

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Privy Council.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

Monday 18th November, 1867.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Statements of the affairs of the *Ætna Insurance Company, Hartford*, on the 1st day of January, 1867,—and of the affairs of the *Hartford Fire Insurance Company* on the 31st day of December, 1866. (Sessional papers, No. 12.)

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table:—

By Mr. Jones (*Leeds and Grenville*), North Riding,—The Petition of *John Henry Jones* and *Harrison Thornton*, Electors of the County of *Essex*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Tupper*,—The Petition of the *Nova Scotia Coal Owners Association*.

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of *F. X. Asselin*, Mayor of *Ste. Famille*, and others.

By Mr. *Savary*,—The Petition of *Thomas J. Wallace*, of *Halifax*, in the Province of *Nova Scotia*, Barrister-at-Law.

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

Of the *Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable them to raise a further sum of money, by means of the issue of certain Bonds, and to have the power to issue new Bonds to redeem new issue, as they may fall due, and for other purposes.

Of *Arthur Harvey*, Statistical Clerk, Finance Department; praying that the House will subscribe for a certain number of copies of a work written by him, respecting the Statistics of *British Columbia*.

Of *Jeremiah Purdon Cummins*, of the Village of *Brampton*, County of *Peel*, and *Robert Loudon*, of the Town of *Bothwell*, County of *Oxford*; praying for the passing of an Act, authorizing the issue of Letters Patent to them for an invention called "*Foot's* Vapour Generator and Burner," for heating purposes.

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Abbott*, the Honorable Mr. *Smith*, the Honorable Mr. *Gray*, the Honorable Mr. *Huntingdon*, the Honorable Mr. *Wood*, the Honorable Mr. *Irvine*, the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Street*, Mr. *Casault*, Mr. *Crawford* (South *Leeds*), Mr. *Simard*, Mr. *Harrison*, Mr. *Workman*, Mr. *McDonald* (*Antigonish*), Mr. *Magill*, and Mr. *Blake*, be appointed to enquire into the nature and operation of the Laws of Bankruptcy and Insolvency now in force in the several Provinces of the Dominion; to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion of Mr. *Bodwell*, seconded by Mr. *Oliver*,

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House,—All correspondence had with Her Majesty's Imperial Government or the *Hudson's Bay Company* by the Government of the late Province of *Canada*, and of the Dominion, in relation to the extinction of the *Hudson's Bay Company's* claims over the North West Territory, and the acquisition of said Territory by the Government of *Canada*; together with a report of proceedings taken by, or communications made to the Government with reference to opening up communications with the *Red River* settlement, with copies of all Orders in Council and other documents in possession of the Government bearing on the question.

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