

Of the International Bridge Company; praying for the passing of an Act to extend and amend the Act incorporating the International Bridge Company, and for other purposes.

Mr. *Casault*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Electoral District of *Yamaska*, presented to the House, the Final Report of the said Committee, which was read as followeth:—

Your Committee beg leave to report to Your Honorable House, the following Resolutions, as the Final and unanimous decision:—

*Resolved*, That *Moise Fortier*, Esq., is duly elected Member to represent the Electoral District of *Yamaska*, in the Commons of *Canada*.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *Joseph Alfred Norbert Provencher*, Esq., against the Election and Return of the said *Moise Fortier*, is not frivolous or vexatious.

Mr. *Jackson*, from the Standing Committee on Immigration and Colonization, presented to the House, the First Report of the said Committee, which was read as followeth:—

Your Committee recommend that their Quorum be reduced to seven Members.

The Honorable Mr. *Gray*, from the Standing Committee on Expiring Laws, presented to the House, the First Report of said Committee, which was read as followeth:—

Your Committee recommend that their Quorum be reduced to six Members.

*Ordered*, That the Quorum of the said Committee be reduced to six Members.

Mr. *Scatcherd*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Electoral District of *Joliette*, informed the House, That the Honorable *John Jones Ross*, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, on Saturday last; in consequence of which the meeting of the said Committee was adjourned till to day, at eleven o'clock, A. M.; and further that the Honorable *John Jones Ross* was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day; in consequence of which the meeting of the said Committee was adjourned till to-morrow, at eleven o'clock, A. M., and further that he, the Chairman, had received a certificate from *Jacques Pelletier*, Esquire, M. D., verified upon oath before *Ant. R. Lafleche*, Justice of the Peace, stating that there is serious illness in Mr. *Ross*' family.

Then the said certificate was delivered in, and read as followeth:—

I, the undersigned, certify that the Honorable *John J. Ross* is detained at home, owing to serious illness in his family.

JACQUES PELLETIER, M. D.

Sworn before me this 20th day of April, 1869.

ANT. R. LAFLICHE.

J. P.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable *John Jones Ross* be excused for not attending, and be discharged from further attending on the said Committee.

The Honorable Mr. *Rose* from the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented to the House, the First Report of the said Committee which was read as followeth;—

Your Committee recommend that their Quorum be reduced to nine Members.

Mr. *Mackenzie*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read as followeth:—

Your Committee recommend that their Quorum be reduced to seven Members.

The Honorable Mr. *Langevin*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, presented pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the House of Commons dated 21st, April, 1869; for copies of all correspondence with the Imperial Government with respect to the exercise within the Dominion of the Prerogative of Mercy.—(*Sessional Papers*, No. 16.)