S. B. Turner* and others, of *Merritt*; of *Ontario* Assembly of Wheelmakers; of Painters' Union No. 3, *Toronto*; and of Painters' Union, *Toronto*, all of *Ontario*; severally praying for an amendment of the Seamen's Agreement Act.

Of Painters' Union, *Toronto*; praying for the passing of an Act making the establishment of armed and uniformed private police and detective bodies, illegal.

**Mr. Wood (Brockville)**,—From the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House, the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which was read as followeth:

Your Committee have examined the notices given on the following Petitions, and find them sufficient, viz:—

Of *Mary Matilda White*, for an Act to declare her marriage with *David Crystal White* to be dissolved and that she be divorced from him; of *Alexander Ramsay* and others, for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Dominion Plate Glass Insurance Company; of the Grand Trunk, *Georgian Bay* and *Lake Erie* Railway Company, for an Act empowering them to amalgamate with the *South Norfolk* Railway Company; and of the *South Norfolk* Railway Company, for an Act empowering them to amalgamate with the Grand Trunk, *Georgian Bay* and *Lake Erie* Railway Company.

Your Committee have also examined the notices given on the Petitions of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, for an Act to enable them to re-arrange their Share Capital; and of the *Detroit River* Bridge Company, for an Act of incorporation, and find them short in point of time, but as they will have matured, or nearly so, before the Bills can be considered by the Railway Committee, your Committee recommend that they be deemed sufficient.

Your Committee have also examined the Petition of the *Ottawa, Morrisburg* and *New York* Railway and Bridge Company, for an Act of Incorporation, and find that notice was only published in the *Canada Gazette* and one newspaper in the Town of *Morrisburg*, but as the Petition seeks virtually to revive a lapsed Charter, and as the promoters declare that the proposed measure will not interfere with any vested rights, and is greatly in the interests of the section of country through which it is intended to pass, your Committee recommend that the 51st Rule be suspended in this case.

Your Committee have likewise examined the notice given on the Petition of the *Hereford* Branch Railway Company, for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation, and find that no reference was made therein to the intention of the promoters to apply for power to purchase, or amalgamate with, the *Quebec Central* Railway, but as the necessity for this power only arose at the last moment when too late to give the required notice, and as, under the Clause of the Model Bill by which such powers are granted, the rights and interests of the shareholders are fully protected, your Committee recommend that the notice be deemed sufficient.

**Ordered**, That *Mr. Ferguson (Welland)* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Detroit River* Bridge Company.

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 Monday next.

**Ordered**, That *Mr. Holton* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Dominion Plate Glass Insurance Company.