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HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE SIR FREDERIC TEMPLE,
EARL OF DUFFERIN, K.P., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., P.C., GOVERNOR
GENERAL, &c., &c., &c.

BEING THE FIFTH SESSION
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DUFFERIN.

[L. S.]

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 Beloved and Faithful the Senators of the Dominion of Canada, and the
Members elected to serve in the House of Commons of Our said Dominion,
summoned and called to a Meeting of the Parliament of Canada, at Our City of
Ottawa, on the Seventh day of June instant, to have been commenced and
held, and to every of you—GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the TWENTY-EIGHTH day of the month of APRIL last past, We
thought fit to prorogue Our Parliament of Canada to the SEVENTH day of the
month of JUNE instant, at which time, at Our City of Ottawa, you were held
and constrained to appear; Now KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations,
and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, We
have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada, to relieve
you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking and
by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on TUESDAY, the SEVENTEENTH
day of the month of JULY next, you meet Us, in Our Parliament of Canada, at
Our City of OTTAWA, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said
Dominion of Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary. HEREIN FAIL NOT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin and Councillor the Right Honorable Sir FREDERIC TEMPLE, Earl of DUFFERIN, Viscount and Baron Clandeboye of Clandeboye, in the County Down, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Dufferin and Clandeboye, of Ballyleidy and Killeleagh, in the County Down, in the Peerage of Ireland, and a Baronet, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, and Knight Commander of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of Canada, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

At Our Government House, in Our City of OTTAWA, this SIXTH day of JUNE, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and in the Fortieth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

RICHARD POPE,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Canada.

CANADA.



W. B. RICHARDS,

Deputy Governor.

[L. S.]

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 Beloved and Faithful the Senators of the Dominion of Canada, and the Members elected to serve in the House of Commons of Our said Dominion, summoned and called to a Meeting of the Parliament of Canada, at Our City of Ottawa, on the Seventeenth day of July instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the SIXTH day of the month of JUNE last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Parliament of Canada to the SEVENTEENTH day of the month of JULY instant, at which time, at Our City of Ottawa, you were held and constrained to appear; Now KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on SATURDAY, the TWENTY-FIFTH day of the month of AUGUST next, you meet Us, in Our Parliament of Canada, at Our City of OTTAWA, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Dominion of Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary. **HEREIN FAIL NOT.**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS, The Honorable WILLIAM BUELL RICHARDS, Deputy of Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin and Councillor the Right Honorable Sir FREDERIC TEMPLE, Earl of DUFFERIN, Viscount and Baron Clandeboye of Clandeboye, in the County Down, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Dufferin and Clandeboye of Ballyleidy and Killeleagh, in the County Down, in the Peerage of Ireland, and a Baronet, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, and Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, and Knight Commander of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of Canada, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

At Our Government House, in Our CITY OF OTTAWA, this THIRTEENTH day of JULY, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and in the Forty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

RICHARD POPE,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Canada.

CANADA.



DUFFERIN.

[L. S.]

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 Beloved and Faithful the Senators of the Dominion of Canada, and the Members elected to serve in the House of Commons of Our said Dominion, summoned and called to a Meeting of the Parliament of Canada, at Our City of Ottawa, on the Twenty-fifth day of August instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the THIRTEENTH day of the month of JULY last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Parliament of Canada to the TWENTY-FIFTH day of the month of August instant, at which time, at Our City of Ottawa, you were held and constrained to appear; Now Know YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on THURSDAY, the FOURTH day of the month of OCTOBER next, you meet Us, in Our Parliament of Canada, at Our City of OTTAWA, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Dominion of Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary. HEREIN FAIL NOT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin and Councillor, the Right Honorable Sir FREDERIC TEMPLE, Earl of Dufferin, Viscount and Baron Clandeboye of Clandeboye, in the County Down, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Dufferin and Clandeboye of Ballyleidy and Killeleagh, in the County Down, in the Peerage of Ireland, and a Baronet, Knight Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, and Knight Commander of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of Canada, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

At Our Government House, in our CITY OF OTTAWA, this TWENTY-FOURTH day of AUGUST, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand, eight hundred and seventy-seven, and in the Forty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

RICHARD POPE,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Canada.

CANADA.



W. B. RICHARDS,

Deputy Governor.

[L. S.]

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may in any wise concern,—GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

Z. A. LASH, }
Deputy of the Minister of Justice, Canada. } WHEREAS by an Act of the Parliament of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, passed in the thirtieth year of Our Reign, intituled, "An Act for the Union of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and the Government thereof," and for purposes connected therewith, it is amongst other things enacted that a

Bill reserved for the signification of Our pleasure shall not have any force, unless and until within two years from the date on which it was presented to the Governor General for Our assent, the Governor General signifies by speech or message to each of the Houses of Parliament or by Proclamation, that it has received the assent of Us in Council;

AND WHEREAS, on the ~~TWENTY-EIGHTH~~ day of APRIL, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and ~~seventy-seven~~, the Right Honorable Sir FREDERIC TEMPLE, Earl of Dufferin, Our Governor General of Canada, did reserve certain Bills passed by the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, entitled respectively, chap. 87, "An Act for the relief of Mary Jane Bates," chap. 88, "An Act for the relief of Walter Scott," and chap. 89, "An Act for the relief of Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell," for the signification of Our pleasure thereon;

AND WHEREAS the said Bills so reserved as aforesaid were laid before Us in Council, at Our Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, on the THIRTEENTH day of AUGUST, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and ~~seventy-seven~~; and We were then and there pleased, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, in pursuance of the said Act, and in the exercise of the powers thereby reserved to Us as aforesaid, to declare Our assent to the said Bills:

Now Know YE by these presents, that the said Bill entitled respectively chap. 87, "An Act for the relief of Mary Jane Bates," chap. 88, "An Act for the relief of Walter Scott," and chapter 89, "An Act for the relief of Martha Jemima Hawkshaw Holiwell," have received the assent of Us in Council.

Of all which Our loving subjects and all others whom these presents may concern, are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS, the Honorable WILLIAM BUELL RICHARDS, Deputy of Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin and Councillor the Right Honorable Sir FREDERIC TEMPLE, Earl of DUFFERIN, Viscount and Baron Clandeboye of Clandeboye, in the County Down, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Dufferin and Clandeboye, of Ballyleidy and Killeleagh, in the County Down, in the Peerage of Ireland, and a Baronet, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, and Knight Commander of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of Canada, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

At Our Government House, in Our CITY OF OTTAWA, this FIFTH day of SEPTEMBER, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and ~~seventy-seven~~, and in the Forty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

R. W. SCOTT,
Secretary of State.

CANADA.



W. B. RICHARDS,

Deputy Governor.

[L. S.]

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 Beloved and Faithful the Senators of the Dominion of Canada, and the Members elected to serve in the House of Commons of Our said Dominion, summoned and called to a Meeting of the Parliament of Canada, at Our City of Ottawa, on the Fourth day of October next, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the TWENTY-FOURTH day of the month of AUGUST last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Parliament of Canada to the FOURTH day of the month of OCTOBER next, at which time at Our City of Ottawa, you were held and constrained to appear; Now KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on WEDNESDAY, the FOURTEENTH day of the month of NOVEMBER next, you meet Us in Our Parliament of Canada, at Our City of Ottawa, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Dominion of Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary. **HEREIN FAIL NOT.**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed. **WITNESS,** The Honorable WILLIAM BUELL RICHARDS, Deputy of Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin and Councillor the Right Honorable Sir FREDERIC TEMPLE, Earl of DUFFERIN, Viscount and Baron Clandeboye of Clandeboye, in the County Down, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Dufferin and Clandeboye, of Ballyleidy and Killeleagh, in the County Down, in the Peerage of Ireland, and a Baronet, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, and Knight Commander of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of Canada and Vice-Admiral of the same.

At Our Government House, in Our CITY OF OTTAWA, this TWENTY-EIGHTH day of SEPTEMBER, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and in the Forty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

RICHARD POPE,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Canada.

CANADA.



DUFFERIN.

[L. S.]

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 Beloved and Faithful the Senators of the Dominion of Canada, and the Members elected to serve in the House of Commons of Our said Dominion, summoned and called to a meeting of the Parliament of Canada, at Our City of Ottawa, on the Fourteenth day of November instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—GREETING : -

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the **TWENTY-EIGHTH** day of the month of **SEPTEMBER** last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Parliament of Canada to the **FOURTEENTH** day of the month of **NOVEMBER** instant, at which time, at Our City of Ottawa, you were held and constrained to appear; Now **KNOW YE**, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on **MONDAY**, the **TWENTY-FOURTH** day of the month of **DECEMBER** next, you meet Us, in Our Parliament of Canada, at Our City of **OTTAWA**, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Dominion of Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary.

HERRIN FAIL NOT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed. **WITNESS**, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin and Councillor the Right Honorable Sir **FREDERIC TEMPLE**, Earl of **DUFFERIN**, Viscount and Baron **Clandeboye** of **Clandeboye**, in the County **Down**, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron **Dufferin** and **Clandeboye**, of **Ballyleidy** and **Killeleagh**, in the County **Down**, in the Peerage of **Ireland**, and a **Baronet**, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of **Saint Patrick**, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of **St. Michael** and **St. George**, and Knight Commander of Our Most Honorable Order of the **Bath**, Governor-General of **Canada**, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

At Our Government House, in Our **CITY OF OTTAWA**, this **NINTH** day of **NOVEMBER**, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and in the **Forty-first** year of Our Reign.

By Command.

RICHARD POPE,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Canada.

CANADA.



DUFFERIN.

[L. S.]

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 Beloved and Faithful the Senators of the Dominion of Canada, and the
 Members elected to serve in the House of Commons of Our said Dominion,
 summoned and called to a Meeting of the Parliament of Canada, at Our City
 of Ottawa, on the Twenty-fourth day of December instant, to have been com-
 menced and held, and to every of you—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the NINTH day of the month of NOVEMBER last past, We thought
 fit to prorogue Our Parliament of Canada to the TWENTY-FOURTH day of the
 month of DECEMBER instant, at which time; at Our City of Ottawa, you were held
 and constrained to appear; Now KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations,
 and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, We
 have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council for Canada, to relieve
 you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby conyoking
 and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on TUESDAY, the FIFTEENTH
 day of the month of JANUARY next, you meet Us, in Our Parliament of Canada, at
 Our City of OTTAWA, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our
 said Dominion of Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary. **HEREIN
 FAIL NOT.**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent,
 and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed. **WITNESS**, Our
 Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin and Councillor the Right
 Honorable Sir FREDERIC TEMPLE, Earl of DUFFERIN, Viscount and
 Baron Clandeboye of Clandeboye, in the County Down, in the
 Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Dufferin and Clandeboye of
 Ballyleidey and Killeleagh, in the County Down, in the Peerage of
 Ireland, and a Baronet, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of
 Saint Patrick, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order
 of Saint Michael and Saint George, and Knight Commander of Our
 Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of Canada,
 and Vice-Admiral of the same.

At Our Government House, in Our CITY of OTTAWA, this
 TWENTY-FIRST day of December, in the year of Our Lord,
 One thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, and in the
 Forty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command.

RICHARD FOPE,
 Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
 Canada.

CANADA.



DUFFERIN.

[L. S.]

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 Beloved and Faithful the Senators of the Dominion of Canada, and the Members elected to serve in the House of Commons of Our said Dominion, summoned and called to a Meeting of the Parliament of Canada, at Our City of Ottawa, on the Fifteenth day of January instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, the Meeting of Our Parliament of Canada stands Prorogued to the FIFTEENTH day of the month of JANUARY instant, NEVERTHELESS, for certain causes and considerations, We have thought fit further to prorogue the same to THURSDAY, the SEVENTH day of the month of FEBRUARY next, so that neither of you, nor any of you on the said FIFTEENTH day of JANUARY instant, at Our City of OTTAWA, to appear, are to be held and constrained: for WE DO WILL THAT you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on THURSDAY, the SEVENTH day of the month of FEBRUARY next, at Our City of OTTAWA, aforesaid, personally you be and appear for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our said Parliament of Canada, by the Common Council of Our said Dominion, may by the favour of God be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed WITNESS, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin and Councillor the Right Honorable Sir FREDERIC TEMPLE, Earl of DUFFERIN, Viscount and Baron Clandeboye of Clandeboye, in the County Down, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Dufferin and Clandeboye of Ballyleidy and Killeleagh, in the County Down, in the Peerage of Ireland, and a Baronet, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, and Knight Commander of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of Canada, and Vice Admiral of the same.

At Our Government House, in Our CITY OF OTTAWA, this FOURTH day of JANUARY, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, and in the Forty-first year of Our Roign.

By Command,

RICHARD POPE,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
 Canada.

JOURNALS
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Thursday, 7th February, 1878.

Thursday, the seventh day of the month of February, in the forty-first year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady Queen *Victoria*, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith, being the Fifth Session of the Third Parliament of the Dominion of *Canada*, as continued by several prorogations to this day.

The Members in attendance in the Senate Chamber in the City of *Ottawa*, were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

Alexander,
Armand,
Bellerose,
Benson,
Botsford,
Bourinot,
Bureau,
Chaffers,
Chapais,
Cochrane,

Cormier,
Dever,
Dickey,
Dumouchel,
Fabre,
Ferguson,
Ferrier,
Hamilton (Kingston),
Haviland,
Haythorne,

Hope,
Kaulbach,
Lewin,
Macpherson
Miller,
Northrup,
Paquet,
Pelletier
Penny,
Pozer,

Read,
Scott,
Seymour,
Simpson,
Skead,
Sutherland,
Trudel,
Vidal,
Wark,
Wilmot.

PRAYERS

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a communication from the Governor General's Secretary.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
OTTAWA, 6th February, 1878.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor General to inform you that Sir *W. Richards*, Kt., in his capacity as Deputy Governor, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Session of the Dominion Parliament, on Thursday the 7th instant, at 3 o'clock.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E. G. P. LITTLETON,
Governor General's Secretary.

The Honorable
The Speaker of the Senate.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows :—

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CROWN
IN CHANCERY, CANADA.
OTTAWA, 2nd February, 1878.

To *Robert Le Moine*, Esquire,
Clerk of the Senate.

This is to certify that His Excellency the Governor General has summoned to the Senate *Joseph Rosaire Thibaudeau*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, bearing date the fourth day of January last, and appointed him for the *Rigaud* Electoral Division, in the Province of *Quebec*, in the room of the late Honorable *Charles Wilson*, deceased.

R. POPE,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Canada.

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House that there was a Member without ready to be introduced, when the Honorable *Joseph Rosaire Thibaudeau* was introduced between the Honorable Messieurs *Scott* and *Pelletier*.

The Honorable Mr. *Thibaudeau* 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 is as follows :—

CANADA.



Dufferin.

[L.S.]

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 *Joseph Rosaire Thibaudeau*, of Our Province of *Quebec*, in Our Dominion of *Canada*.

GRANTING :—

KNOW YE, that as well for the special 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 appoint you for the *Rigaud* Electoral Division of Our Province of *Quebec*, and We do command you, the said *Joseph Rosaire Thibaudeau*, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid, in the Senate of Our said Dominion, at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Parliament may be in Our said Dominion convoked and holden : and this you are in no wise to omit.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed : WITNESS, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin and Councillor the Right Honorable Sir *Frederic Temple*, Earl of *Dufferin*, Viscount and Baron *Clandeboye*, of *Clandeboye*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron *Dufferin* and *Clandeboye*, of *Ballyleidy* and *Killeleagh*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*, and a Baronet Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of *Saint Patrick*, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of *Saint Michael* and *Saint George*, and Knight Commander of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of *Canada*, and Vice-Admiral of the same. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Ottawa*, in Our Dominion of *Canada*, this Fourth day of January, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-eight, and in the Forty-first Year of Our Reign.

By Command.

R. POPE,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, *Canada*.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Thibaudeau* took and subscribed the oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *Robert LeMoine*, Esquire, a Commissioner appointed for that purpose, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that the Clerk of the Senate had laid upon the Table the certificate of one of the Commissioners, setting forth that the Honorable *Joseph Rosaire Thibaudeau*, a Member of the Senate, had made and subscribed the Declaration of Qualification required by the *British North America Act*, 1867.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

Sir *William Buell Richards*, Knight, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of *Canada*, Deputy Governor, being seated in the Chair on the Throne,

The Honorable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House "It is the pleasure of Sir *William Buell Richards*, Deputy Governor, that they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come,

The Honorable the Speaker said :—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

Sir *William Buell Richards*, Knight, Deputy Governor, does not see fit to declare the causes of summoning the present Parliament of the Dominion of *Canada*. until

the Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen according to law, but to-morrow, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the causes of calling this Parliament will be declared.

Sir *William Buell Richards*, Knight, Deputy Governor, was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*,

The House adjourned until to-morrow, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday, 8th February, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

Alexander,
Alan,
Armand,
Baillargeon,
Bellerose,
Benson,
Botsford,
Bourinot,
Bureau,
Campbell,
Chaffers,
Chapais,
Cochrane,

Cormier,
Dever,
Dickey,
Dumouchel,
Fabre,
Ferguson,
Farrier,
Girard,
Glosier,
Guevremont,
Hamilton (Kingston),
Haviland,
Haythorne,

Hope,
Kaibach,
Leitch,
McDonald,
McMaster,
Macpherson,
Miller,
Montgomery,
Northup,
Piquet,
Pelletier,
Penny,

Pozer,
Read,
Scott,
Seymour,
Simpson,
Sked,
Sutherland,
Thibaudoux,
Trudel,
Vidal,
Wark,
Wilmot.

PRAYERS :

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a communication from the Governor General's Secretary.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Ottawa, 7th February, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber, to formally open the Session of the Dominion Parliament, on Friday, the 8th instant, at three o'clock.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

E. G. P. LITTLETON,
Governor General's Secretary.

The Honorable
The Speaker of the Senate.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir *Frederic Temple*, Earl of *Dufferin*, Viscount and Baron *Clandeboye*, of *Clandeboye*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron *Dufferin* and *Clandeboye*, of *Ballyleidy* and *Killeleagh*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*, and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of *Saint Patrick*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of *Saint Michael* and *Saint George*, and Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of *Canada*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c., being seated in the Chair on the Throne,

The Honorable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House—"It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House,"

Who being come,

The Honorable *Timothy Warren Anglin*, said :

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

The House of Commons have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If in performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Commons, whose servant I am.

The Honorable the Speaker of this House then said :

MR SPEAKER,—I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General to assure you that your words and actions will constantly receive from him the most favorable construction.

His Excellency the Governor General was then pleased to open the Session by a gracious speech to both Houses :—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

In again summoning you for the despatch of business, I am glad to be able to say that nothing beyond the ordinary business of the country requires your attendance.

It afforded me great pleasure to have had an opportunity, before my departure from *Canada*, of visiting the Province of *Manitoba* and a portion of the outside Territories, which visit I accomplished during last Autumn. I have now had the advantage of visiting every Province in the Dominion during the term of my government of *Canada*.

I am happy to be able to say that the arbitration on the Fishery claims, under the terms of the *Washington Treaty*, has been concluded. An award has been made by the Commission of \$5,500,000 as compensation to *Canada* and *Newfoundland* for the use of their Fisheries during the term of the present Treaty. This amount is much less than that claimed by my Government, but having assented to the creation of the tribunal for the determination of their value, we are bound loyally to assent to the decision given.

The exhibition of Canadian manufactures and products at *Sydney, New South Wales*, was successfully carried out. I trust that the result will be the opening up of a new market for Canadian goods even in so remote a region as the Australasian colonies, shipments of Canadian productions having already been made. The expenditure will slightly exceed the estimate, but I doubt not the cost to *Canada* will be amply repaid by the extension of her trade.

Preparations have been uninterruptedly carried on, during the last six months, for securing an ample but select exhibition of *Canada's* products and manufactures at the great exhibition to be held at *Paris* during the current year. A further estimate will be required to meet the expenditure. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as Chairman of the British Commissioners, has assigned a most prominent place to *Canada* in one of the main Towers, where a Canadian Trophy is now being erected.

A very disastrous fire occurred in June last, in the City of *St. John*, which caused the destruction of a large portion of the City, including all the public buildings owned by the Dominion Government. My Government deemed it necessary to contribute \$20,000 to assist in relieving the immediate wants of the people who were rendered destitute by so appalling a calamity. I also sanctioned the appropriation of some public money, with which to commence the erection of new buildings for the public business, which acts you will be asked to confirm in the usual way.

During last summer my Commissioners made another Treaty with the *Blackfeet, Blood and Piegan* Indians, by which the Indian title is extinguished over a territory of 51,000 square miles west of Treaty No. 4, and south of Treaty No. 6. The Treaty has been made on terms nearly the same as those under Treaty No. 6, though somewhat less onerous. The entire territory west of *Lake Superior* to the *Rocky Mountains*, and from the boundary nearly to the 55th degree of North latitude, embracing about 450,000 square miles, has now been acquired by peaceful negotiation with the native tribes, who place implicit faith in the honour and justice of the British Crown.

Early in the past summer a large body of Indians, under *Sitting Bull*, from the *United States*, crossed into British territory, to escape from the *United States* troops, and have since remained on the Canadian side.

The *United States* Government made a friendly but unsuccessful attempt to induce these Indians to return to their reservations. It is to be hoped that such arrangements may yet be made as may lead to their permanent and peaceful settlement, and thus relieve *Canada* of a source of uneasiness and a heavy expenditure.

The surveys of the *Pacific* Railway have been pressed to completion during the past season. A complete instrumental survey of the route, by the valleys of the *North Thompson* and *Lower Fraser* Rivers, has been made with a view to ascertain definitely, whether that route presents more favourable features than the routes already surveyed to *Dean Inlet* and *Bute Inlet* respectively. It is believed that the additional information now obtained will enable my Government to determine which route is the most advantageous from *Tête Jaune Cache* to the sea. Full information will be laid before you at an early day, of the season's work in this and other directions.

I am happy to be able to congratulate you on the abundant harvest reaped in all quarters of the Dominion; and I rejoice that under this and other influences there has been some improvement in the Revenue returns, thus indicating, I trust, that the commercial depression that has so long afflicted *Canada*, in common with other countries, is passing away.

My attention has been called to some imperfections in the existing system of auditing the Public Accounts, and a measure providing for their more thorough and effective supervision will be submitted for your consideration.

The prospect of obtaining, at an early day, greater facilities for reaching the *North Western Territories* and the Province of *Manitoba*, is sure to attract a larger number of settlers every year, and as much of the prosperity of the Dominion depends on the rapid settlement of the fertile lands in these Territories, it is desirable and

necessary to facilitate such settlement as much as possible. In order to effect this, measures will be submitted for your consideration concerning the registration of titles, the enactment of a Homestead Law, and the promotion of Railway enterprise in districts not touched by the *Canada Pacific Railway*.

Your attention will be called to a measure for better securing the independence of Parliament.

Experience has shown that certain changes may advantageously be made in the departmental arrangements existing at present. A bill will be submitted to you for accomplishing this purpose without increasing the expenditure, or the number of Departments.

It is very desirable that there should be uniform legislation in all the Provinces respecting the traffic in spirituous liquors. Hitherto that trade has been regulated by Provincial laws, or laws existing before the Confederation of the Provinces, although there has been lately a conflict of authority as to the jurisdiction of the local authorities. A bill making the necessary provision will be submitted for your consideration.

Various measures found necessary for the amendment of existing laws will also be submitted for your approval.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

The Estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before you at an early day. They have been prepared with an anxious desire to provide for all the branches of the public service and the execution of pressing public works within the limits of the expected revenue, without increasing the burden of taxation.

I have directed that the Public Accounts of the past financial year shall be laid before you.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

The Honorable Mr. Scott presented to the House a Bill, intituled: "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

The Honorable the Speaker reported His Excellency's speech from the Throne, and the same was then read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Scott, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Pelletier, it was

Ordered, That the House do take into consideration the speech of His Excellency the Governor General on Monday next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Scott, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Pelletier, it was

Ordered, That all Members present during this Session be appointed a Committee to consider the Orders and Customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committee have leave to meet in this House when and as often as they please.

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

By the Honorable Mr. Campbell, — Of the Merchants Bank of Canada.

By the Honorable Mr. Miller, — Of Frederick W. Fishwick and others, of the City and County of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of Rimouski for the year 1876.
Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 13.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House the Report of the Librarian on the state of the Library.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

TO THE HONORABLE THE SENATE OF CANADA, IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

The Report of the Librarian of Parliament respectfully sheweth,—

That during the past year continued efforts have been made to render the Law division of the Library complete in all its branches; especially in view of the requirements of the Supreme Court, now in active operation, as well as for the use and behoof of members of the Legislature. Large purchases have been made since last Session in French jurisprudence; and comparatively little now remains to be done to place this important section of the Library upon a proper footing.

In order to facilitate reference to the Law Books, and to exhibit the full extent of this valuable collection, a Classified Catalogue thereof has been prepared, with an Alphabetical Index of authors and subjects. This is now in the press, and will be ready for distribution in a few days.

This work will be followed, as soon as possible, by the issue of a similar Catalogue of the Books on Political and Social Science, and Political Economy, which, together with the Law Books, will embrace all the works in more immediate demand by those who are engaged in the business of legislation.

Considerable additions have likewise been made to all other sections of the Library; particularly in the French department. Some dissatisfaction was expressed last Session by French Canadian Members at the serious deficiencies which were apparent in this portion of the Library. Accordingly, strenuous efforts have been made to remedy this defect; and a larger sum of money has been expended for French Books during the past year than has been customary of late, but not so as to exceed, in the aggregate, the limit of one-third of the Parliamentary grant for the purchase of Books for the two past years, which amount has been approved by the Joint Library Committee as a suitable and necessary proportion of expenditure for French Books.

A Supplementary Catalogue of the additions of the Library within the year has been printed, but this does not include the numerous works on Law and Legislation, which are entered in the Classified Law Catalogue above mentioned.

The usual Lists of Works deposited under the Copyright Act, and of Donations received within the year, are hereunto appended.

Amongst these Donations there are some which are deserving of a special mention:

(1.) The original Photographic Picture of the Fancy Dress Ball that took place at Government House in February, 1876, which has been generously presented to the Library by His Excellency the Governor General. This is a beautiful memento of a memorable event in Canadian social life, and an historical record of permanent interest, not only of the individuals who took part therein, but of the characters they severally assumed.

In making this costly and beautiful gift, Lord Dufferin has expressed a hope that it may "prove the precursor of many another artistic donation to the Art "Treasures of the Dominion," and a first step towards the establishment of a "National Portrait Gallery." Your Librarian would venture to re-echo this desire,

and to solicit, on behalf of all students and lovers of the Fine Arts in *Canada*, the judicious liberality of Parliament to aid in cultivating a sound and enlightened taste, throughout the *Dominion*, in this particular. A small annual grant, to be expended in the purchase of choice productions by native artists, would be a much appreciated boon, and a stimulus to native talent in this direction.

(2.) Through the good offices of Mr. *Edward Allen*, our *London* agent, the Library has become the fortunate possessor of one of a limited number of issues of a great literary curiosity, namely, a copy of the Holy Bible, printed from type previously set up, bound and forwarded from *Oxford* to *London*, in the space of twelve consecutive hours. This wonderful achievement was performed in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the introduction of printing into *England* by *William Caxton*, and it is a striking memorial of the triumph and consummation of the arts of printing and binding since that epoch.

(3.) Another literary treasure of much intrinsic value, recently presented to the Library, is a copy of the annotated Catalogue of all the works printed in relation to *America*, between the years 1482 and 1601, and which are to be found in the private Library of the late *John Carter Brown*, of *Providence, R.I.* This catalogue of a most precious and unique collection, was printed for private circulation only, in the most sumptuous style, and is enriched by bibliographical notes from the pen of the Hon. *John Russell Bartlett*, an accomplished American scholar, and with *fac similes* of original title pages of some of the rarest books on *America*. This catalogue is so highly prized by collectors, that a copy of it has been known to fetch \$325 at a Book auction. The Library is indebted to the widow of *Mr. John Carter Brown* for this interesting volume.

In the last Report, the number of volumes then in the Library was estimated at 83,883. About 4,988 volumes have been added within the year, making a total of 88,871.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALPHEUS TODD,

Librarian of Parliament.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,

February 6th, 1878.

(For list of Copyrights and Donations, &c., vide *Sessional Papers, No. 11.*)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*,
The House adjourned until Monday next at Three o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday, 11th February, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

Aikins,
Alexander,
Allan,
Armand,
Baillargeon,
Bellerose,
Benson,
Botsford,
Bourinot,
Bureau,
Campbell,
Chaffers,
Chapais,
Cochrane,

Cormier,
Dever,
Dickey,
Dumouchel,
Fabre,
Ferguson,
Ferrier,
Girard,
Glasier,
Grant,
Guevremont,
Hamilton (Kingston),
Haviland,
Haythorne,

Kaulbach,
Leonard,
Lewin,
McDonald,
McMaster,
Macfarlane,
Macpherson,
Miller,
Montgomery,
Northup,
Odell,
Paquet,
Pelletier,
Penny,

Power,
Pozer,
Read,
Reesor,
Scott,
Seymour,
Simpson,
Skead,
Stevens,
Sutherland,
Thibaudeau,
Vidal,
Wark,
Wilmot.

PRAYERS:

The following Petition was brought up and laid on the Table:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Thibaudeau*,—Of the *Stadacona* Fire and Life Insurance Company.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Session,

The Honorable Mr. *Thibaudeau* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lewin*,

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to offer the respectful thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which His Excellency has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir *FREDERIC TEMPLE*, Earl of *Dufferin*, Viscount and Baron *Clandeboye*, of *Clandeboye*, in the County *Down* in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron *Dufferin* and *Clandeboye*, of *Ballyleidy* and *Killeleagh*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*, and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of *Saint Patrick*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of *Saint Michael* and *Saint George*, and Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of *Canada*, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of *Canada*, in Parliament assembled, respectfully thank Your Excellency, for your gracious Speech at the opening of this Session.

We rejoice with Your Excellency that in again summoning us for the despatch of business, Your Excellency is able to say that nothing beyond the ordinary business of the country requires our attendance.

We are glad that Your Excellency had an opportunity before your departure from *Canada* of visiting the Province of *Manitoba* and a portion of the outside Territories, which visit Your Excellency accomplished during last Autumn. Your Excellency has now had the advantage of visiting every Province in the Dominion during the term of your government of *Canada*.

We are happy to be informed that the arbitration on the Fishery Claims, under the terms of the *Washington Treaty*, has been concluded, and that an award has been made by the Commission of \$5,500,000 as compensation to *Canada* and *Newfoundland* for the use of their fisheries during the term of the present treaty. Though this amount is much less than that claimed by Your Excellency's Government, we agree with Your Excellency that having assented to the creation of the tribunal for the determination of their value, we are bound loyally to assent to the decision given.

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We regret to know that a very disastrous fire occurred in June last in the City of *St. John*, which caused the destruction of a large portion of the City, including all the public buildings owned by the Dominion Government. Your Excellency's Government having deemed it necessary to contribute \$20,000 to assist in relieving the immediate wants of the people who were rendered destitute by so appalling a calamity, and Your Excellency having also sanctioned the appropriation of some public money, with which to commence the erection of new buildings for the public business, we shall be ready to do our part towards confirming those acts in the usual way.

We are glad to learn from Your Excellency that during last summer Your Excellency's Commissioners made another Treaty with the *Blackfeet, Blood* and *Piegan* Indians, by which the Indian title is extinguished over a territory of 51,000 square miles west of Treaty No. 4, and south of Treaty No. 6, that the Treaty has been made on terms nearly the same as those under Treaty No. 6, though somewhat less onerous; and that the entire territory west of *Lake Superior* to the *Rocky Mountains*, and from the boundary nearly to the 55th degree of North latitude, embracing about 450,000 square miles has now been acquired by peaceful negotiation with the native tribes, who place implicit faith in the honour and justice of the British Crown.

We thank Your Excellency for the important information that early in the past summer a large body of Indians, under *Sitting Bull*, from the *United States*, crossed into British territory to escape from the *United States* troops, and have since remained on the Canadian side, and that the *United States* Government made a friendly but unsuccessful attempt to induce these Indians to return to their reservations. We agree with Your Excellency in hoping that such arrangements may yet be made as may lead to their permanent and peaceful settlement, and thus relieve *Canada* of a source of uneasiness and a heavy expenditure.

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enable Your Excellency's Government to determine which route is the most advantageous from *Tête Jaune Cache* to the sea. We thank Your Excellency for the promise that full information will be laid before us at an early day of the season's work in this and other directions.

We accept with thankfulness Your Excellency's congratulations on the abundant harvest reaped in all quarters of the Dominion; and we rejoice with Your Excellency that, under this and other influences, there has been some improvement in the Revenue returns, thus indicating, we also trust, that the commercial depression that has so long afflicted *Canada*, in common with other countries, is passing away.

Your Excellency having been pleased to inform us that your attention has been called to some imperfections in the existing system of auditing the Public Accounts, and that a measure providing for their more thorough and effective supervision will be submitted for our consideration, we beg leave to say that we shall not fail carefully to consider such measure.

We agree with Your Excellency in thinking that the prospect of obtaining, at an early day, greater facilities for reaching the *North-Western Territories* and the Province of *Manitoba* is sure to attract a larger number of settlers every year; and that, as much of the prosperity of the Dominion depends on the rapid settlement of the fertile lands in those Territories, it is desirable and necessary to facilitate such settlement as much as possible. We beg leave to assure Your Excellency that our most earnest and careful attention will be given to the measures which Your Excellency has been pleased to inform us will, in order to effect this, be submitted for our consideration concerning the registration of titles, the enactment of Homestead Law, and the promotion of Railway enterprise in districts not touched by the *Canada Pacific Railway*.

We shall also carefully consider the measure for better securing the independence of Parliament, to which Your Excellency has been pleased to inform us that our attention will be called.

We thank Your Excellency for drawing our attention to the fact that experience has shown that certain changes may advantageously be made in the departmental arrangements existing at present. The bill for accomplishing this purpose without increasing the expenditure, or the number of departments, which Your Excellency has been pleased to say will be submitted to us, will not fail to receive our most attentive consideration.

We concur with Your Excellency in the opinion that it is very desirable that there should be uniform legislation in all the Provinces respecting the traffic in spirituous liquors. Hitherto, that trade has been regulated by Provincial laws, or laws existing before the Confederation of the Provinces, although there has been lately a conflict of authority as to the jurisdiction of the local authorities. The bill making the necessary provision which Your Excellency has been pleased to say will be submitted for our consideration, will meet with careful attention from us.

And Your Excellency may depend upon the careful attention and consideration of this House being given to the various measures found necessary for the amendment of existing laws which Your Excellency is pleased to intimate will also be submitted for our approval.

After Debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Macpherson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macfarlane*, it was

Ordered, That further Debate on the said motion be postponed until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*,
The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 12th February, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aitkin,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Pater,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Reed,</i>
<i>Bailargeon,</i>	<i>Dumoussel,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Rossor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bottford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Skedd,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Giabre,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Northrup,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Guevremont,</i>	<i>Otell,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cornwall,</i>			

PRAYERS :

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Aitkin*,—Of Messrs. *A. & H. Burns* and others, Manufacturers of Soda Water, in the City of *Toronto*, and elsewhere in the Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*,—Of the Honorable Sir *Alexander Galt*, K.C.M.G., and others, all of the City of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cochrane*,—Of the American Association of Breeders of Short-horns.

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

Of the Merchants Bank of *Canada*, praying for an Act reducing the Capital Stock of the said Bank to such proportion of its present subscribed Capital, not exceeding seventy-five cents on the dollar thereof as may be deemed necessary under reserve of the right of the said Bank to require payment of any portion of such subscribed stock as now remains unpaid

Of *Frederick W. Fishwick*, and others, of the City and County of *Halifax*, in the Province of *Nova Scotia*, praying for an Act of Incorporation as an Express Company.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. *Thibaudeau's* motion, viz. :—

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to offer the respectful thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which His Excellency has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely :—

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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of *Canada*, in Parliament assembled, respectfully thank Your Excellency, for your gracious Speech at the opening of this Session.

We rejoice with Your Excellency that in again summoning us for the despatch of business, Your Excellency is able to say that nothing beyond the ordinary business of the country requires our attendance.

We are glad that Your Excellency had an opportunity before your departure from *Canada* of visiting the Province of *Manitoba* and a portion of the outside Territories, which visit Your Excellency accomplished during last Autumn. Your Excellency has now had the advantage of visiting every Province in the Dominion during the term of your government of *Canada*.

We are happy to be informed that the arbitration on the Fishery Claims, under the terms of the *Washington Treaty*, has been concluded, and that an award has been made by the Commission of \$5,500,000 as compensation to *Canada* and *Newfoundland* for the use of their fisheries during the term of the present treaty. Though this amount is much less than that claimed by Your Excellency's Government, we agree with Your Excellency that having assented to the creation of the tribunal for the determination of their value, we are bound loyally to assent to the decision given.

We rejoice to know that the exhibition of Canadian manufactures and products at *Sydney*, *New South Wales*, was successfully carried out. We trust that the result will be the opening up of a new market for Canadian goods even in so remote a region as the Australasian colonies, shipments of Canadian productions having already been made. Though the expenditure may exceed the estimate, we doubt not the cost to *Canada* will be amply repaid by the extension of her trade.

It gives us great pleasure to learn that preparations have been uninterruptedly carried on, during the last six months, for securing an ample but select exhibition of *Canada's* products and manufactures at the great exhibition to be held at *Paris* during the current year. We are prepared to concur in any further grant that may be required to meet the expenditure. That His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, as Chairman of the British Commissioners, has assigned a prominent place to *Canada* in one of the main Towers, where a Canadian Trophy is now being erected, we are also very glad to hear.

We regret to know that a very disastrous fire occurred in June last in the City of *St. John*, which caused the destruction of a large portion of the City, including all the public buildings owned by the Dominion Government. Your Excellency's Government having deemed it necessary to contribute \$20,000 to assist in relieving the immediate wants of the people who were rendered destitute by so appalling a calamity, and Your Excellency having also sanctioned the appropriation of some public money, with which to commence the erection of new buildings for the public business, we shall be ready to do our part towards confirming those acts in the usual way.

We are glad to learn from Your Excellency that during last summer Your Excellency's Commissioners made another Treaty with the *Blackfeet*, *Blood* and *Piegan* Indians, by which the Indian title is extinguished over a territory of 51,000 square

miles west of Treaty No. 4, and south of Treaty No. 6; that the Treaty has been made on terms nearly the same as those under Treaty No. 6, though somewhat less onerous; and that the entire territory west of *Lake Superior* to the *Rocky Mountains*, and from the boundary nearly to the 55th degree of North latitude, embracing about 450,000 square miles, has now been acquired by peaceful negotiation with the native tribes, who place implicit faith in the honour and justice of the British Crown.

We thank Your Excellency for the important information that early in the past summer a large body of Indians, under *Sitting Bull*, from the *United States*, crossed into British territory to escape from the *United States* troops, and have since remained on the Canadian side, and that the *United States* Government made a friendly but unsuccessful attempt to induce these Indians to return to their reservations. We agree with Your Excellency in hoping that such arrangements may yet be made as may lead to their permanent and peaceful settlement, and thus relieve *Canada* of a source of uneasiness and a heavy expenditure.

It affords us great satisfaction to be informed that the Surveys of the *Pacific Railway* have been pressed to completion during the past season; that a complete instrumental survey of the route, by the valleys of the *North Thompson* and *Lower Fraser* Rivers, has been made, with a view to ascertain definitely whether that route presents more favourable features than the routes already surveyed to *Dean Inlet* and *Bute Inlet* respectively; and that it is believed that the additional information now obtained will enable Your Excellency's Government to determine which route is the most advantageous from *Tête Jaune Cache* to the sea. We thank Your Excellency for the promise that full information will be laid before us at an early day of the season's work in this and other directions.

We accept with thankfulness Your Excellency's congratulations on the abundant harvest reaped in all quarters of the Dominion; and we rejoice with your Excellency, that under this and other influences there has been some improvement in the Revenue returns, thus indicating, we also trust, that the commercial depression that has so long afflicted *Canada*, in common with other countries, is passing away.

Your Excellency having been pleased to inform us that your attention has been called to some imperfections in the existing system of auditing the Public Accounts, and that a measure providing for their more thorough and effective supervision will be submitted for our consideration, we beg leave to say that we shall not fail carefully to consider such measure.

We agree with Your Excellency in thinking that the prospect of obtaining, at an early day, greater facilities for reaching the *North Western Territories* and the Province of *Manitoba* is sure to attract a larger number of settlers every year; and that, as much of the prosperity of the Dominion depends on the rapid settlement of the fertile lands in those Territories, it is desirable and necessary to facilitate such settlement as much as possible. We beg leave to assure Your Excellency that our most earnest and careful attention will be given to the measures which Your Excellency has been pleased to inform us will, in order to effect this, be submitted for our consideration concerning the registration of titles, the enactment of a Homestead Law, and the promotion of Railway enterprise in districts not touched by the *Canada Pacific Railway*.

We shall also carefully consider the measure for better securing the independence of Parliament, to which Your Excellency has been pleased to inform us that our attention will be called.

We thank Your Excellency for drawing our attention to the fact that experience has shown that certain changes may advantageously be made in the departmental arrangements existing at present. The bill for accomplishing this purpose, without increasing the expenditure, or the number of departments, which Your Excellency has been pleased to say will be submitted to us, will not fail to receive our most attentive consideration.

We concur with Your Excellency in the opinion that it is very desirable that there should be uniform legislation in all the Provinces respecting the traffic in spirituous liquors. Hitherto that trade has been regulated by Provincial laws, or

Laws existing before the Confederation of the Provinces, although there has been lately a conflict of authority as to the jurisdiction of the local authorities. The bill making the necessary provision which Your Excellency has been pleased to say will be submitted for our consideration, will meet with careful attention from us.

And Your Excellency may depend upon the careful attention and consideration of this House being given to the various measures found necessary for the amendment of existing laws which Your Excellency is pleased to intimate will also be submitted for our approval.

After Debate,

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Wark*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McDonald*,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 13th February, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Poser,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Smyour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Glazier,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gusvremont,</i>	<i>Ozell,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wilmet.</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>			

PRAYERS :

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*,—Of the Reverend *J. Dequoi*, Curé of *St. Michel Archange*, and others, of the County of *Napierville*, in the Province of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *McMaster*,—Of the Reverend *Robert Alexander Fyfe*, and others, of the Provinces of *Ontario* and *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Read*,—Of *John Stewart*, of the City of *Kingston*, in the Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,—Of the *Quebec Fire Insurance Company*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Penny*,—Of *George F. Johnston*, of the City of *Montreal*, in the Province of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*,—Of *David Fisher*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, and *Jane Mahina Draper*, of the Town of *Whitby*, Widow, Province of *Ontario*.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petition was read :—

Of the *Stadacona Fire and Life Insurance Company*; praying for an Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the said Company, authorizing the reduction of its capital stock, and for other purposes.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House the following certificate from the Clerk of the Senate :—

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SENATE,
Wednesday, 13th February, 1878.

In the matter of *George F. Johnston's* Petition for a Bill of Divorce.

I hereby certify that I have received from the Petitioner the fee of two hundred dollars, in accordance with the 83rd Rule of this House.

ROBERT LAFLOUPE,
Clerk of the Senate.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A List of the Shareholders of *La Banque Nationale* made up to the 16th April, 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 15.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, Minister of Agriculture, presented to the House Tables of the Trade and Navigation of the Dominion of *Canada* for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1877.

And also the Report of the Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion of *Canada* for the calendar year 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Nos. 2 and 9.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Bureau* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all documents and pleadings relating to the questions decided by the award rendered at *Halifax*, on the subject of the indemnity of five million five hundred thousand

dollars, under the Treaty of *Washington*, particularly the twenty-second and twenty-third articles of that Treaty, and all copies of all letters and despatches between Her Majesty's Government and those of the *United States of America* and of *Canada* on the same subject since the rendering of the award.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Miller* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, all surveys and reports made by any Government Engineer within the last six years, in relation to the breakwater at *West Arichat*, in the Island of *Cape Breton*.

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

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*,
The House adjourned.

Thursday, 14th February, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

Aikins,
Alexander,
Armand,
Baillargeon,
Bellerose,
Benson,
Botsford,
Bourinot,
Brown,
Bureau,
Campbell,
Chaffers,
Chapais,
Chinic,
Cochrane,

Cormier,
Cornwall,
Dever,
Dickey,
Dickson,
Dumbuchel,
Fabre,
Ferguson,
Ferrier,
Girard,
Glabier,
Grant,
Gubremont,
Hamilton (Kingston),
Hawiland,

Haythorn,
Kaulbach,
Leonard,
Lewin,
McDonald
McMaster,
Macfarlane,
Macpherson,
Miller,
Montgomery,
Northup,
Odell,
Piquet,
Pelletier,

Penny,
Power,
Poser,
Read,
Reesor,
Scott,
Seymour,
Simpson,
Skead,
Stevens,
Sutherland,
Vidal,
Wark,
Wilmot.

PRAYERS:

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

By the Honorable Mr. Aikins,—Of *Hugh Hunter*, of the Township of *Egremont*, in the County of *Grey* and Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable Mr. Campbell,—Of *John Walker*, and others, of *London* and *Toronto*, in the Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable the Speaker,—Of *Margaret Jones*, President, and *Bella Lightbody*, Secretary, of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, of the City of *Brantford*, in the Province of *Ontario*.

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

Of *A. & H. Burns*, and others, Manufacturers of Soda Water in the City of *Toronto* and elsewhere in the Province of *Ontario*; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the Petitioners to register in a proper office a description of the names or marks stamped upon their bottles, and making it unlawful for any person to traffic in bottles so marked without the consent of the rightful owner.

Of the Honorable Sir *Alexander Galt*, K.C.M.G., and others, all of the City of *Montreal*; praying for an Act of Incorporation as "The Dominion Company."

Of the American Association of Breeders of Short Horns; praying for the abolition of Duties upon Live Stock other than thoroughbred into *Canada*.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A List of Shareholders of the Eastern Townships Bank, made up to the 2nd January, 1878.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 15.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House the following certificate from the Clerk of the Senate:—

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SENATE,
Thursday, 14th February, 1878.

In the matter of *Hugh Hunter's* Petition for a Bill of Divorce.

I hereby certify that I have received from the Petitioner the fee of two hundred dollars, in accordance with the 83rd Rule of this House.

ROBERT LEMOINE,
Clerk of the Senate.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Miller moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Dickey,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to lay before this House, a statement shewing the amount of money expended during the past year on the *L'Ardoise* Breakwater in the Island of *Cape Breton*, and the mode of such expenditure with the authority therefor.

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

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Hamilton (*Kingston*), seconded by the Honorable Mr. Montgomery,

The House adjourned.

Friday, 15th February, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bdurinot,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macpherson</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gutvremont,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Ohnic,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Pelletier</i>	

PRAYERS

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

By the Honorable Mr. *McMaster*,—Of the Dominion Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Association.

By the Honorable Mr. *Skead*,—Of the *Montreal* and City of *Ottawa* Junction Railway Company.

By the Honorable Mr. *Baillargeon*,—Of *Louis Bourget*, President, and others, Directors of the Mutual Building Society.

By the Honorable the Speaker,—Of *James Weyms* and *Joseph N. Johnston*, of the City of *Brantford*, in the Province of *Ontario*.

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

Of the Reverend *J. Dequoi*, Curé of the Parish of *St. Michel Archange*, and others, of the County of *Napierville*, Province of *Quebec*; complaining that the Grand Trunk Railway Company fails to fulfill the duties and obligations of the former *Champlain* Railway Company imposed upon said Grand Trunk Railway Company by the Act 20th Victoria, Cap. 142, and praying that an Act may be passed to secure the good working of Railways in *Canada*.

Of the Reverend *Robert Alexander Fyfe*, and others, praying for the Incorporation of the Regular Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of *Ontario* and *Quebec*.

Of *John Stewart*, of the City of *Kingston*, praying for the passing of an Act to give jurisdiction to the Court of Queen's Bench of *Ontario*, to make an order for the

repayment to the said *John Stewart* of the sum of one thousand dollars, deposited by him with his Petition against the return of the Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*.

Of the *Quebec Fire Assurance Company*, praying for amendments to its Act of Incorporation.

Of *David Fisher*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, and *Jane Malvina Draper*, of the Town of *Whitby*, in the Province of *Ontario*, Executor and Executrix of the will of the late *Chester Draper*, of the said Town of *Whitby*, praying for an Act to enable them to sell and dispose of the property and franchise of the *Port Whitby Harbour Company* belonging to the estate of the late *Chester Draper*.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chaffers*, it was

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *J. Dequoi*, Curé of the Parish of *St. Michel Archange* and others, of the County of *Napierville*, Province of *Quebec*, be printed for the use of Members.

The Honorable Mr. *Lewin* presented to the House,—A List of the Shareholders of the Bank of *New Brunswick*, dated 17th January, 1878.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 15.*)

The Order of the Day being read for the reading of the Petition of *George F. Johnston*, of the City of *Montreal*, in the Province of *Quebec*, praying for the passing of an Act to dissolve his marriage with *Charlotte Elsie McArthur*.

The Honorable Mr. *Penny* presented to the House certain papers, the Return of Service and the notice for Bill of Divorce.

The latter papers were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

CANADA,
Province of *Quebec*,
District of *Montreal*.

I, *Medard E. Mercier*, of the City and District of *Montreal*, one of the sworn bailiffs of the Superior Court for *Lower Canada*, now the Province of *Quebec*, being duly sworn, make oath and say as follows.—

1. That I did, between the hours of six and seven of the clock in the afternoon of Thursday, the twenty-first day of June instant (one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven) personally serve *Charlotte Elsie McArthur*, the wife of *George Frothingham Johnston*, of the said City of *Montreal*, Clerk, with a duplicate of the hereunto annexed notice of application for a divorce, and of the notice thereto attached, by leaving the same with the said *Charlotte Elsie McArthur*, at the dwelling-house of her father in the said City of *Montreal*.

2. Before I served the said *Charlotte Elsie McArthur*, I told her that I now serve her with duplicates of the said notice of application, and of the notice thereto attached at the instance of her husband, and at his request. She said she did not care. I have known the said *Charlotte Elsie McArthur* for the last two or three years.

And I have signed.

(Signed) M. E. MERCIER, B. L. C.

Sworn before me at the City of
Montreal aforesaid, the twenty-
third day of June, one thousand
eight hundred and seventy-seven,

Fees \$1.00.

C. P. DAVIDSON,

A Commissioner for taking affidavits in the Province of *Quebec*, for use in the Province of *Ontario*.

" A. "

Province of *Quebec*, } To Wit:
 District of *Montreal*. }

To *Dame Charlotte Elsie McArthur*, of the City of *Montreal*, in the said District, wife of the undersigned *George Frothingham Johnston*, of the said City of *Montreal*, Clerk. Take notice of the annexed notice of application for Divorce, and that the same is published in the *Canada Gazette*, published at *Ottawa*, and will further be published in the *Weekly Gazette* and the *Weekly Minerva*, published at the said City of *Montreal*.
 Dated at the said City of *Montreal*, this twelfth day of June, A. D. 1877.

GEORGE FROTHINGHAM JOHNSTON.

" B. "

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of *Canada* at the next Session thereof, by *George Frothingham Johnston*, of the City of *Montreal*, in the Province of *Quebec*, Clerk, for a Bill of Divorce from *Charlotte Elsie McArthur*, his wife, of the City of *Montreal*, aforesaid, on the ground of adultery.
 Dated at *Montreal*, the twelfth day of June, 1877.

GEORGE FROTHINGHAM JOHNSTON.

The Honorable Mr. *Penny* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Odell*, That the Petition of *George Frothingham Johnston*, of the City of *Montreal*, in the Province of *Quebec*, praying for an act to dissolve his marriage with *Charlotte Elsie McArthur*, be now read and received.

Which, being objected to,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was, on a division, resolved in the affirmative, and

The Petition of *George Frothingham Johnston* was then read and received.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended until Monday the 25th day of February instant.

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chapais*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, copies of all specifications on which tenders were invited to construct the *Lake Superior* and *Fort Garry* sections of the Canadian *Pacific* Telegraph; also, copies of all correspondence between the Government and persons tendering for the same; also, copies of all contracts for the construction of the several portions thereof.

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

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the Honorable Messieurs *Alexander*, *Allan*, *Baillargeon*, *Bourinot*, *Chapais*, *Cornwall*, *Fabre*, *Ferguson*, *Huythorne*, *Miller*, *Montgomery*, *Reesor*, *Ryan*, *Stevens*, *Trudel* and *Wilmot*, be appointed a Committee to assist His Honor the Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of this House are concerned; and to act on behalf of this House as Members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Scott, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Pelletier, it was

Ordered, That the Honorable Messieurs Aikins, Alexander, Allan, Benson, Brown, Bureau, Campbell, Chapais, Chénic, Dickey, Ferguson, Ferrier, Hamilton (Kingston), Hope, Howlan, Kaubach, Leonard, Lewin, McClelan (Hopewell), McDonald (Toronto), McMaster, Macdonald (Victoria), Macpherson, Montgomery, Piquet, Pelletier, Price, Reesor, Ryan, Scott, Simpson, Skead, Smith, Stevens, Sutherland, Thibaudeau, Vidal, and Wilmot, be appointed a Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, for the present Session, to whom shall be referred all Bills on those subjects.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Scott, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Pelletier, it was

Ordered, That the Honorable Messieurs Aikins, Alexander, Armand, Botsford, Brown, Campbell, Carrall, Chaffers, Cormier, Dickey, Dickson, Dumouchel, Girard, Grant, Hamilton (Inkerman), Leonard, McClelan (Hopewell), McDonald, (Toronto), McLelan (Londonderry), Macfarlane, Macpherson, Miller, Muirhead, Piquet, Pelletier, Penny, Pozer, Read, Ryan, Scott, Seymour, Skead, Smith, Thibaudeau and Wilmot, be appointed a Committee to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Senate for the present Session.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Scott, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Pelletier, it was

Ordered, That the Honorable Messieurs Aikins, Allan, Archibald, Armand, Bellerose, Botsford, Bourinot, Cornwall, Dever, Dickson, Ferrier, Flint, Girard, Glasier, Grant, Guéremont, Haviland, Haythorne, Hope, Macfarlane, Miller, Montgomery, Northup, Odell, Piquet, Pelletier, Power, Pozer, Scott, Trudel and Vidal, be appointed a Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, with power to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as may be referred to the said Committee, to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, and to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Scott, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Pelletier, it was

Resolved, That the Honorable Messieurs Aikins, Bellerose, Bureau, Carrall, Cochrane, Fabre, Ferrier, Haythorne, McLelan (Londonderry), Macfarlane, Penny, Reesor, Scott, Simpson and Wark, be appointed a Committee to superintend the Printing of this House during the present Session, and be instructed to act on behalf of this House with the Committee of the House of Commons, as a Joint Committee of both Houses, on the subject of Printing.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Scott, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Pelletier, it was

Ordered, That the Honorable Messieurs Aikins, Alexander, Brown, Bureau, Campbell, Dickey, Macpherson, Miller, Pelletier, Penny, Power, Scott and Wilmot, be appointed a Committee to enquire into the best means to be adopted to obtain correct Reports of the Debates and Proceedings of the Senate, and for the publication of the same, and to report from time to time their views to the House.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Hamilton (Kingston), seconded by the Honorable Mr. Montgomery,

The House adjourned until Monday next at Three o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday, 18th February, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Loonard,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Seevens,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Pdquet,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>

PRAYERS :

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*,—Of the *Canada Southern Railway Company*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Pdquet*,—Of *Hubert Belisle*, and others, Pilots for the Ports of *Quebec* and *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *McMaster*,—Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Grey*, in the Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Reesor*,—Of the *Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*,—Of the Municipal Council of the Town of *St. Thomas*, in the Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Penny*,—Of *Charles A. M. Globensky*, of *St. Rustache*, in the Province of *Quebec*; and of the *Montreal Building Association*.

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

Of *John Walker*, and others, of *London* and *Toronto*, in the Province of *Ontario*; praying for an Act to allow any Railway Company to cross the tracks of the *Grand Trunk Railway Company* at such place between *John* and *York Streets*, in the City of *Toronto*, as may be necessary to obtain access to a certain wharf and water-lot.

Of *Margaret Jones*, President, and *Bella Lightbody*, Secretary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the City of *Brantford*, in the Province of *Ontario*; praying that during the present Session an Act be passed to amend the Temperance Act of 1864.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A List of the Shareholders of the *Quebec Bank*, made up to the 31st December, 1877.

Also, a List of the Shareholders of *Exchange Bank of Canada*, made up to the 12th February, 1878.

Also, a List of the Shareholders of the *Bank Ville Marie*, made up to the 4th February, 1878.

And also a List of the Shareholders of *The National Investment Company (Limited)*, made up to the 31st December, 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 15.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House the Official Return of the distribution of the Dominion Statutes of *Canada*, 40th Vic., 4th Session 3rd Parliament, 1877.

Also, the Annual Report of the Minister of Public Works for the fiscal year, 1st July, 1876, to 30th June, 1877, on the Works under his control.

Also the Tenth Annual Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, being for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1877.

And also the Public Accounts of *Canada* for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Nos. 7, 1 and 5.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, Minister of Agriculture, presented to the House the Report of the Postmaster General for the year ending 30th June, 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 6.*)

The Order of the Day being read for the reading of the Petition of *Hugh Hunter*, of the Township of *Egremont*, in the County of *Grey* and Province of *Ontario*; praying for the passing of an Act to dissolve his marriage with *Catherine McPhee*,

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* presented to the House certain papers, the Return of Service and the Notice for Bill of Divorce.

The latter papers were then read by the Clerk as follow:—

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DIVORCE.

I hereby give notice that I intend to apply to the Parliament of *Canada*, at the next Session thereof, for a divorce from *Catherine Hunter*, formerly *Catherine McPhee*, to whom I was lawfully married—on the ground that said *Catherine Hunter* is living in adultery with one *Tait* in the City of *Toronto*.

Dated at *Egremont*, in the County of *Grey*, this first day of August, A.D., 1877.

(Signed) HUGH HUNTER.

Served a copy of this notice on *Catherine Hunter*, at the Village of *Yorkville*, between the hours of 10 o'clock and 15 past 10 o'clock, a.m., the first day of February, 1878.

WILKIN B. BUTLER.

EXHIBIT "A."

This is the exhibit marked "A" referred to in the affidavit of *Wilkin Bromilow Butler*, hereunto annexed, sworn to before me this 2nd day of February, A.D., 1878.

E. M. CHADWICK,
A Commissioner, &c.

Canada,
County of York, }
To wit:

I *Wilkin Bromilow Butler*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, Land Agent, make oath and say:—

1. On Friday the first day of this present month of February, I did personally serve upon *Catherine Hunter*, the wife of *Hugh Hunter*, of the Township of *Egremont*, in the County of *Grey*, Farmer, a notice of application for Divorce, a duplicate whereof, in words and figures the same, is hereunto annexed, and now produced and shown to me marked "A."
2. The said service was made at the Village of *Yorkville*, in the house of one *Tait*, with whom the said *Catherine Hunter* habitually resides.
3. When I served the said notice on the said *Catherine Hunter*, I told her I did so at the instance of Mr. *Hugh Hunter*, her husband, and that she could appear to answer the application.
4. The said *Catherine Hunter*, read the said annexed notice in my presence and appeared clearly to understand the object of the notice which I so served upon her, and said that she knew all about the matter it referred to, and that it was all right.
5. That I know that the person I so served with said notice is *Catherine Hunter* the wife of the said *Hugh Hunter*: of *Egremont*, by reason of the said *Catherine Hunter* having been identified to me in the month of August last, by *James Murdoch*, of the said Township of *Egremont*, who was present as I am informed and believe at the marriage of the said *Hugh* and *Catherine Hunter*.
6. That at the time of such identification, the said *Catherine Hunter*, the said *Tait* with whom she was then residing, the said *James Murdoch* and myself, were all present together, and the said *Catherine Hunter* and said *Tait* then admitted that she was the wife of the said *Hugh Hunter*, and that she and *Tait* were living together as man and wife, and that two children who were present were her children by the said *Tait*.

Sworn before me at the City of *Toronto*,
in the County of *York*, this second
day of February, A.D., 1878. }

WILKIN B. BUTLER.

E. M. CHADWICK,
A Commissioner, &c.

Re-sworn before me this 15th day of
February, A.D., 1878, at the City of
Toronto, in the County of *York*. }

JOHN HEDLAM,
J. P. County of *York*.

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Odell*, That the Petition of *Hugh Hunter*, of the Township of *Egremont*, in the County of *Grey*, and Province of *Ontario*; praying for the passing of an Act to dissolve his marriage with *Catherine McPhee*, be now read and received,
Which being objected to,
The question of concurrence was put thereon, the same was, on a division, resolved in the affirmative, and
The Petition of *Hugh Hunter* was then read and received.

The Honorable Mr. Scott, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 6th April, 1877, praying that His Excellency will require the Grand Trunk Railway Company to furnish the following information respecting the freight and passenger traffic over the Victoria Bridge during the years 1875 and 1876, according to the following Table:—

VICTORIA BRIDGE FREIGHT AND PASSENGER TRAFFIC, 1876.

RAILWAY CO'Y. — CARS:	No. of Freight Cars.	No. of Tons Freight.	Average rate per Car.	Total Freight Receipts.	No. of Passenger Cars.	Total Number of Passengers.	Average rate per Passenger.	Total Passenger Receipts.	Total Number Freight and Passenger Cars
Grand Trunk									
Vermont Central									
South-Eastern									
Montreal & Portland.									
Other Companies									
Totals									

Also the cost of building the Victoria Bridge and the cost of maintenance for 1876. Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(Vide Sessional Papers, No. 24.)

The Honorable Mr. Scott, Secretary of State, presented to the House, a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General dated 9th March, 1877, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all instructions to Mr. Fleming, Engineer-in-Chief of the Pacific Railway, on the subject of a series of questions, submitted through the Colonial Office to Naval Officers and others, relating to certain Harbors in British Columbia and a site for the terminus of the line on the Pacific Coast.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(Vide Sessional Papers, No. 25.)

The Honorable Mr. Scott, Secretary of State, presented to the House, a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 9th April, 1877, praying His Excellency to be pleased to cause to be laid before this House:—

1. Copies of all letters and correspondence between the Government of the Dominion of Canada and the Montreal Harbor Commissioners on the subject of the refusal of the said Commissioners to allow cars and locomotive engines for the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway to pass over the wharves in the Harbor of Montreal, or over any land over which the said Harbor Commissioners claim control, from the 1st June to the 1st September, 1876.

2. Copies of all instructions and orders given by the Government of the Dominion of Canada to the Montreal Harbor Commissioners on the subject of the passing of cars and locomotive engines for the said Railroad over the said wharves at Montreal, or over any part of the said Harbor over which the said Commissioners claim control, during the same period.

3. Copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Dominion of *Canada* and that of the Province of *Quebec* on the same subject, during the same period.

4. Copies of all resolutions, letters, complaints, petitions or other documents addressed to the Government of the Dominion of *Canada* by any citizens of *Montreal*, or any Aldermen of the City of *Montreal*, on the same subject, during the same period.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 26.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Miller* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bowinot*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, all reports, surveys, plans or alteration of plains, contracts or assignments of contracts, and Orders in Council, made within the last two years, in connection with the enlargement of *St. Peter's Canal*, in the Island of *Cape Breton*.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Miller* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, copies of all correspondence between the Post-office Inspector for *Nova Scotia* and any other person or persons, during the months of November, December and January last past, in relation to Mail irregularities between the Post Offices of *Arichat*, *Hawkesbury* and *Antigonish* in the said Province, and all evidence obtained and reports made by the said Inspector in connection with the same.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Haythorne* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a Return specifying:—

1st. The sums expended in repairing the Steamship *Northern Light* during the year 1877.

2nd. The number of passages made by the said Steamship between the Ports of *Georgetown* in *Prince Edward Island* and *Pictou* in *Nova Scotia*.

3rd. The number of Mails received on board the said Steamship and delivered up to the 14th instant.

4th. The number of Mails which have been despatched for transmission by the said Steamship, but have ultimately been transmitted by some other means.

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

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Wark*,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 19th February, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wilmot,</i>

PRAYERS :

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*,—Of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*; and of the Honorable *James Ferrier* and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Benson*,—Of the *Sydenham Harbor* Company.

By the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*,—Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex* in the Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Penny*,—Of the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company; and of the *Canada Central* Railway Company.

By the Honorable Mr. *Vidal*,—Of the Honorable *A. Vidal*, President, and others, of the Dominion Alliance for the suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

By the Honorable Mr. *Trudel*,—Of *Moise Viau*, and others, of *Beauharnois*; of the Reverend *O. Blanchard*, and others, of *St. Isidore*; of *Arsens Vinet*, and others, of *St. Urban*; and of the National Insurance Company.

By the Honorable Mr. *Miller*,—Of the Agricultural Mutual Assurance Association of *Canada*.

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

Of the Dominion Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Association; praying for the passing of an Act giving the said Association power to insure the members of the Dominion Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry of *Canada* against loss or damage by fire in any part of *Canada*, and to establish, in connection with such Association, a Mutual Benefit Branch for the members of said Dominion Grange.

Of the *Montreal* and City of *Ottawa Junction Railway Company*; praying for an Act to extend the time for completing the said Railway until the 30th day of April, 1884, and that such amendments and provisions may be made as the said extension of time may render expedient or necessary.

Of the Mutual Building Society of the City of *Quebec*; praying for an Act granting them additional powers, and otherwise amending their Act of Incorporation.

Of *James Weyms* and *Joseph N. Johnston*, of the City of *Brantford*, in the Province of *Ontario*; praying that the Temperance Act of 1864 may be so amended as to render it more efficient in suppressing the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A List of the Shareholders of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, *Toronto, Ontario*, made up to the 12th February, 1878.

And also, a Return of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of *Beauharnois*, in the Province of *Quebec*, dated the 15th February, 1878.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Nos. 13 and 15.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—The Clerk's Accounts and Vouchers for the year 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their First Report, recommending the reduction of the quorum of the said Committee to Nine Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Benson*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their Second Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ROOM,
19th February, 1878.

The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honor to present the following as their Second Report:

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *George F. Johnston*, of the City of *Montreal*, in the Province of *Quebec*, praying for an Act to dissolve his marriage

with *Charlotte Elsie McArthur*; and also the Petition of *Hugh Hunter*, of the Township of *Egremonti*, in the County of *Grey*, and Province of *Ontario*, praying for an Act to dissolve his marriage with *Catherine McPhee*, and find that the provisions of the Seventy-second Rule of this House have been complied with.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM MILLER,
Chairman.

The Honorable Mr. Penny presented to the House a Bill intituled "An Act for the relief of *George Frothingham Johnston*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

The Honorable Mr. Penny moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Odell,

That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday, the sixth day of March next, and that notice thereof be fixed on the doors of this House, and Senators summoned, and that the said *George Frothingham Johnston* may be heard by his counsel at the second reading to make out the truth of the allegations of the said Bill; and that *Charlotte Elsie McArthur*, or *Charlotte Elsie Johnston*, may have a copy of the said Bill, and that notice be given to her of the said second reading, or sufficient proof adduced of the impossibility of so doing, and that she be at liberty to be heard by counsel what she may have to offer against the said Bill, at the same time; that the said *George Frothingham Johnston* do attend this House on the said sixth day of March next, in order to his being examined on the second reading of the said Bill; if the House shall think fit whether there has or has not been any collusion directly or indirectly on his part relative to any act of adultery that may have been committed by his wife, or whether there be any collusion directly or indirectly between him and his wife, or any other person or persons touching the said Bill of divorce, or touching any action at law which may have been brought by him against any person for criminal conversation with her, the said wife of the said *George Frothingham Johnston*; and also whether at the time of the adultery of which he complains she was by deed or otherwise by his consent living separately and apart from and released by him as far as in him lay from her conjugal duty, or whether she was at the time of such adultery, cohabiting with him, and under the protection and authority of him as her husband.

Which being objected to,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was, on a division, resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. Miller, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their Third Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ROOM,
19th February, 1878.

The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honor to present the following as their Third Report:

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions and find that sufficient notice has been given in each case, viz:—

Of the Merchants' Bank of *Canada*; praying for an Act reducing the capital stock of the said Bank to such proportion of its present subscribed capital not exceeding seventy-five cents on the dollar thereof, as may be deemed necessary under reserve of the right of the said Bank to require payment of any portion of such subscribed stock as now remains unpaid.

Of the Reverend *Robert Alexander Fyfe* and others; praying for the incorporation of the Regular Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of *Ontario* and *Quebec*.

Of *John Stewart*, of the City of *Kingston*; praying for the passing of an Act to give jurisdiction to the Court of Queen's Bench of *Ontario* to make an order for the repayment to the said *John Stewart* of the sum of one thousand dollars, deposited by him with his petition against the return of the Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*.

Of the *Quebec Fire Assurance Company*; praying for amendments to its Act of Incorporation, and of *David Fisher*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, and *Jane Malvina Draper*, of the Town of *Whitby*, in the Province of *Ontario*, Executor and Executrix of the will of the late *Chester Draper*, of the said Town of *Whitby*; praying for an Act to enable them to sell and dispose of the property and franchise of the *Port Whitby Harbor Company*, belonging to the estate of the late *Chester Draper*.

Your Committee have also examined the Petition of *Frederick W. Fishwick*, and others, of the City and County of *Halifax*, in the Province of *Nova Scotia*; praying for an Act of Incorporation as an Express Company, and find the notice insufficient in point of time. Your Committee, however, recommend the suspension of the 51st Rule in this case, as it will be competent for the Committee to whom the Bill shall be referred to provide that no injury to any party shall arise therefrom.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM MILLER,

Chairman.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Benson*, it was

Ordered, That the fifty-first Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to the Petition of *Frederick W. Fishwick*, as recommended by the third Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Honorable Mr. *Miller* presented to the House a Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the *Fishwick's Express and Merchants' Forwarding Company*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *McMaster* presented to the House a Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate 'The Regular Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of *Ontario* and *Quebec*.'"

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Wark*,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 20th February, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Pozar,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Shead,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Pdquet,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	

PRAYERS :

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*,—Of *John Stringer*, and others, of the Township of *Storrington*, and of the Reverend *J. Edouard Perreault*, and others, of *St. Rémi*, in the County of *Napierville*, in the Province of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Girard*,—Of *G. B. Burland*, of the City of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*,—Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Essex*, in the Province of *Ontario*.

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

Of the *Canada Southern Railway Company*, praying for an Act to authorize and confirm the scheme of arrangement of the said *Railway*.

Of *Hubert Belleisle* and other licensed Pilots, for piloting between *Quebec* and *Montreal*; praying for an Act to incorporate licensed Pilots for piloting between *Quebec* and *Montreal*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Grey*, in the Province of *Ontario*, praying for certain amendments to the *Temperance Act of 1864*.

Of the *Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the *Municipal Council of the Town of St. Thomas*, in the Province of *Ontario*; praying that the *Petition of the Canada Southern Railway* may be granted only on the conditions specified in the said *Petition*.

Of *Charles A. M. Globensky of St. Eustache*, in the Province of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to declare that the Act passed during the last Session intitled: "An Act respecting '*La Banque Jacques Cartier*' shall not apply to a certain action instituted by the petitioner in the Superior Court in the District of *Montreal* against *Romuald Trudeau* and others, which action is still pending."

Of the *Montreal Building Association*; praying for an Act authorizing the said Company by such name as shall be conferred upon them at the present Session of the Legislature of the Province of *Quebec*, to exercise throughout the Dominion of *Canada* the powers usually conferred upon Investment and Loan Companies along with the powers conferred upon them by the said Legislature, and establishing the rate of interest which may be charged by the said Company.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*, it was

Ordered, That the Order for the second reading, on Tuesday next, of the Bill intitled: "An Act to incorporate the *Fishwick Express and Merchants' Forwarding Company*" be discharged, and that the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *McMaster*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Wilmot*, it was

Ordered, That the Order for the second reading, on Tuesday next, of the Bill intitled: "An Act to incorporate the *Regular Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec*," be discharged, and that the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* presented to the House a Bill intitled: "An Act for the relief of *Hugh Hunter*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*,

That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday the eighth day of *March* next, and that Notice thereof be fixed on the doors of this House, and Senators summoned, and that the said *Hugh Hunter* may be heard by his Counsel at the second reading to make out the truth of the allegations of the said Bill; and that *Catherine McPhee* or *Catherine Hunter* may have a copy of said Bill, and that notice be given her of the said second reading, or sufficient proof adduced of the impossibility of so doing; and that she be at liberty to be heard by Counsel what she may have to offer against the said Bill at the same time; that the said *Hugh Hunter* do attend this House on the said eighth day of *March*, in order to his being examined on the second reading of the said Bill, if the House shall think fit whether there has or has not been any collusion, directly or indirectly, on his part relative to any act of adultery that may have been committed by his wife, or whether there be any collusion, directly or indirectly, between him and his wife, or any other person or persons, touching the said Bill of Divorce, or touching any action at law which may have been brought by him against any person for criminal conversation with her, the said *Hugh Hunter's* wife; and also whether, at the time of the adultery of which he complains, she was, by deed or otherwise by his consent, living separately and apart from, and released by him, as far as in him lay, from her conjugal duty, or whether she was, at the time of such adultery, cohabiting with him and under the protection and authority of him as her husband.

Which being objected to,
The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was, *on a division*,
resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Power* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lewin*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to lay before this House, copies of all Orders in Council, Reports, Recommendations and Correspondence and any other information in the possession of the Government relative to the fixing of the headquarters of the Inter-colonial Railway at *Moncton*.

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

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

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, in the following words:—

HOUSE OF COMMONS,
OTTAWA, 18th February, 1878.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate informing their Honors that this House has appointed the Hon. Messieurs *Blake, Cartwright, Laurier, Mills, Tupper*, Right Hon. Sir *John Macdonald* and Messieurs *Baby, Blanchet, Brouse, Delorme, Fréchette, Higinbotham, Masson, Roscoe, Wright (Ottawa)*, and *Young*, to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of this House are concerned, and to act as Members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House do carry the said Message to the Senate.

Attest,

A. PATRICK,
Clerk of the Commons.

And then he withdrew.

The Messenger was again called in, and informed that the Senate will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the House of Commons and inform that House that the Senate has appointed the Honorable Messieurs *Alexander, Allan, Baillargeon, Bourinot, Chapais, Cornwall, Fabre, Ferguson, Haythorne, Miller, Montgomery, Reesor, Ryan, Stevens, Trudel*, and *Wilmot* a Committee to assist His Honor the Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of this House are concerned, and to act on behalf of this House as Members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library, as desired by the House of Commons in their Message received this day.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, in the following words:—

HOUSE OF COMMONS,
OTTAWA, 19th February, 1878.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate requesting that their Honors will unite with this House in the formation of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the subject of the Printing of Parliament; and that the Members of the Select Standing

Committee on Printing, viz:—Messieurs *Bourassa, Bowell, Charlton, Church, Delorme, Desjardins, De Veber, Goudge, Lanthier, Ross (Middlesex), Ross (Prince Edward), Stephenson, Thompson (Haldimand), Trow, and Wallace (Norfolk)*, will act as Members of the said Joint Committee on Printing.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House do carry the said Message to the Senate.

Attest,

A. PATRICK,
Clerk of the Commons.

And then he withdrew.

The Messenger was again called in, and informed that the Senate will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the House of Commons and inform that House that the Senate has appointed the Honorable Messieurs *Aikins, Bellerose, Bureau, Carrall, Cochrane, Fabre, Ferrier, Haythorne, McLelan (Londonderry), Macfarlane, Penny, Reesor, Scott, Simpson and Wark*, the Committee appointed to superintend the Printing of this House during the present Session, be instructed to act on behalf of this House with the Committee of the House of Commons as a Joint Committee of both Houses on the subject of Printing, as desired by the House of Commons in their Message received this day.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, 21st February, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Cornier,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>		

PRAYERS :

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Bellerose*,—Of the *Canada Agricultural Insurance Company*.

By the Honorable the Speaker,—Of *John Kay* and *H. G. Macpherson*, of the Village of *St. George*, in the County of *Brant*, and Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Trudel*,—Of *J. Dupuis*, M.D., and others, of *Chateauguay*, in the County of *Chateauguay*,—and of the Reverend *J. Charles Godefroy Gaudin*, of *Ste. Philomène*, in the Province of *Quebec*.

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

Of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*; praying for permission to establish a Provident or Accident Assurance Fund for the benefit of their Officers and Employees, for power to have a duplicate seal in *Canada*, and for other purposes.

Of the Honorable *James Ferrier* and others; praying for the passing of an Act to revive and amend 33 *Vic.*, Cap. 35, intituled: "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal*" and *Champlain Junction Railway Company*."

Of the *Sydenham Harbour Company*; praying for certain amendments to its Charter, changing the name of the said Company to that of "The *Oshawa Harbour Company (Limited)*," and for other purposes.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex*; praying that the Tariff may be so adjusted as to place the Agriculturalists of *Canada* on an equal footing with those of the *United States* until the Reciprocity Treaty shall be renewed.

Of the *Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company*; praying for the passing of an Act to provide for their amalgamation with the *Canada Central Railway Company*, and for other purposes.

Of the *Canada Central Railway Company*; praying for the passing of an Act to provide for their amalgamation with the *Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company*, and for other purposes.

Of the Honorable *A. Vidal*, President, and others, of the Dominion Alliance for the suppression of the Liquor Traffic; praying that the Temperance Act of 1864 may be amended in certain particulars.

Of the National Insurance Company; praying for the passing of an Act to reduce and make special assessments of their capital stock.

Of *Moise Viau*, and others, of *Beauharnois*; of the Reverend *O. Blanchard*, and others, of *St. Isidore*; and of *Arsene Vinet*, and others, of *St. Urban*, in the Province of *Quebec*; severally complaining that the Grand Trunk Railway Company fail to fulfil the duties and obligations of the former *Champlain Railway Company* imposed upon said Grand Trunk Railway Company by the Act 20th *Vic.*, cap. 142, and praying that an Act may be passed to secure the good working of Railways in *Canada*.

Of the Agricultural Mutual Assurance Association of *Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act re-enacting the provisions of Cap. 52, of the Consolidated Statutes of *Upper Canada* as far as regards the said Company, also re-enacting the provisions of the 31st *Vic.*, Cap. 48, Section 20, and for other purposes.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A Return of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of *Saguenay* for the year 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 13.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, presented their first Report, recommending the reduction of the quorum of the said Committee to nine Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour*, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Senate for the present Session, presented their first Report, recommending the reduction of the quorum of the said Committee to eleven Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Seymour*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dumouchel*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Bellerose* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Armand*, That when this House adjourns on Wednesday the twenty-seventh instant it do stand adjourned until Thursday, the seventh of March, proximo, at Eight o'clock in the evening.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Christie (Speaker),</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Trudel.—31</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Gutremont,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>	

NON-CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Wilnot.—27</i>
<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Levin,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the *Fishwick's Express and Merchants' Forwarding Company*," was read a second time. On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Regular Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of *Ontario and Quebec*,"

The Honorable Mr. *McMaster* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, That the said Bill be now read a second time.

After debate,

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, on a division, resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*,

The House adjourned.

Friday, 22nd February, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

Aikins,
Alexander,
Armand,
Baillargeon,
Bellerose,
Benson,
Botsford,
Bourinot,
Bureau,
Campbell,
Chaffers,
Chapais,
Chinic,
Cornier,
Cornwall,
Dever,

Dickey,
Dickson,
Dumouchel,
Fabre,
Ferguson,
Ferrier,
Girard,
Glosier,
Grant,
Guevremont,
Hamilton (Inkerman),
Hamilton (Kingston),
Haviland,
Haythorne,
Howlan,
Kaulbach,

Leonard,
Lewin,
McClelan,
McDonald,
McLelan,
McMaster,
Macfarlane,
Miller,
Montgomery,
Northup,
Odell,
Pdquet,
Pelletier,
Penny,
Power,

Pozer,
Price,
Read,
Reesor,
Ryan,
Scott,
Seymour,
Simpson,
Skead,
Stevens,
Sutherland,
Trudel,
Vidal,
Wark,
Wilnot.

PRAYERS :

The following Petition was brought up and laid on the Table:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*,—Of the Northern Railway Company of *Canada*.

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

Of *John Stringer*, and others, of the Township of *Storrington*, and of the Reverend *J. Edouard Perrault*, and others, of *St. Remi*, in the County of *Napierville*, and Province of *Quebec*; severally complaining that the Grand Trunk Railway Company fails to fulfil the duties and obligations of the former *Champlain* Railway Company imposed upon the said Grand Trunk Railway Company by 20 *Vic.*, cap. 147, and praying that an Act may be passed to secure the good working of Railways in *Canada*.

Of *G. B. Burland*, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for an Act to authorize the Commissioner of Patents to continue in force for a period of ten years, from the 1st day of April, 1878, certain Letters Patent heretofore granted to *George Mathews* for a new bank note printing ink, and also praying that said Letters Patent may be extended to the whole Dominion.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Essex*, in the Province of *Ontario*; praying that the Tariff may be so adjusted as to place the Agriculturists of *Canada* on an equal footing with those of the *United States*.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A List of the Shareholders of the Consolidated Bank, made up to the 8th February, 1878.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 15.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Simpson* presented to the House,—A List of the Shareholders of the *Ontario* Bank, with their residences, and the number of shares they respectively held on the 1st February, 1878.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 15.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Bureau*, from the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, presented their First Report, recommending the reduction of the quorum of the said Committee to seven Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their Fourth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

THE SENATE

COMMITTEE ROOM,

22nd February, 1878.

The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honor to present the following as their Fourth Report.

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find that sufficient notice has been given in each case, viz.:—

Of the *Stadacona Fire and Life Insurance Company*, praying for an Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Company, authorizing the reduction of its capital stock, and for other purposes.

Of the *Dominion Grange Mutual Fire Insurance Association*, praying for the passing of an Act giving the said Association power to insure the members of the Dominion Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry of *Canada* against loss or damage by fire in any part of *Canada*, and to establish in connection with such Association a Mutual Benefit Branch for the members of said Dominion Grange.

Of the *Montreal and City of Ottawa Junction Railway Company*; praying for an Act to extend the time for completing the said Railway until the 30th day of April, 1884, and that such other amendments and provisions may be made as the said extension of time may render expedient or necessary.

Of the *Mutual Building Society of the City of Quebec*; praying for an Act granting them additional powers and otherwise amending their Act of Incorporation.

Of the *Canada Southern Railway Company*; praying for an Act to authorize and confirm the scheme of arrangement of the said Railway.

Of *Hubert Belleisle* and others, licensed Pilots for piloting between *Quebec* and *Montreal*; praying for an Act to incorporate licensed Pilots for piloting between *Quebec* and *Montreal*.

Of the *Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the *Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company*; praying for an Act to provide for their amalgamation with the *Canada Central Railway Company*, and for other purposes.

Of the *Canada Central Railway Company*; praying for an Act to provide for their amalgamation with the *Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company*, and for other purposes.

Of the *National Insurance Company*; praying for an Act to reduce and to make special assessments on their capital stock.

Of the *Agricultural Mutual Assurance Association of Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act re-enacting the provisions of cap. 52 of the Consolidated Statutes of *Upper Canada*, as far as regards the said Company.

Your Committee have also examined the Petition of the Honorable *James Ferrier* and others; praying for an Act to revive and amend 33 *Vic.*, cap 55, intitled: "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal and Champlain Junction Railway Company*"; and find the notice insufficient in point of time. Your Committee, however, recommend the suspension of the 51st Rule in this case, as it will be competent for the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways to provide that no injury to any party shall arise therefrom.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM MILLER,

Chairman.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Miller, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Dickey, it was

Ordered, That the fifty-first Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it relates to the Petition of the Honorable *James Ferrier* and others, as recommended in the Fourth Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

The Honorable Mr. Scott, Secretary of State, presented to the House,—A detailed Statement of all Bonds or Securities registered in the Department of the Secretary of State, dated the 22nd February, 1878.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(Vide Sessional Papers, No. 35.)

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, reported to the House that he, and the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, Minister of Agriculture, had waited on His Excellency the Governor General with the Address of this House in answer to His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and that His Excellency had been pleased to return the following most gracious answer:—

Dufferin.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Accept my thanks for your loyal Address, and I place confidence in your assurance, that careful consideration will be given by you to the measures found necessary for the amendment of existing laws.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 22nd February, 1878.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his sign manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

Dufferin.

The Governor General transmits to the Senate, copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, having reference to the Joint Address of the Senate and House of Commons of the 16th April last, praying that legislation be had to cause the operation of the Imperial Extradition Act of 1870, to cease in *Canada*.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 22nd February, 1878.

Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach to the Earl of Dufferin.

(Copy—*Canada*, No. 4.)

DOWNING STREET,
5th February, 1878.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 11, of the 14th of January enclosing a report extracted from a newspaper, of a judgment of the Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of *Ontario* in a case of extradition argued before him.

I take this opportunity of informing Your Lordship that the whole subject of the Extradition relations of this country with foreign countries being at the present time under the consideration of a Royal Commission, Her Majesty's Government have not at present thought it advisable to take any steps for suspending in *Canada* the operation of the Imperial Extradition Act 1870, as desired by the Joint Address to the Queen, of the Senate and House of Commons of the Dominion, transmitted to my predecessor in your despatch No. 112 of the 18th of April last.

I have, &c.,
(Signed,) M. E. HICKS-BEACH.

Governor General
The Right Honorable
The Earl of *Dufferin*, K.P., G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
&c., &c., &c.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dickson* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*,

That the Honorable Messieurs *Dickey*, *Miller*, *Leonard*, *Paquet* and the mover, be appointed a Committee for the management of the Senate Restaurant.

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

Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*,

That the names of the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton* (of *Inkerman*), *Northup* and *Trudel* be added to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

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

Ordered accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Wark*,

The House adjourned until Monday next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday, 25th February, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Guevremont,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hamilton</i> (<i>Inkerman</i>),	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hamilton</i> (<i>Kingston</i>),	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>		

PRAYERS:

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Penny*,—Of the Honorable *W. W. Webb*, and others, of the Province of *Quebec*, and of *J. Catudal*, President, and others, of the *Napierville Building Society*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*,—Of the Reverend *William Jolliffe*, and others, of the County of *Durham*, in the Province of *Ontario*, Members of the Association called the *Missionary Society of the Bible Christian Church of Canada*.

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

Of the *Canada Agricultural Insurance Company*; praying for the passing of an Act for the winding up and liquidation of the said Company; and for the appointment of liquidators, with power to affect that object.

Of *John Kay* and *H. G. Macpherson*, of the Village of *St. George*, in the County of *Brant*, and Province of *Ontario*; praying for certain amendments to the *Temperance Act of 1864*.

Of *J. Dupuis*, M.D., and others, of *Chateauguay*, in the County of *Chateauguay*, and of the Reverend *J. Charles Godefroy Gaudin*, of *Ste. Philomène*, in the Province of *Quebec*; severally complaining that the *Grand Trunk Railway Company* fails to fulfil the duties and obligations of the former *Champlain Railway Company* imposed upon the said *Grand Trunk Railway Company* by 20 *Vic.*, cap. 147, and praying that an Act may be passed to secure the good working of Railways in *Canada*.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General under his sign manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

Dufferin.

The Governor General transmits to the Senate a despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies acknowledging the receipt of the Address of the Senate to Her Majesty of the 19th March, 1877, in reference to the proposed appointment of additional Senators.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Ottawa, 25th February, 1878.

The Earl of Carnarvon to the Earl of Dufferin.

(*Canada*, No. 132.)

DOWNING STREET, 2nd May, 1877.

MY LORD,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's despatch, No. 85, of the 27th March, forwarding, with a copy of an Address from the Senate of *Canada*, the resolutions adopted by them expressing their approval of the decision arrived at by the Secretary of State in 1874, in respect of the proposal that Her Majesty should be advised to appoint additional Senators under clause 26 of the *British North America Act*, and a Report of the debate which took place on those resolutions.

I have &c.,
(Signed,) CARNARVON.

Governor General

The Right Honorable

The Earl of *Dufferin*, K.P., G.C.M.G., K.C.B.

&c., &c., &c.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Girard* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Read*,

That the Minutes of the Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed in the last Session of Parliament, to inquire, amongst other matters, into all the questions relating to the purchase of the property at *Fort William*, for a terminus to the Canadian *Pacific* Railway, and to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses under oath, which were presented on the 27th April last with the Report of the said Committee, be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Messieurs *Scott*, *Aikins*, *Sutherland*, *Macpherson*, *Simpson*, *Wilmot*, *Haythorne*, *Vidal* and the mover, to continue the investigation and to inquire into all the questions relating to the purchase of the property at *Fort William*, for a terminus to the Canadian *Pacific* Railway, and to send for persons, papers and records, and examine witnesses under oath, and to report thereon with all convenient speed this Session.

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

Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, from the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, presented their Second Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and the same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

COMMITTEE ROOM, 22nd February, 1878.

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament beg leave to present the following as their Second Report:

The following documents were carefully examined by the Committee and recommended to be printed, viz:—

Report of the Librarian of Parliament.—(Sessional papers only.)

Report of the Minister of Justice as to Penitentiaries in Canada, for the six months ended 30th June, 1877.—(In the usual manner.)

Statement of payments charged to unforeseen expenses under Orders in Council, from 1st July, 1877, to date.

Statement of Special Warrants of His Excellency the Governor General, issued in accordance with the Act 31 Vic., cap. 5, sec. 35, from 1st July, 1877, to 9th February, 1878, inclusive.

Statement of allowances and gratuities under the Act for the better securing the efficiency of the Civil Service of Canada by providing for the superannuation of persons employed therein, in certain cases.

Return to Order,—Correspondence between the Government and the proprietors of lands in the neighborhood of the proposed enlargement of the *Lachine Canal* from the 1st March, 1875, up to the 10th March, 1877, orders given to the engineers, and proposals submitted by the said proprietors, and by the Government; also, of all Reports made by the engineers, and copies of all contracts entered into, &c., &c.—(For distribution only.)

The Committee also recommend that the following documents be not printed:—

Official Return of the distribution of the Dominion Statutes of Canada.

Return to Order,—Reports of Engineers and other Correspondence not yet communicated to the House, having reference to any actual surveys, or proposed survey, in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway from the Red River westward, south of Lake Manitoba.

Return to Order,—Correspondence, &c., with Minister of Public Works, and Engineer Staff of said Department, in connection with engagement of employees for the Pacific Railroad survey and the routes (if any) they were instructed to take; also correspondence as to the carrying of emigrants &c., by the Sarnia or Collingwood route.

Return to Order.—Statement of the number of miles surveyed, and the expenditure for such surveys on the Pacific Railway, &c. &c.

Return to Order.—Statement shewing the quantity of work done in enlarging the Railway Waterworks at Moncton in 1876, &c.

Return to Order.—Statement shewing the sums of money paid *C. J. Brydges* for the year ending 30th June, 1876, shewing salary whilst Intercolonial was under construction and salary for management; also expenses of office at Montreal, Ottawa and Moncton and travelling expenses for same period.

Return to Order.—Correspondence between Mr. *James Niven*, of New Castle Miramichi, N.B., and the officers of the Intercolonial Railway and Government, in reference to the killing, by one of the trains of five head of cattle of the said *James Niven*, &c.

Return to Order.—Statement in relation to the particulars of the working and management of the Intercolonial Railway.

1. The number of miles run by the Engines, &c.
2. The gross working expenses, &c.
3. The particulars of all charges made for the use of Engines and cars, &c.
4. The average in detail, &c.
5. Statement in relation to special trains, &c.

Return to Order.—Statement shewing original size and cost, &c., of brick building at Moncton known as General Offices of the Intercolonial Railway, &c., &c.

Return to Order.—Reports of engineers or correspondence respecting the cause of the greater rise in the waters of the sixty-mile level of the River Ottawa between the Chaudiere Falls and the Long Sault Rapids than the levels below and above those points, &c.

Return to Address (Senate)—For Grand Trunk Railway Company to furnish certain information respecting the freight and passenger traffic over the Victoria Bridge during the years 1875 and 1876, &c., &c., with the cost of building and maintenance of the bridge.

Return to Address (Senate)—Instructions to Mr. *Fleming*, Engineer-in-Chief of the Pacific Railway, on the subject of a series of questions submitted through the Colonial office to Naval Officers and others, relating to certain Harbors in British Columbia, and a site for the terminus of the line on the Pacific Coast.

Return to Address (Senate)—Correspondence between the Government and the Montreal Harbor Commissioners, on the subject of allowing Cars and Locomotive Engines for the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway to pass over the wharves in the Harbor of Montreal, &c.

Return to Order.—Correspondence relating to the dismissal of *John Harvey* from the position of Sldemaster at the Village of Arnprior.

Return to Order.—Statement with regard to a Main Brick Sewer constructed through the Station-yard of the Intercolonial Railway at Moncton during the past year, &c.

Return to Address.—Correspondence relating to complaints made against the administration of the Harbor Board of Montreal in connection with the Town of Sorel and the works for deepening Lake St Peter, &c., &c.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON,
Chairman.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Reesor*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House on Wednesday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Wark*,
The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 26th February, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Boisford,</i>	<i>Giasier,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Seymour;</i>
<i>Hourinot,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Simpson.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Guevremont,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Ouell,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cornwall,</i>			

PRAYERS

The following Petition was brought up and laid on the Table :—

By the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*,—Of Sir *Hugh Allan*, and others, Members of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada* in connection with the Church of *Scotland*.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petition was read :—

Of the Northern Railway Company of *Canada*; praying for an Act to confirm an agreement made between the *North Simcoe* Railway Company and the said Northern Railway Company, and for other purposes.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A Return of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials of the District of *Bedford*, for the year 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follow :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 13.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A List of the Shareholders of the Imperial Bank of *Canada*, dated 15th February, 1878.

Also, a List of the Shareholders of *La Banque de St. Jean*, dated the 9th February, 1878.

Also, a List of the Shareholders of *La Banque Jacques Cartier*, dated 1st December, 1877.

Also, a List of the Shareholders of *La Banque de St. Hyacinthe*.

And also, a List of the Shareholders of the Bank of Yarmouth, dated February, 1878.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 15.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their Fifth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and the same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

THE SENATE,
COMMITTEE ROOM, 26th February, 1878.

The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honor to present the following as their Fifth Report :—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the *Canada Agricultural Insurance Company* ; praying for the passing of an Act for the winding up and liquidation of the said Company, and for the appointment of liquidators, with power to effect that object, and find the notice insufficient in point of time. Your Committee, however, recommend the suspension of the 51st Rule in this case, as it will be competent for the Committee to whom the Bill shall be referred to provide that no injury to any party shall arise therefrom.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM MILLER,
Chairman.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Bellerose*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Armand*, it was

Ordered, That the fifty-first Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it relates to the Petition of the *Canada Agricultural Insurance Company*, as recommended in the Fifth Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Benson*, it was

Ordered, That the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills, and that the time for presenting Private Bills, be extended to Wednesday the thirteenth day of March next.

The Honorable Mr. *Macpherson* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*.

That a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Messieurs *Scott, Campbell, Brown, Botsford, Haythorne, Macfarlane* and the mover, be appointed to inquire :—

1st. Whether the *Fort Francis Lock* when completed can be used for the purposes of commerce, in connection with the *Canadian Pacific Railway*, so as to form part of the through communication from *Lake Superior* to *Manitoba*, and if not, what improvements will be indispensable (in addition to the said *Fort Francis Lock*) to afford unbroken communication for Steamers between the Railway Stations of *Port Savanne (Lac des Mille Lacs)* and *Keewatin (Rat Portage)* and the probable cost of such improvements ?

2nd. What will be the use to the Dominion of the said *Fort Francis Lock* if it cannot be used for the purposes of commerce, in connection with the *Canada Pacific Railway*, so as to form part of the said through communication ?

3rd. What is the distance between the said Lock and the point nearest to it on the *Canada Pacific Railway* ?

4th. What are the dimensions of the said Lock, its estimated and probable cost, the amount expended upon it and upon works connected with it, or in any way incidental to it, so far as is known; the appropriation from which the money expended upon it has been taken; whether such application of the money has been in all cases according to law, and whether the said Lock is being built by contract or otherwise?

5th. And generally to inquire into all matters relating to the *Fort Francis Lock*, with power to send for persons and papers, to examine witnesses under oath, to employ a shorthand writer to take down the evidence, and to report from time to time to this Honorable House.

After Debate,

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

Ordered accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honorable *Mr. Botsford*, seconded by the Honorable *Mr. Bourinot*,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 27th February, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Alan,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Northrup,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pdquet,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	

PRAYERS:

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

By the Honorable *Mr. McLelan*,—Of *Robie Uniacke*, and others, of the City of *Halifax*, in the Province of *Nova Scotia*.

By the Honorable *Mr. Reesor*,—Of *Eliza Maria Campbell*, of *Whitby*, in the County of *Ontario*, wife of *Robert Campbell*, of the same place.

By the Honorable *Mr. Penny*,—Of the Building Society of the County of *Hochelega*, in the Province of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable *Mr. Hope*,—Of *Dallas Howell*, and others, of the Township of *Anderson*, in the County of *Essex*, in the Province of *Ontario*.

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

Of the Honorable *W. W. Webb*, and others, of the Province of *Quebec*; praying for an Act of Incorporation as the "*Canada Transit Company*."

Of *J. Cadudal*, President, and others, of the *Napierville* Building Society; praying for an Act to exempt the said Society from the operation of Sections 13 and 24 of the Act 40 *Vic.*, Cap. 50.

Of the Reverend *William Jolliffe*, and others, of the County of *Durham*, in the Province of *Ontario*, Members of the Association called the Missionary Society of the Bible Christian Church of *Canada*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House,—The General Rules of the Maritime Court of *Ontario*, made under the 8th Section of the Maritime Jurisdiction Act, 1877;—also Tariff of Suitor's fees fixed under the 14th Section of the said Act.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 31.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* presented to the House a Bill intituled: "An Act "to incorporate The Dominion Company."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on Thursday the seventh day of March next.

The Honorable Mr. *Skead* presented to the House a Bill intituled: "An Act "respecting the *Montreal* and City of *Ottawa Junction Railway Company*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the seventh day of March next.

The Honorable Mr. *Girard* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Read*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Reports made to the Minister charged with the Administration of Dominion Lands, as well as of all documents and evidence forming part thereof, under the Act 38 *Victoria*, chapter 53, by any Commissioner or Commissioners appointed under the said Act;—also copies of all lists of lands prepared from time to time by the Surveyor General of Dominion Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the eighth section of the said Act.

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Second Report of the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, and

The same being again read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Girard*,

The House adjourned until Thursday, the seventh day of March next, at Eight o'clock in the evening.

Thursday, 7th March, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Levin,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Houlan,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>		

PRAYERS :

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach*,—Of the Bank of *Liverpool*, doing business at *Liverpool, Nova Scotia*,—and of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*, of the City of *Ottawa*, in the County of *Carleton*, and Province of *Ontario*, a married woman.

By the Honorable Mr. *Wark*,—Of *C. Burpee* and others, of *Charlotte County*, in the Province of *New Brunswick*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Penny*,—Of *H. W. F. Bolckow*, and others, Stockholders of the *Canada Central Railway Company*,—and of *H. W. F. Bolckow*, and others, Stockholders of the *Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*,—Of the Reverend *James Fulton*, M.A., Rural Dean, of *Franklin*, in the County of *Huntingdon*, and Province of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Skead*,—Of the *Canada Vine Growers' Association*.

The Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach* presented to the House, the following certificate from the Clerk of the Senate :—

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SENATE,
Thursday, 7th March, 1878.

In the Matter of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon's* Petition for a Bill of Divorce.
I hereby certify that I have received from the Petitioner the fee of two hundred dollars, in accordance with the 83rd Rule of this House.

ROBERT LEMOINE,
Clerk of the Senate.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petition was read:—

Of Sir *Hugh Allan*, and others, Members of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada* in connection with the Church of *Scotland*; praying to be incorporated as "The Church of *Scotland* in *Canada*."

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A List of the Shareholders of the Dominion Bank of *Toronto*, dated 25th February, 1878.

Also, a List of the Shareholders of the Maritime Bank of the Dominion, on 1st February, 1878.

And also, a List of the Shareholders of the City and District Savings Bank, *Montreal*, dated 26th February, 1878.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 15.*)

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *George Frothingham Johnston*,"

The Honorable Mr. *Penny* presented to the House the following certificate:—

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SENATE,
Thursday, 7th March, 1878.

I hereby certify that notice of the second reading of the Bill *in re Johnston*, for a Bill of Divorce, was posted on the Doors of the Senate for a period of fourteen days, pursuant to a Standing Order of the House.

ROBERT LEMOINE,
Clerk of the Senate.

Then *Andrew Cullen*, of the City of *Montreal*, Detective, was called to the Bar of the House, and being sworn, was examined as follows:—

Q. What is your name, occupation and place of residence, and do you know the Petitioner and *Charlotte Elsie McArthur*, his wife?

A. *Andrew Cullen*, of the City of *Montreal*, Detective. I know the Petitioner and *Charlotte Elsie McArthur*, his wife.

Q. Do you know *Charlotte Elsie McArthur*, the wife of the petitioner; have you served upon her a duplicate of the Bill now before the House for the relief of *George Frothingham Johnston*; produce the document being a duplicate of the Bill served by you on *Mrs. Johnston*, and state whether you compared the document served by you with the document now produced and ascertained that it was a correct copy before you served it?

A. I know the petitioner and *Charlotte Elsie McArthur* his wife, and I have served upon her a duplicate of the Bill before the House for the relief of *George Frothingham Johnston*, and produce the document being a duplicate of the Bill served by me on *Mrs. Johnston*. I compared the document served by me with the document now produced, and ascertained it was a correct copy before I served it.

Q. Did you serve the Order now produced with the said Bill, by leaving a copy of it with the said Bill, at the time of such service, and did you compare the two to ascertain that you served a true copy of such Order?

A. I served the Order now produced with the said Bill, by leaving a copy of it with the said Bill at the time of such service, and I compared the two to ascertain that I served a true copy of such Order.

Q. When and where did you serve the copy of the said Bill and Order, and to whom did you deliver the same?

A. I served the copy of the said Bill and Order on the said *Charlotte Elsie McArthur* by delivering the same to herself, in person, at her residence in the City of *Montreal*, on the 28th of February last.

The said *Andrew Cullen* was directed to withdraw.

The Honorable Mr. *Penny* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Odell*,

That the examination of the Petitioner at the Bar of the Senate, as well generally as in regard to any collusion or connivance between the parties, be for the present dispensed with, but that it be an instruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill may be referred, to make such examination.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, on a division, resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Penny* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Odell*,

That the said Bill for the relief of *George Frothingham Johnston*, be now read a second time.

The question of concurrence being put thereon; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS :

The Honorab'le Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Glazier,</i>	<i>McDonald (Toronto),</i>	<i>Penny</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Macdonald (Victoria),</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Christie (Speaker),</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Wilmot.—34.</i>
<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McClelan (Hopewell),</i>		

NON-CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Trudel.—15.</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	

So it was resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly,

The Honorable Mr. *Penny* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Odell*,

That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Messieurs *McClelan, Stevens, Dickson, Odell, Haythorne, Allan, Macpherson, Lewin* and the mover, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers and records, and that the exemplification of the proceedings to final judgment in the Superior Court of the Province of *Quebec* in the case of *Johnston vs. Fisk*, presented to the Senate on the reading of the Petition of the said *George Frothingham Johnston*, be referred to the said Committee, and that all persons summoned to appear before the Senate in this matter, appear before the said Committee, and that the said Committee have leave to sit on Saturday, and other non-sitting days.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, on a division, resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate The Dominion Company" was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the *Montreal* and City of *Ottawa* Junction Railway Company,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Skead*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Trudel*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until Monday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*,

The House adjourned.

Friday, 8th March, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Haythorns,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	

PRAYERS

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Allan*,—Of *Daniel Wilson*, and others, Managers of the Newsboys' Lodging and Industrial Home of *Toronto*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*,—Of the Reverend *James Watson*, M.A., of the Village of *Huntingdon*; Of *James W. Mack*, of *Elgin* and *Godmanchester*, and of *William A. Johnston*, of the Townships of *Franklin* and *Hinchinbrook*, in the Province of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*,—Of the Municipal Council of the Town of *St. Thomas*, in the Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*,—Of *A. Campbell*, and others, of the Town of *Peterborough*, and of *B. Huldin*, and others, of the City of *Toronto*, in the Province of *Ontario*.

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

Of *Robie Uniacke*, and others, of the City of *Halifax*, in the Province of *Nova Scotia*; praying that the Act of 1876, respecting the Intercolonial Railway and all other Acts in contravention of the charter of the *Halifax Street Railway Company*, may be so amended as not to interfere with and deprive the said Company of their rights of arbitration acquired under the Legislature of the Province of *Nova Scotia* previous to Confederation.

Of *Eliza Maria Campbell*, of *Whitby*, in the County and Province of *Ontario*, wife of *Robert Campbell*, of the same place; praying for leave to prosecute her cause of Divorce in formâ pauperis.

Of the *Hochelaga Building Society*; praying for a new charter, and for powers necessary to the good working of the said Society.

Of *Dallas Nowell*, and others, of the Township of *Anderdon*, in the County of *Essex*, Province of *Ontario*; praying that in the event of an Act being passed enabling the *Canada Southern Railway Company* to raise the sum of fourteen millions by mortgage, the claims of the Petitioners may be secured.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General dated the 18th February, 1878, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all correspondence between the Post Office Inspector for *Nova Scotia* and any other person or persons, during the months of November, December and January last past, in relation to Mail irregularities between the Post Offices of *Arichat*, *Hawkesbury* and *Antigonish*, in the said Province, and all evidence obtained and reports made by the said Inspector in connection with the same.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 40.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House his Report as Secretary of State of *Canada*, for the year ended 31st December, 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 4.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their Sixth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ROOM,
8th March, 1878.

The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honor to present the following as their Sixth Report.

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the Northern Railway Company of *Canada*; praying for an Act to confirm an agreement made between the *North Simcoe* Railway Company and the said Northern Railway Company, and for other purposes; and find that sufficient notice has been given.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM MILLER,
Chairman.

The Honorable Mr. *Price* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Gasier*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House the following Return:—

1st. The total quantities and their value of the Square White Pine, Pine Board Timber, Pine Masts and Spars, Square Timber of Oak, Elm, Ash, Whitewood, Walnut, Hickory, Red Pine or any other Hewn Timber.

2nd. The total quantities, description and the value of the Red and White Oak Staves.

3rd. The total quantities and their value of Sawed Lumber, in White and Red Pine, Walnut, Whitewood, Oak, Elm, Ash or any other sawed lumber, imported into *Canada* by water or by rail between the 1st April, 1877, and 1st January, 1878, from the *United States of America*, and at what Port or Station they were delivered for landing or for shipment from *Canada*.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Girard* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Read*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Orders in Council, on the subject of the lands at the place known by the name of *Rat River* Settlement, and on the *Red River*, in the County of *Provencher*, as well as in the settlement at *La Petite Pointe de Chênes*, in the Parish of *Loretto*, in the County of *Selkirk*, in the Province of *Manitoba*, taken possession of by actual settlement before or after the admission of the North-Western Territory into the Dominion, without regard to the improvements made upon those lands.

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

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

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Hugh Hunter*,"

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* presented to the House the following certificate:—

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SENATE,
FRIDAY, 8th March, 1878.

I hereby certify that notice of the second reading *in re Hunter*, for a Bill of Divorce, was posted on the Doors of the Senate for a period of fourteen days, pursuant to a Standing Order of the House.

ROBERT LEMOINE,
Clerk of the Senate.

Then *Wilkins Brownlow Butler*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, Land Agent, was called to the Bar of the House, and, being sworn, was examined as follows:—

Q. What is your name, place of residence and occupation?

A. *Wilkins Brownlow Butler* of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, Land Agent.

Q. Look at the paper writing marked "A," being an Act for the relief of *Hugh Hunter*, and on the paper writing now shown to you marked "B," being an Order of the Senate on Wednesday, 20th February, 1878, both writings being certified by the Clerk of the Senate. Did you serve copies of these writings, with the certificates thereon of the Clerk of the Senate, upon *Catherine Hunter*, and on what day and date and at what place?

A. I served duplicate copies of the writings now shewn to me marked "A" and "B" respectively, with the certificates thereon respectively of the Clerk of the Senate, upon the said *Catherine Hunter* on Friday, the first day of March instant, at the house of *Andrew Tait*, with whom she is living, at the Village of *Yorkville*, in the County of *York*.

Q. State the particular mode in which you effected such service?

A. I served the said duplicate copies of the writings "A" and "B" on *Catherine Hunter* personally, by handing the same to her and leaving the same with her, having first read them over to her.

Q. Was any one present at the time you effected such service; if so, who?

A. *Malcolm McPhee*, of the Township of *Egremont*, in the County of *Grey*, who is the father of the said *Catherine Hunter*, was present, and before making such service he informed me that the person I so served was his daughter, and the wife of *Hugh Hunter*.

Q. Is the person you so served with the writings "A" and "B" the same person on whom you served the notice of application for Divorce which was read in the Senate on the eighteenth day of February last?

A. Yes; it is the same person.

The said *Wilkins Brownlow Butler* was directed to withdraw.

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*,

That the examination of the Petitioner in this matter, at the Bar of the Senate, as well generally as in regard to any collusion or connivance between the parties be for the present dispensed with, but that it be an instruction to any Committee to whom the Bill upon the subject may be referred to make such examination.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*.

That the said Bill for the relief of *Hugh Hunter* be now read a second time.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*,

That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Messieurs *Dickey*, *Benson*, *Botsford*, *Cornwall*, *Kaulbach*, *Seymour*, *Macfarlane*, *Haviland* and the mover, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers and records, and that all persons summoned to appear before the Senate in this matter appear before the said Committee, and that the said Committee have leave to sit on Saturdays, and other non-sitting days.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the *Fishwick's Express and Merchants' Forwarding Company*," reported that they

had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 1, line 24.—After “Company” insert “(Limited.)”

Page 1, line 29.—Leave out “fifty” and insert “seventy-five.”

Page 1, line 30.—After “thousand” insert “five hundred.”

Page 3, line 13.—After “Corporation” insert “until the first election under this Act.”

Page 3, line ult.—After “Canada” insert Clause A.

Clause A.

“ A general meeting of the Shareholders for the election of Directors under this Act shall be held, and such Directors shall be elected, and ten per centum on the amount of the capital stock of the Corporation shall be paid up, and the said Corporation shall proceed with its operations under this Act, within three years from and after the passing of this Act; in default of which this Act shall become and be null and void and of no effect, and all and every the rights and privileges conferred by this Act shall be forfeited.”

In the title of the Bill.

After “Company” insert “(Limited.)”

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*, it was

Ordered, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*,

The House adjourned until Monday next at Three o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday, 11th March, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Loonard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Seevens,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pâquet,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	

PRAYERS :

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A Return of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of *Beauce*, for the year 1877.

And also, a Return of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the County of *Compton*, for the said year 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 13.*)

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

Of the Bank of *Liverpool, Nova Scotia*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable the said Bank to reduce the nominal value of its present shares, and to issue preferential stock.

Of *C. Burpee*, and others, of *Charlotte County*, in the Province of *New Brunswick*; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the construction of a Railway Bridge across the *St. Croix River*.

Of *H. W. F. Bolckow*, and others, Stockholders of the *Canada Central Railway Company*, and of *H. W. F. Bolckow*, and others, Stockholders of the *Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company*; severally praying that the Bill before Parliament for the amalgamation of the *Brockville and Ottawa and Canada Central Railway Companies*, may become law.

Of the Reverend *James Fulton*, M.A., Rural Dean, and others, of *Franklin*, in the County of *Huntington*, in the Province of *Quebec*; complaining that the Grand Trunk Railway Company fails to fulfil the duties and obligations of the former *Champlain Railway Company*, imposed upon the said Grand Trunk Railway by 20 *Vic.*, Cap. 147, and praying that an Act may be passed to secure the good working of Railways in *Canada*.

Of the *Canada Vine Growers Association*; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the period of time mentioned in the second section of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company, for a further period of seven years from the fifteenth day of August next.

The Order of the Day being read for the reading of the Petition of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*, of the City of *Ottawa*, in the County of *Carleton* and Province of *Ontario*, praying for the passing of an Act to dissolve her marriage with *John Lyon*, of the same place, Grocer,

The Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach* presented to the House certain papers, the Return of Service and the Notice for Bill of Divorce.

The Return of Service and Notice were then read by the Clerk as follow:—

<i>Victoria Elizabeth Lyon</i> , Petitioner,	}	IN THE SENATE OF CANADA.
vs.		
<i>John Lyon</i> , Respondent.		

I, *Frank Burton*, of the City of *Ottawa*, in the County of *Carleton* and Province of *Ontario*, Law Clerk, make oath and say:

That I did, on the first day of September, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven, personally serve *John Lyon*, the above-named Respondent in this cause, with a true copy of the annexed notice of application for Divorce, by giving such copy to and leaving the same with him at the said City of *Ottawa*.

FRANK BURTON.

Sworn before me at the City of *Ottawa*,
in the County of *Carleton*, this
fifth day of March, A.D., 1878.

D. B. McTAVISH,

A Commissioner in B.R., &c.

Notice is hereby given that I intend that an application will be made to the Parliament of *Canada*, at the next Session thereof, by me *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*, *née Perkins*, of the City of *Ottawa*, in the County of *Carleton*, for a Bill of Divorce from my husband, *John Lyon*, of the City of *Ottawa* aforesaid, Grocer, on the grounds of adultery, disease and desertion.

Dated at *Ottawa*, this first day of September, A.D., 1877.

VICTORIA ELIZABETH LYON,
née Perkins.
By MOSGROVE & PEARSON,
her Solicitors.

John Lyon, Esq.

You will take notice that the above notice is served upon you at the instance of me, the said applicant.

VICTORIA ELIZABETH LYON,
née Perkins.
By MOSGROVE & PEARSON,
her Solicitors.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macfarlane*,
That the service of notice for Bill of Divorce be deemed sufficient.

Which being objected to,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was, *on a division*,
resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macfarlane*,

That the Petition of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*, of the City of *Ottawa*, in the County
of *Carleton*, and Province of *Ontario*; praying for the passing of an Act to dissolve
her marriage with *John Lyon*, of the same place, Grocer, be now read and received.

Which being objected to,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was, *on a division*,
resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Petition of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*, was then read and received.

The Honorable Mr. *Allan*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the
Bill for the relief of *George Frothingham Johnston*, presented their Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

THE SENATE

COMMITTEE ROOM.

11th March, 1878.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intitled: "An Act for
the relief of *George Frothingham Johnston*," and to whom was also referred the exempli-
fication of the proceedings to final judgment in the Superior Court of the Province of
Quebec, in the case of *Johnston vs. Fisk*, presented to the Senate on the reading of the
petition of the said *George Frothingham Johnston*, with power to send for persons,
papers and records, and to whom it was an instruction to make the examination of the
said Petitioner as well generally as in regard to any collusion or connivance between
the parties, beg leave to report as follows:—

In obedience to the orders of reference of the seventh instant, and to the instruc-
tion given to your Committee on the same day, your Committee have examined the
said Bill, and the said exemplification, and have also examined the said Petitioner,
as well generally as in regard to any collusion or connivance between the parties;
and the said examination of the Petitioner having been taken down in writing, your
Committee report the same herewith.

Your Committee return herewith the exemplification of proceedings referred to
them.

In compliance with the seventy eighth Rule of your Honorable House, your
Committee have heard on oath the witnesses brought before them by the Petitioner,
and have caused their evidence to be taken down in writing, and report the same
herewith, together with all vouchers adduced before your Committee.

And having duly considered the said Bill, exemplification, examination, evidence
and vouchers, your Committee find the preamble of the said Bill proved, and do not
find that there has been any collusion or connivance between the parties to obtain
the separation for which the Bill provides.

Your Committee accordingly recommend your Honorable House to pass the said
Bill without any amendment.

All which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. ALLAN,
Chairman.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

(For Evidence Vide Appendix No. 1.)

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Odell*, it was
Ordered, That the said Report and Evidence submitted be printed and, with the Bill, be taken into consideration by the House on Thursday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilmot* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Odell*,
That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, all Reports, surveys, plans or alteration of plans, contracts and correspondence connected with the improvement of the navigation of the River *St. John* at the *Oromocto* Shoals.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the "*Montreal* and City of *Ottawa* Junction Railway Company" was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Skead*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dever*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the *Fishwick's* Express and Merchants' Forwarding Company," as amended by the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Benson*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill and amendments be referred back to the said Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*,
The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 12th March, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Kaubach,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
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<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Guvremont.</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Odel,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Pdquet,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wilmot,</i>

PRAYERS :

The following Petition was brought up and laid on the Table :—

By the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*,—Of *David D. Robertson*, of the Township of *Hinchinbrook*, in the Province of *Quebec*.

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

Of *Daniel Wilson*, and others, Managers of the Newsboys' Lodging and Industrial Home of *Toronto*; praying for certain amendments in the laws relating to the punishment of Juvenile offenders.

Of the Reverend *James Watson*, M.A., of the Village of *Huntingdon*; of *James W. Mack*, of *Elgin* and *Godmanchester*, and of *William A. Johnston*, of the Townships of *Franklin* and *Hinchinbrook*, all in the Province of *Quebec*; severally praying that measures may be adopted to protect and secure the rights of the Indians of *Two Mountains*.

Of the Municipal Council of the Town of *St. Thomas*, in the Province of *Ontario*; praying that a clause may be inserted in the *Canada Southern Railway Bill* now before Parliament, providing that payment of all supplies furnished and wages earned upon the road shall be a first lien upon the property of said Company.

Of *A. Campbell*, and others, of the Town of *Peterborough*, and of *B. Huldán*, and others, of the City of *Toronto*, in the Province of *Ontario*; praying that the Act 40 *Vic.*, Cap. 42, may be so amended as to exempt the *Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company* from its operations.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A Return of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of *Richelieu*, and in the Counties of *Bellechasse*, *Montmagny* and *L'Islet*, in the Province of *Quebec*, for the year 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 13.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Dickey*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill for the relief of *Hugh Hunter*, presented their Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

THE SENATE

COMMITTEE ROOM,

12th March, 1878.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Hugh Hunter*"—to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers and records, beg leave to report thereon, as follows :—

In obedience to the order of reference of the eighth instant, and to the instruction given to your Committee on the same day, your Committee have examined the said Bill, and have also examined the Petitioner for the said Bill, as well generally as in regard to any collusion or connivance between the parties; and the said examination of the Petitioner having been taken down in writing is herewith submitted.

And in compliance with the seventy-eighth Rule of your Honorable House, your Committee have heard on oath the Witnesses brought before them, and have caused their evidence to be taken down in writing, and now report the same herewith, together with all vouchers adduced before your Committee.

Having duly considered the said Bill, examination, evidence and vouchers, your Committee find the preamble of the said Bill proved, and do not find that there has been any collusion or connivance between the parties to obtain the operation for which the Bill provides.

Your Committee accordingly recommend your Honorable House to pass the said Bill without any amendment.

All which is respectfully submitted.

R. B. DICKEY,
Chairman.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

(*For Evidence, &c., Vide Appendix No. 2.*)

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report and evidence submitted be printed, and, with the Bill, be taken into consideration by the House on Thursday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their Seventh Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

THE SENATE

COMMITTEE ROOM,

12th March, 1878.

The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honor to present the following as their Seventh Report:

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*, of the City of *Ottawa*, in the County of *Carleton*, and Province of *Ontario*; praying for an Act to dissolve her marriage with *John Lyon*, of the same place, Grocer; and find that the provisions of the seventy-second Rule of this House have been complied with.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM MILLER,
Chairman.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach* presented to the House a Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

The Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macfarlane*, That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the twenty-seventh day of March, instant, and that notice thereof be fixed on the doors of this House and Senators summoned, and that the said *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon* may be heard by her Counsel at the second reading to make out the truth of the allegations of said Bill, and that *John Lyon* may have a copy of the said Bill, and that notice be given him of the second reading or sufficient proof adduced of the impossibility of so doing, and that he be at liberty to be heard by Counsel what he may have to offer against the said Bill at the same time.

That the said *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon* do attend this House on the twenty-seventh day of March in order to her being examined on the second reading of the said Bill, if the House shall think fit, whether there has or has not been any collusion directly or indirectly on her part relative to any act of adultery that may have been committed by the said *John Lyon*, or whether there be any collusion, directly or indirectly, between her and her said husband, or any other person or persons, touching the said Bill of Divorce, and also whether at the time of the adultery of which she complains, he was, by deed or otherwise, by her consent, living separately and apart from and released by her as far as in her lay from his conjugal duty, or whether he was at the time of such adultery cohabiting with her.

Which being objected to,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented to the House their Eighth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows:—

THE SENATE

COMMITTEE ROOM,

12th March, 1878.

The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honor to present the following as their Eighth Report:—

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions and find that sufficient notice has been given in each case, viz:—

Of *Charles A. M. Globensky*, of *St. Eustache*, in the Province of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to declare that the Act passed during the last Session

intituled: "An Act respecting *La Banque Jacques Cartier*" shall not apply to a certain action instituted by the Petitioner in the Superior Court in the District of *Montreal*, against *Romuald Trudeau* and others, which action is still pending.

Of the *Montreal* Building Association; praying for an Act authorizing the said Company by such name as shall be conferred upon them at the present Session of the Legislature of the Province of *Quebec*, to exercise throughout the Dominion of *Canada* the powers usually conferred upon investment and loan companies along with the powers conferred upon them by the said Legislature, and establishing the rate of interest which may be charged by the said Company.

Of the Bank of *Liverpool, Nova Scotia*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable the said Bank to reduce the nominal value of its present shares and to issue preferential stock.

Of the *Canada* Vine Growers' Association; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the period of time mentioned in the second section of the Act of Incorporation of the said Company for a further period of seven years from the fifteenth day of August next.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM MILLER,
Chairman.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate The Regular Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of *Ontario* and *Quebec*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with two amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 2, line 1.—Leave out "of" and insert "in force in."

Page 2, line 7.—Leave out from "places" to the end of the Bill, and insert Clause A.

Clause A.

"The said Society by the name of the Regular Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of *Ontario* and *Quebec*, may receive, acquire and hold moneys, promissory notes, bank stocks and public securities, and invest moneys now held by the said Society, or which may hereafter be acquired in bank stocks and public securities, and dispose of the same for the purpose of furthering the objects of the said Society, as and when it may seem expedient so to do."

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *McMaster*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chaffers*, it was

Ordered, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House copy of the Ordinances passed by the Lieut.-Governor and Council of the *North-West Territories*, on the 22nd March, 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 45.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 18th February, 1878, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, all reports, surveys, plans or alteration of plans, contracts or assignment of contracts, and Orders

in Council, made within the last two years, in connection with the enlargement of *St. Peter's Canal*, in the Island of *Cape Breton*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 46.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Bourinot* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macfarlane*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, any correspondence that the Government may have had respecting the sale of Canadian built ships in *France*, on the same favourable terms as are enjoyed by vessels of British construction; also, any information that the Government may be able to give to this House relative to the admission of French products into this country on more favourable terms than at present.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Penny* presented to the House a Bill intituled: "An Act to confer certain powers on the *Montreal Building Association*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*,
The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 13th March, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Comwall,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Alan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Sked,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>

PRAYERS:

The following Petition was brought up and laid on the Table:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*,—Of the Reverend *W. Seers*, and others, of *St. Jean Chrysostôme*, in the Province of *Quebec*.

The Order of the Day being read for consideration the of the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate The Regular Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of *Ontario* and *Quebec*," as proposed to be amended by the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, and

The said amendments being again read by the Clerk,

The Honorable Mr. *McMaster* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*,

That the said amendments be agreed to.

Which being objected to,

The Honorable Mr. *Bellerose* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Trudel*,

That the question be not now put on the said motion, but that the said Bill as proposed to be amended, be referred to the Judges of the Supreme Court for their opinion, whether it is not a measure which falls within the class of subjects assigned exclusively to Provincial Legislatures under section 92, sub-section 11 of the "British North America Act, 1867," and section 93 of the said Act.

Which being objected to, and

His Honor the Speaker being called upon to decide the question, stated,—That by the 55th Rule, the Senate had reserved the right to submit any Bill to the Judges of the Supreme Court for their examination and report, as to any point in connection with such Bill, expressed in the order of reference, and that the rule was not imperative, but that in all cases the reference must be made before the second reading of the Bill. Therefore the motion was out of order, and the question could not be put.

And the question being put.

That the said amendments be agreed to, and the same being objected to,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and it was, on a division, resolved in the affirmative.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *McMaster*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Wilmot*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act to confer certain powers on the *Montreal* Building Association."

The Honorable Mr. *Penny* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*,

That the said Order be discharged, and that the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

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

Ordered accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, 14th March, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Derer,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Guévreumont,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton, (Inkerman.)</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wilnot.</i>

PRAYERS :

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the following Petition was read :—

Of *David D. Robertson*, of the Township of *Hinchinbrook*, in the Province of *Quebec*; praying that measures may be adopted to protect and secure the rights of the Indians of *Two Mountains*.

The Honorable Mr. *Bureau*, from the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, presented their Third Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

COMMITTEE ROOM,
13th March, 1878.

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament beg leave to submit the following as their Third Report.

The Committee carefully examined the following documents, and recommend that they be printed, viz. :—

Return to Address.—Reports by Admiral *De Horsey* respecting Ports suitable for a terminus of the Canadian *Pacific Railway* in *British Columbia*, and correspondence with the Imperial Government.

Return to Order.—Report of the late Mr. *Hazlewood*, C.E., on the approximate cost of the *Fort Francis Locks*.

Return to Order.—Expenses of the trip of His Excellency the Governor General to *Manitoba*, similar to that contained in the Public Accounts with respect to His Excellency's trip to *British Columbia*.

Return to Order.—Showing the objects and expense incurred by each of the Special Committees appointed by the House of Commons during the past four years, with the names of the persons who received payment as witnesses or otherwise, and the amounts received by each. (*Each year's recapitulation only to be printed.*)

Return to Order.—Showing the nature and value of all manufactures and other articles exchanged between *Canada* and the Australian Colonies from 1st July 1876, together with copies of the Tariffs of those Colonies, &c.

Return to Order.—Showing the sums expended on Public Works chargeable to Income in 1874-5, 1875-6 and 1876-7 for which votes had been obtained in the Estimates of 1873-4, and also on Works chargeable to Capital.

Copy of Ordinances made by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Council of the *North West Territories*, on the 22nd March, 1877.

The Committee also recommend that the following documents *be not printed, viz* :—

Petitions of the Rev. *J. Dequois*, and others; praying for the adoption of such legislation as may be necessary to secure the more perfect working of Railways in *Canada*, &c.

Return to Order.—Statement shewing the particulars of all amounts, in addition to salary, paid to any General or Departmental Officer of the Intercolonial Railway during the year 1876.

Return to Order.—Shewing the expenditure during the last two years ending January 31st, 1877, for carpets, furniture, &c., for the General Offices of the Intercolonial Railway at *Moncton*.

General Rules of the Maritime Court of *Ontario*; also *Tariff of Suitors' Fees*.

Return to Order.—Showing the quantity and quality, &c., of lumber supplied by Mr. *Adolphe Gagnon*, for each of the Piers of *Baie St. Paul*, *Malbaie*, and *Eboulements*, and the price paid, during 1875-6.

Return to Order.—Shewing the respective sums of money paid to the Government of *British Columbia*, in accordance with Sec. 2, Cap. 17, 37 *Vic*.

Return to Order.—Names of the Militiamen of 1812 and 1813 who died between the 1st March, 1876, and 1st January, 1878.

Return to Order.—Statement showing the rivers under lease in the Counties of *Rimouski*, *Gaspé* and *Bonaventure*, and also those on the north coast of the *St. Lawrence*, from the River *Saguenay* down to the *Mingan Islands*.

Return to Order.—Report of the Inspector of Fisheries for *British Columbia* for 1877, with statement of the expenditure connected therewith.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON,
Chairman, Senate.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House, on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Dever* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Wilmot*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, any correspondence that the Government may have respecting a Railway Bridge across the Falls at *St. John, New Brunswick*, so as to connect the Government work known as the Intercolonial Railway, with that of Western Extension at said Falls.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Ryan*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all contracts, specifications, advertisements, notices or information on which tenders were invited for the construction of Houses for the Engineers on the Branch of the *Canada Pacific Railway* from *Fort William* to *Selkirk*—giving the names of the papers in which such advertisements or notices appeared, the number of insertions given, the cost of each House and the distance of each from the eastern terminus, the names of the contractors or persons negotiating for such contracts, the number of Houses built to the present time, with the amount paid the contractor or contractors on each contract and the number of those Houses destroyed by fire, if any.

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

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

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *George Frothingham Johnston*," together with the evidence taken before the said Committee.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Stevens*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Hugh Hunter*," together with the evidence taken before the said Committee,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McMaster*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*,

The House adjourned.

Friday, 15th March, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.;

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dickson.</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Fabr,</i>	<i>McMaster.</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Giasier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Guevremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Odell.</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Pdquet,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>

PRAYERS :

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Reesor*,—Of *James Goodwin*, and others, Directors of the *Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company*, and of *A. F. Banks*, and others, of the *City of Toronto*, in the Province of *Ontario*.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petition was read:—

Of the Reverend *W. Seers*, and others, of *St. Jean Chrysostôme*, in the Province of *Quebec*; complaining that the *Grand Trunk Railway Company* fails to fulfil the duties and obligations of the former *Champlain Railway Company*, imposed upon the said *Grand Trunk Railway* by 20 *Vic.*, Cap. 147, and praying that an Act may be passed to secure the good working of Railways in *Canada*.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A Return of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the Districts of *Chicoutimi* and *Quebec*, Province of *Quebec*, for the year 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 13.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their Ninth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

THE SENATE

COMMITTEE ROOM,

15th March, 1878.

The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honor to present the following as their Ninth Report:

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find that sufficient notice has been given in each case, *viz*:—

Of *C. Burpee*, and others, of *Charlotte County*, in the Province of *New Brunswick*; praying for the passage of an Act authorizing the construction of a Railway Bridge across the *St. Croix River*.

Of *G. B. Burland*, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for an Act to authorize the Commissioner of Patents to continue in force, for a period of ten years from the 1st day of April, 1878, certain Letters Patent heretofore granted to *George Mathew* for a new Bank Note Printing Ink, and also praying that the said Letters Patent may be extended to the whole Dominion.

Your Committee have also examined the Petition of the Rev. *William Jolliffe*, and others, of the County of *Durham*, in the Province of *Ontario*, Members of the Association called the Missionary Society of the Bible Christian Church of *Canada*; praying for an Act of Incorporation, and find the notice insufficient in point of time. Your Committee, however, recommend the suspension of the 51st Rule in this case, as it will be competent for them, as Committee on Private Bills, to provide that no injury to any party shall arise therefrom.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM MILLER,

Chairman.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*,
it was

Ordered, that the Fifty-first Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it relates to the Petition of the Reverend *William Jolliffe*, as recommended in the Ninth Report of the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*,
it was

Ordered, That the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended to Wednesday, the twentieth day of March, instant, and the time for presenting Private Bills be extended to Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of March, instant.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 15th February, 1878, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, copies of all specifications on which tenders were invited to construct the *Lake Superior* and *Fort Garry* sections of the Canadian *Pacific Telegraph*; also, copies of all correspondence between the Government and persons tendering for the same; also, copies of all contracts for the construction of the several portions thereof.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 52.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 27th February, 1878, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Reports made to the Minister charged with the administration of Dominion Lands, as well as of all documents and evidence forming, part thereof, under the Act 38 *Victoria*, Chapter 53, by any Commissioner or Commissioners appointed under the said Act; also copies of all lists of lands prepared from time to time by the Surveyor General of Dominion Lands, in accordance with the provisions of the eighth section of the said Act.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 53.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 14th February, 1878, praying that he will be pleased to lay before this House, a Statement shewing the amount of money expended during the past year on the *L'Ardoise* Breakwater in the Island of *Cape Breton*, and the mode of such expenditure, with the authority therefor.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 54.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 20th February, 1878, praying he will be pleased to lay before this House, copies of all Orders in Council Reports, recommendations and correspondence and any other information in the possession of the Government relative to the fixing of the headquarters of the Inter-colonial Railway at *Moncton*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 21.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Reesor* presented to the House a Bill intituled: "An Act relating to incorporated Companies authorized to lend money."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Reesor*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* presented to the House a Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the traffic in Intoxicating Liquors."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to reduce the Capital Stock of the Merchants' Bank of *Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons, by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the '*Société de Construction Mutuelle*' under the name of the '*Société de Prêts de Placements de Québec*,' and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Baillargeon*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bellerose*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to confer certain powers on the *Montreal* Building Association," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of "*Hugh Hunter*," together with the evidence taken before the said Committee,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Odell*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until Monday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*,

The House adjourned until Monday next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday, 18th March, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Levin,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fubre,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Guevremont,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>

PRAYERS:

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—Returns of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the Districts of *Arthabaska*, *Kamouraska* and *St. Francis*, in the Province of *Quebec*, for the year 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 13.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A List of the Shareholders of the *Molson's Bank*, as on the 28th February, 1878.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 15.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was again referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the *Fishwick's Express and Merchants' Forwarding Company*," and amendments thereto, reported that they had again gone through the said Bill and amendments, and had directed him to report the same with certain amendments in lieu of those previously reported.

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 1, line 24.—After "Company" insert "(Limited)."

Page 1, line 29.—Leave out "fifty" and insert "one hundred."

Page 1, line 30.—Leave out "one" and insert "two."

Page 3, line 13.—After "Corporation" insert "until after the first election under "this Act."

Page 3, line 31.—Leave out "ten" and insert "five."

Page 3, line 32.—Leave out from "Stock" to "this," in line 43, being the whole of the twelfth clause, and insert Clause A.

Clause A.

"The whole of the capital stock of the said Corporation shall be subscribed; and five per centum on the amounts thereof shall be paid up, and the said Corporation shall proceed with its operations under this Act within three years from and after the passing of this Act, in default of which this Act shall become and be null and void and of no effect, and all and every the rights and privileges conferred by this Act shall be forfeited."

In the title of the Bill.

After "Company," insert "(Limited)."

The said amendments being again read,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, it was

Ordered, That the said amendments be agreed to.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Miller* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*,

That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, on a division, resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, presented to the House a Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Missionary Society of The Bible Christian Church in *Canada*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday, the twentieth day of March instant.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Third Report of the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, and

The same being again read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Reesor*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *George Frothingham Johnston*," together with the evidence taken before the said Committee,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to reduce the Capital Stock of the Merchants' Bank of *Canada*," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Ryan*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Hugh Hunter*," together with the evidence taken before the said Committee,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Reesor*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 19th March, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Fozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Marpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Guévrement,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Northrup,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>

PRAYERS :

The following Petition was brought up and laid on the Table :—

By the Honorable Mr. *Trudel*,—Of the Reverend *E. L. H. Blythe*, and others, of *Ste. Martine*, in the Province of *Quebec*.

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

Of *James Goodwin*, and others, Directors of the *Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company*, and of *A. F. Banks*, and others, of the City of *Toronto*, in the Province of *Ontario*; severally praying that the Act 40 Vic., Cap. 42, may be so amended as to exempt the *Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company* from its operation.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the *Montreal and City of Ottawa Junction Railway Company*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with two amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and
The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 1, line 24.—After "force" insert "and all claims which can be established in a court of law or equity."

Page 1, line 29.—Leave out from “incorporation” to the first “The” in line penult.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, it was

Ordered, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Macpherson* having called the attention of the House to the public expenditure of the Dominion, especially that portion of it which is largely within the control of the Administration, with a view to inquire of the Government how it is proposed to restore the equilibrium between income and expenditure.

After Debate

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, it was

Ordered, That the said Debate be postponed until to-morrow, and do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that day, and take precedence of all Notices of Motion.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: “An Act to revive and amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal and Champlain Junction Railway Company*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: “An Act relating to incorporated Companies authorized to lend money,”

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Reesor*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: “An Act to incorporate the ‘*Société de Construction Mutuelle*’ under the name of ‘the ‘*Société de Prêts et Placements de Québec*,’ and for other purposes,”

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Baillargeon*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bellerose*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled: “An Act for the relief of *George Frothingham Johnston*,” together with the evidence taken before the said Committee,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McMaster*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled: “An Act for the relief of *Hugh Hunter*,” together with the evidence taken before the said Committee.

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*,

That the said Report be adopted.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, on a division, resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*,

That the said Bill for the relief of *Hugh Hunter* be read a third time to-morrow.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative, and
Ordered, accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Wark*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Baillargeon*,
 The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 20th March, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hamilton, (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cornwall,</i>			

PRAYERS :

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A Return of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, in the County of *Gaspé*, for the year 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 13.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to reduce the "Capital Stock of the Merchants' Bank of Canada," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Guévremont* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Armand*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit to this House, all correspondence, letters, documents, petitions, and generally all complaints and remonstrances made to the *Montreal* Harbour Commissioners at *Montreal*, against persons in their employ residing at *Sorel*, during the five years next preceding the first day of January last.

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

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

The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. *Macpherson's* inquiry, viz. :—That he will call attention to the public expenditure of the Dominion, especially that portion of it which is largely within the control of the Administration, and will inquire of the Government how it is proposed to restore the equilibrium between income and expenditure.

After Debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That further Debate on the said Inquiry be postponed until to-morrow, and do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that day, and take precedence of all Notices of Motion.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill intituled "An Act for the relief of *Hugh Hunter*."

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McMaster*,

That the said Bill be now read a third time.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McMaster*,

That a message be sent to the House of Commons by one of the Masters in Chancery, to communicate to that House the Evidence taken before the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Hugh Hunter*," with a request that the same may be returned to this House.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the traffic in Intoxicating Liquors,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Reesor*, it was
Ordered, That the same be postponed until Friday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled :
 " An Act to incorporate the Missionary Society of The Bible Christian Church in
 " *Canada*,"

The Honorable Mr. *Simpson* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Reesor*,
 That the said Bill be now read a second time.

The Honorable Mr. *Bellerose* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable
 Mr. *Armand*,

To leave out " now," and after " time " to insert " on Tuesday next."

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

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, the same was
 also resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the amendments
 proposed by the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways to the Bill inti-
 tuled: " An Act respecting the *Montreal* and City of *Ottawa* Junction Railway
 " *Company*," and

The same being again read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Skead*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hamil-
 ton* (*Inkerman*), it was

Ordered, That the said amendments be agreed to.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Skead*, seconded by the Honorable Mr.
Hamilton (*Inkerman*), it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint
 that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concur-
 rence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: " An Act to revive and
 " amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal* and *Champlain* Junction Railway Com-
 " pany," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bourinot*,
 it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce
 and Railways.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled :
 " An Act relating to incorporated Companies authorized to lend money,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Reesor*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*,
 it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled :
 " An Act to incorporate the ' *Société de Construction Mutuelle* ' under the name of the
 " " *Société de Prêts et Placements de Québec*,' and for other purposes,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Baillargeon*, seconded by the Honorable Mr.
Pelletier, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *George Frothingham Johnston*," together with the evidence taken before the said Committee,

The Honorable Mr. *Penny* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McMaster*,

That the said Report be adopted.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Penny* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McMaster*,

That the said Bill for the relief of *George Frothingham Johnston* be now read a third time.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Penny* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McMaster*,

That a message be sent to the House of Commons by one of the Masters in Chancery, to communicate to that House the Evidence taken before the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *George Frothingham Johnston*" and the papers referred to them, with a request that the same may be returned to this House.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Odell*,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, 21st March, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker,

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Shead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Pdquet,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>

PRAYERS:

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the following Petition was read :—

Of the Reverend *E. L. H. Blythe*, and others, of *Ste. Martine*, in the Province of *Quebec*; complaining that the Grand Trunk Railway Company fails to fulfil the duties and obligations of the former *Champlain* Railway Company imposed upon the said Grand Trunk Railway Company by 20 *Vic.*, Cap. 147, and praying that an Act may be passed to secure the good working of Railways in *Canada*.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A List of the Shareholders of the *Pictou* Bank for the year 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 15.*)

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to extend to the Province of *Prince Edward Island* 'the Railway Act, 1868,' and certain Acts amending the same," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. *Macpherson's* inquiry:—That he will call attention to the public expenditure of the Dominion, especially that portion of it which is largely within the control of the Administration, and will inquire of the Government how it is proposed to restore the equilibrium between income and expenditure.

After Debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Brown*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Reesor*, it was

Ordered, That further Debate on the said Inquiry be postponed until to-morrow, and it do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that day.

The Honorable Mr. *Girard* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Read*, That the evidence taken from time to time before the Select Committee appointed to continue the investigation and to inquire into all the questions relating to the purchase of the property at *Fort William* for a terminus to the Canadian Pacific Railway, be printed for the use of the Members of this House, but that no copies thereof be delivered, except to the Members of the Committee, until further order.

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

Ordered accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Wark*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McClelan*,

The House adjourned.

Friday, 22nd March, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Focer,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fahre,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Campbe'l,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Pâquet,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>			

PRAYERS
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The Honorable Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their Tenth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

THE SENATE,
COMMITTEE ROOM,
22nd March, 1878.

The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honor to present the following as their Tenth Report:

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *Eliza Maria Campbell*, of *Whitby*, in the County of *Ontario*, wife of *Robert Campbell*, of the same place; praying for leave to prosecute her "Cause of Divorce in *formd pauperis*, that any rules and "orders which may prevent her from appearing or proceeding therein, may be "suspended, and that a new Bill, if necessary, may be passed, identical in terms, as "nearly as may be, with the Bill of last Session," and find that no notice has been given, and do not recommend the suspension of the 51st Rule.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM MILLER,
Chairman.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilmot* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a detailed Statement of all expenses, commissions and disbursements made by Government, for the purchase of American Silver Coin since the 1st day of July, 1867, and to whom paid; the amount of Debentures issued for such purpose, and at what rate of interest, and under what Statute or authority they were issued, what amount was paid out of current revenue, what amount of Debentures have been paid, and what amount are still outstanding, also, the amount of fractional currency issued, and the amount still outstanding.

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

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

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to amend and to consolidate, as amended, the several Acts "relating to the *Quebec Fire Assurance Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General under his sign manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

Dufferin.

The Governor General transmits to the Senate an Address from the Legislative Council of the Province of *Quebec* to the Senate; Also, an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Quebec* to the Senate—on the subject of recent Ministerial changes in that Province.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 22nd March, 1878.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Friday, 8th March, 1878.

Resolved, That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of *Canada*, to the Senate and Commons of *Canada*, and to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Quebec*.

Attest.

E. SIMARD,

D. C. L. A.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Friday, 8th March, 1878.

Resolved, That the said Address be engrossed and signed by Mr. Speaker, and that it be transmitted to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Quebec*, with prayer that he transmit the same to his Excellency the Governor General of *Canada*, and that the said Address be also transmitted to the Senate and House of Commons of *Canada*.

Attest.

E. SIMARD,

D. C. L. A.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, IN THE
DOMINION OF CANADA, IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED.

The humble Address of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Quebec*, respectfully sheweth:—

That it appears from the explanations given by the Honorable Mr. *Angers*, and from the official correspondence communicated to this House, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor acknowledges that the Members of the *DeBoucherville* Cabinet have acted in good faith in the discharge of their duties;

That His Excellency has allowed the measures submitted by the Government to this House, and to the Legislative Council, to be discussed and voted upon without order on his part to suspend them;

That, whilst asserting their devotion to our Gracious Sovereign, and their respect towards His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of this Province, this House is of opinion:

That the dismissal from office of the *DeBoucherville* Cabinet having taken place without reason, constitutes an imminent danger to the existence of responsible government in this Province, and is an abuse of power in contempt of the majority of this House, whose confidence they possessed, and still possess, and is a violation of the liberties and will of the people.

And your petitioners will ever humbly pray.

LOUIS BEAUBIEN,

*Speaker of the Legislative Assembly**of the Province Quebec.*

[L.S.]

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Quebec, 8th March, 1878.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Quebec, 18th March, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward you an Address to the Honorable the Senate of Canada, voted by the Legislative Council of the Province of Quebec on the 8th instant.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

L. LETELLIER.

The Honorable R. W. SCOTT,
Secretary of State, Ottawa.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Friday, 8th March, 1878.

Resolved, That this Address be engrossed and signed by the Speaker of this House, and transmitted by him to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Quebec, with a request that he will transmit it to His Excellency the Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, and to the Senate and House of Commons of Canada.

Attest.

BOUCHER DEBOUCHERVILLE,

Clerk, Legislative Council.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SENATE OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

The humble Address of the Honorable the Legislative Council of the Province of Quebec, respectfully sheweth:—

That it appears from explanations given by the Honorable M. DeBoucherville, and from official correspondence communicated to this House, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor acknowledges that the Members of the DeBoucherville Cabinet acted in good faith in the discharge of their duties;

That His Excellency permitted the Bills submitted to this House, and to the Legislative Assembly, to be discussed and voted upon without any order on his part to suspend them;

That, whilst expressing its loyalty and devotion to our Gracious Sovereign, and its respect for the Lieutenant Governor of this Province, this House is of opinion:

That the dismissal from office of the DeBoucherville Cabinet having taken place without sufficient cause, constitutes an imminent danger to the maintenance of responsible government in this Province, is an abuse of power exercised in contempt of the majority of both Houses whose confidence they possessed, and still possess, and violation of the rights and will of the people.

HENRY STARNES,

Speaker, Legislative Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Friday, 8th March, 1878.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to provide that persons charged with common assault shall be competent as Witnesses," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Bank of *Liverpool*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macfarlane*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate The *Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chapais*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to authorize the *Stadacona Fire and Life Insurance Company* to reduce its Capital Stock, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Power*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cochrane*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. *Macpherson's* inquiry:—That he will call attention to the public expenditure of the Dominion, especially that portion of it which is largely within the control of the Administration, and will inquire of the Government how it is proposed to restore the equilibrium between income and expenditure.

After Debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, it was,

Ordered, That further Debate on the said Inquiry be postponed until Tuesday next, and it do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that day.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act relating to incorporated Companies authorized to lend money,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until Tuesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the '*Société de Construction Mutuelle*,' under the name of the '*Société de Prêts et Placements de Québec*,' and for other purposes," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Baillargeon*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the traffic in Intoxicating Liquors,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until Tuesday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,

The House adjourned until Tuesday next, the twenty-sixth day of March, at Eight o'clock in the evening.

Tuesday, 26th March, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wilmot,</i>

PRAYERS :

The Honorable Mr. *Howlan* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Haythorne*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a copy of all Contracts, Telegrams and agreements made in and about, and relating to the Service of the Marine and Fishery Department at *Prince Edward Island*, since the entry of said Island into the Dominion, in July, 1873.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Carrall* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, all correspondence, offers or tenders that have been received for the leasing of the exclusive right of Salmon fishing and netting in the *Frazer River, British Columbia*.

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

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

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to authorize and confirm the scheme of arrangement of the "*Canada Southern Railway Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bourinot*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to authorize the National Insurance Company to reduce its "*Capital Stock*, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Trudel*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cormier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Northern Railway Company of *Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bourinot*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. *Macpherson's* inquiry, viz:—That he will call attention to the public expenditure of the *Dominion*, especially that portion of it which is largely within the control of the Administration, and will inquire of the Government how it is proposed to restore the equilibrium between income and expenditure.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow, and that it do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that day.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "*An Act to incorporate the Missionary Society of 'The Bible Christian Church in 'Canada,'*"

The Honorable Mr. *Simpson* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Reesor*, That the said Bill be now read a second time.

The Honorable Mr. *Bellerose* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Armand*,

That the question for the second reading of the said Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Missionary Society of the Bible Christian Church in *Canada*," be not now put, but the Bill be referred to the Judges of the Supreme Court for their opinion; whether it is not a measure which falls within the class of subjects exclusively allotted to the Provincial Legislatures, under Section 92, sub-Section 11, of the *British North America Act, 1867*, relating to "The Incorporation of Companies with Provincial objects" and sub-Section 13 of the same Section, relating to "Property and civil rights in the Province," and Section 93 relating to Education?

After Debate,

The said motion, in amendment, was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The question being then put on the original motion, the same was, on a division resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to extend to the Province of *Prince Edward Island* 'The Railway Act, 1858' and certain Acts amending the same," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend and to consolidate, as amended, the several Acts relating to the *Quebec Fire Assurance Company*" was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act to provide that persons charged with common assault shall be competent as witnesses,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the *Bank of Liverpool*" was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macfarlane*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate The *Ontario Mutual Life Association Company*" was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Reesor*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to authorize the "Stadacona Fire and Life Insurance Company to reduce its Capital Stock, and for "other purposes," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Power*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lewin*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled. "An Act respecting the traffic in Intoxicating Liquors,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until Thursday next, and that it do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that day.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General under his sign manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

Dufferin:

The Governor-General transmits to the Senate a memorandum from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, with accompanying documents, containing explanations in reference to recent Ministerial changes in that Province.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, 26th March, 1878.

(Translation.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

QUEBEC, 19th March, 1878.

MY LORD,—The annexed explanatory case which I to-day address to Your Excellency, will have, I am persuaded, the effect of demonstrating that I have always acted towards Mr. *DeBoucherville* and his colleagues with good will, and with the desire of affording them my co-operation during their tenure of office.

What might have tended to produce regrettable conflicts between myself and my Cabinet was almost invariably obviated by my friendly desire to overlook the irregularities which I have noted in the present statement of facts.

I hope, My Lord, that the difficult position which I have been compelled to occupy, will be justified, not only because it is constitutional, but because the conduct of my Cabinet endangered both the prerogatives of the Crown, and the most serious interests of the people of this Province.

I have the honor to be, My Lord,

Your most obedient servant,

L. LETELLIER,

Lieutenant-Governor.

To His Excellency, The Right Hon.

The Earl of *Dufferin*, K.P., K.C.B., G.C.M.G.,

Governor-General of *Canada*,

Ottawa.

(Translation.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
QUEBEC, 19th March, 1878.

To the Right Honorable
The Earl of *Dufferin*, K.P., K.C.B., G.C.M.G.,
Governor-General of Canada,
Ottawa.

MY LORD.—I have the honor to submit to-day for Your Lordship's consideration documents and details which I could not lay before the public, but which would have made it more clearly understood that the dismissal of the *DeBoucherville* Cabinet was forced upon me by circumstances.

These details are not to be found in the communications which I had authorized *M. DeBoucherville* to place before the House and are herewith annexed.

From the day that I was, by Your Excellency, elevated to the position I occupy at present, all the private relations which I have had with the members of my Cabinet down to its dismissal from office have been, I must admit, generally of an agreeable nature; but in those of an official character with the Premier I was almost invariably impressed with the feeling that I did not enjoy that entire confidence on his part which is the chief element of a cordial understanding between the Representative of the Crown and his advisers.

After having studied the general state of the affairs of our Province, after having become convinced that legislative and administrative changes were becoming more and more necessary, I decided upon using, with moderation and with the greatest possible discretion, the influence attached to my position in order to obtain the realization of that which I deemed to be of the greatest advantage to the Province.

I regret to state to Your Excellency that, although *M. DeBoucherville* did on most occasions, take my counsels in good part and that he generally approved of them, he, nevertheless, almost always acted as though he had never heard them.

Nevertheless, instead of using my authority to obstruct his action in any way, I invariably treated him with great indulgence, as will appear to Your Excellency by the facts hereinafter exposed:—

1st. During the Session of 1876, a Bill had passed its third reading in one of the two branches of the Legislature, but its second, only, in the other.

This Bill, bearing all the Certificates which were necessary to induce me to believe that it had been regularly passed and adopted, was submitted to me by the Premier in order to receive my sanction.

In consequence of the ignorance of these facts in which I was left by my advisers, I granted my sanction to this Bill.

Not long afterwards I was informed of this irregularity, and I immediately spoke of it to the Premier. I made the observation that an Act of such a nature as this might entail consequences too serious to permit of its being forgotten.

At his request, I passed over, without comment, this instance of irregular legislation.

2nd. During the same Session, another Bill, introduced by the Government, was submitted to me for my sanction.

On examining it, I perceived a blank which had not been filled up, and having noticed this omission, I addressed the following letter to the Premier:—

“ QUEBEC, 27th December, 1876.

“ (Personal.)

“ MY DEAR PREMIER,—A Bill E, which originated in the Council, was passed by the Legislative Assembly without amendment; upon reading it, before adding my certificate of approval, I discovered that a blank had not been filled up in the Seventh Line of the Sixth Section.

“ You followed the usual practice in not establishing the amount of the penalty in the Legislative Council; but the matter passed unperceived in the other branch of

the Legislature, in which the officers, through some mistake, omitted to insert the amount fixed by the House, or it may have been an error in the proof sheets.

"While on the subject of these mistakes, you will find another in the second section of the same Act, wherein the word "amender" is in the infinitive mood. I notice this latter inaccuracy, to which I do not attach much importance, only because I had to direct your attention to what I consider to be a fatal omission in another Act.

"Yours very truly,

(Signed), "L. LECHELLIER."

The Premier came to me and said that he regretted this omission; he requested me to give my sanction to the Bill in the state in which it was. The conciliatory spirit which I showed in granting my consent seemed to please him.

3rd. In March, 1877 (*Vide* Appendix A), my advisers caused me to make a nomination of a municipal councillor for the southern quarter of the villago of *Montmagny*, under the pretext that there had been no election, or that if such election had taken place, it was illegal.

The whole of the circumstances connected with this case, I deem it my duty to explain to Your Excellency, on account of the important principle involved therein.

After due personal examination of the petitions and other accompanying documents, I called on the Premier, at his own office, to beg of him not to hasten the nomination which I was asked to make of a municipal councillor for that locality before he should have been more fully informed thereon.

I made the observation to him that it appeared that a municipal election had taken place, and, that if such were the case, I maintained the principle that the Executive should not interfere in the matter.

I added that, from the moment that an election, whether legal or even illegal, had taken place, it belonged to the Courts of Justice to adjudicate thereon, according to the ordinary course of law, of which they are the interpreters.

I then intimated to Mr. *DeBoucherville* that I maintained the principle that all matters cognizable by the Judiciary should be invariably left to the Courts of Justice, which, from their organization, are better fitted than the Executive to inquire into matters of fact and of evidence, and that I would never allow the substitution of the powers of the Executive for those of the Courts, when the latter had jurisdiction.

The Premier admitted that this opinion, and the principles on which I based it, were in conformity with his ideas, and necessary for the good administration of justice. He asked me if I would consent to see Mr. *Angers*, the Attorney-General, on the subject.

I at once consented, and the Attorney-General was immediately sent for; the facts connected with this election difficulty, and my views regarding them were then communicated to him. He promised that before any nomination should be made by the Lieutenant-Governor he would make inquiries.

Shortly afterwards he reported to me that he had made an inquiry into the facts of the case, and, at his suggestion, I appointed Mr. *Jules Belanger* to be Councillor.

In the beginning of March, 1877, difficulties and quarrels arose at *Montmagny* out of this election.

After this nomination, these disturbances broke forth in the very midst of the Municipal Council, from which was violently ejected the Councillor whom they had thus caused me to appoint. This appointment they had recommended me to make, notwithstanding the facts that an election had taken place, that it had been made and presided over by the Mayor, that Mr. *Eugene Fournier* had been reported as having been unanimously elected, that he had been sworn in according to law, and that at the very time when the nomination of Mr. *Jules Belanger* was recommended to me the person thus elected had *de facto* taken his seat, had been sworn and had sat at the Council Board, as is testified by the minutes of the Council.

When I afterwards learned these facts I recommended them to the Premier, whom I called on to prepare the revocation of the appointment which they had caused

me to make, contrary to the principles which I have enunciated above, and the justice of which he had himself admitted.

The Premier answered that this matter was of a very delicate nature, as such a proceeding would be contrary to the recommendation of Mr. *Angers*, his Attorney-General; he closed by saying that he would have a report prepared on this subject.

This report I received several days later. After having read it, I again intimated to Mr. *DeBoucherville* that in the interests of peace, and in conformity with the principles above mentioned, that "Executive should not be substituted for Judicial power in matters within the province of the latter," I insisted upon the revocation being made.

After having waited several days for an answer, and not having received any, I addressed a letter to the Premier, of which the following is a copy:—

(*Personal and confidential.*)

"QUEBEC, 14th March, 1878.

"MY DEAR DEBOUCHERVILLE,—I have not received any answer on the subject of the nomination of a Councillor at *Montmagny*.

"Those who have deceived the Government in order to induce me to perform an Executive act at variance with a matter which they were then aware appertained to the Judicial domain, do not, in my opinion, deserve to be treated with a degree of consideration which can only be injurious to the Government and myself.

"The remedy is very simple,—rescind the appointment, allow the parties interested to discuss their differences before the Courts.

"Yours very truly,
(Signed) "L. LETELLIER."

If, My Lord, I insist upon the latter point, it is to demonstrate to Your Excellency that the Prime Minister was perfectly aware of my views at that time, and should not, in consequence, have introduced during the last Session of our Legislature any legislative measure or performed any legislative Act, tending to substitute executive for judicial power, without advising me on the subject.

It was easy for the Premier to understand, from my remarks and the frequent conversations which I had with him, that I could never consent to despoil the subjects of Her Majesty of the right guaranteed to them by "Magna Charta," that their property should never be interfered with, except in virtue of a judgment rendered by the tribunals of the country.

4th. On the 19th March, 1877, being on the eve of absenting myself for a few days, I wrote to the Honorable Mr. *Chapleau*, and in a postscript I said:

"Please oblige me by telling the Premier that, if he needs my assistance (*concours*), Mr. *Gautier* can bring down to me the documents requiring my signature."

Mr. *DeBoucherville* should have understood from this that, if I was ready to render him my assistance (*concours*), it was on condition of having all documents submitted to me before signing them.

I leave you, my Lord, to judge in what manner my views were interpreted.

5th. Under date of 6th of November last, I addressed to the Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* the letter of which the following is a copy:

(*Private.*)

"QUEBEC, 6th November, 1877.

"The Hon. C. B. *DeBoucherville*,
"Premier.

"MY DEAR DEBOUCHERVILLE,—In the last *Official Gazette* were published over my signature two Proclamations which I had not signed.

"One was for the summoning of Parliament, which I had reserved in order to confer with you; the other, which I had not even seen, appoints a day of Thanksgiving.

"These proceedings, the nature of which I shall not qualify at present, apart from their impropriety, are productive of nullities which you can easily understand."

"Yours very truly,
(Signed) "L. LETELLIER."

Here are the notes which I took of the conversation which I had with M. *DeBoucherville* on this subject:—

"M. *DeBoucherville* came on the same day that he received this letter to tell me that he regretted that the thing had occurred, and that it was no fault of his. I told him that I would not tolerate the use of my name when it became necessary for any of my official acts, without there having previously submitted to me the documents requiring my signature, together with the necessary information which M. *DeBoucherville* assured me would be the course followed in future.

(Signed) "L. L."

6th. But, my Lord, there is another point still more important, which I cannot any longer refrain from mentioning.

From the conversations which I have held with M. *DeBoucherville* there results a fact, which, if it were known, would, of itself, have sufficiently justified me in believing that he did not possess the confidence of the people of this Province.

On two different occasions, sometime after the Session of 1876, I remonstrated with him that millions had been voted to aid railways in general, at a time when our finances did not appear to me to be in a condition to warrant a lavish expenditure in subsidizing these numerous undertakings, particularly as apart from them, our credit was heavily pledged towards the building of the *Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway*.

He very frankly avowed that these grants, though they were for the development of the Province, had been necessitated by political considerations; that without them the support of the members, whose counties were traversed by these railways, would cease to be secured to Government; that there would be no means of having a majority; that these members formed "rings" to control the House.

M. *DeBoucherville* is not unaware that I thereupon told him that it was better to save the Province than a Government, and that if his Administration was not strong enough to resist these influences, it would be better for him to form a combination of honest and well-meaning men, from both sides of the House, rather than submit to the dictation of these "rings," and to the control of these combinations.

When he made no attempt to escape from such deleterious influence, after his own avowal that the Legislature was controlled by these "rings;" when by his legislation he wished to favour them anew during this last Session, without having previously obtained my advice; had I not the right, as the representative of my Sovereign to believe, and to be convinced that M. *DeBoucherville* did not possess, in the Legislative Assembly, a majority created in accordance with the Constitution.

In communicating to both Houses my memoranda of the 25th February and 1st March last, the Premier and Mr. Attorney-General *Angers* overstepped the authorization which I had given by my letter of the 4th March last for that purpose. They added to the publication of the Report a recital of various pretended conversations, the exactness and propriety of which I do not admit.

I shall point out, my Lord, one fact alone to prove this inexactitude, and this impropriety. The Hon. Messrs. *DeBoucherville* and *Angers*, in their explanations to the two Houses, lay great stress on the telegram which M. *DeBoucherville* dispatched to me at *Rivière Ouelle*, to ask my permission to introduce resolutions concerning the finances, and on the blank signature that I sent up in answer to it.

But these gentlemen themselves had this blank signature filled up by my private Secretary, so as to give to the telegram the meaning which I had attributed to it,

namely, a request for permission to introduce the subsidies. Here follows a copy of the message made with this blank signature :

Mr. Treasurer *Church* presents a message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, which reads as follows. —

“ *L. Lettellier*,

“The Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of *Quebec*, transmits to the Legislative Assembly the supplementary estimates for the current year, the estimates for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1879, which, in conformity with the provisions of the 54th section of the British North America Act, 1867, he recommends to the Legislative Assembly.”

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

QUEBEC, 30th January, 1878.

My Ministers never had, by their own admission, any authorisation from me for the introduction of their Railway and Taxation Resolutions, than the blank signature filled up as above stated, and in which not a word is said of them. Besides which, it will be noticed that the Railway Resolutions were introduced on the 29th January, whereas the message is dated the 30th.

It is for this reason, my Lord, that I bring to your knowledge all the facts and details which are connected with the relations which I have had with Mr. *DeBoucherville* and his colleagues.

Were the controversy with me alone, as a private individual, I would abstain from any remonstrance against the injustice of their reflections upon the conduct of the Representative of the Crown, which they have made in violation of their duty ; but, in this matter, the maintenance of the Constitution is at stake.

If, without any authority from me, proclamations have been published which I never signed, is it surprising that messages have been proposed in my name, on which I had never been advised ?

It is because that I have been, as the representative of my Sovereign, unjustly and with indignity, dragged before the public, that I make known to you, my Lord, that, in the exercise of my representative duties, I have not had solely in view the protection of the dignity of my office, but that my object has been to afford the people of this Province the opportunity of understanding that, at the present conjuncture, the recent exercise of the Royal Prerogative has not been hostile to their constitutional liberties, but that, on the contrary, it has afforded them the means of freely exercising their judgment.

There results, my Lord, from what I have stated :—

1st. That in general, the recommendations which I made to my Cabinet, have not received the consideration which is due to them, as emanating from the Representative of the Crown.

2nd. That my name has been, by the members of the Government, signed to documents which I never saw.

3rd. That a Proclamation summoning the Legislature was published in the *Official Gazette*, without consulting or advising me, and before my signature had been attached thereto.

4th. That the same circumstances occurred with regard to the proclamation of a Day of Thanksgiving.

5th. That, although I had intimated to the Premier, by my advice and by my letter of the 14th March, 1877, my firm determination to protect the inhabitants of this Province against the arbitrary decisions of the Executive, in matters within the jurisdiction of the Courts of Justice, he thought proper, without my participation, and without consulting me, to propose to both Houses in legislating for the *Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa & Occidental Railway*, to substitute the power of the Executive for that of the Judiciary.

6th. That, without having advised me, and without having received authorization of any sort whatever from me, the Government of M. *DeBoucherville*, proposed to the Legislature, a measure of almost general taxation upon the ordinary contracts and transactions of life, transfers of bank, &c., while no message from me had been demanded for this object, nor authorized by me, for laying such a measure before the Legislature.

7th. That after its dismissal, the Government of M. *DeBoucherville* committed a new breach of duty by assigning reasons for the adjournment of the House from day to day, different from those agreed on between myself and the Premier, at the risk of prejudicing public opinion against the Representative of the Crown.

8th. That, at the time of the communication of the causes which rendered necessary the dismissal of the Cabinet, in the explanations which were given by the Premier to the Legislative Council, and by the Attorney-General to the Legislative Assembly, both of them referred to pretended conversations which they had no authority whatever to communicate to the Legislature, since the Premier had, by his answer to the letter of the Lieutenant-Governor of the 4th March last, limited his explanations to the communication to both Houses of my memoranda of the 25th February and 1st March, and the answers of the Premier of the 27th February, 2nd and 4th March last.

9th. That, in fact, the additions and the commentaries made by the Premier before the Legislative Council, and by the Attorney-General before the Legislative Assembly, were contrary to the conditions stipulated between the Lieutenant-Governor and the Premier.

10th. That the Premier and his colleagues, by making use of pretended private conversation to explain the causes of their dismissal, in contravention to their duty to the Crown and to what they had pledged themselves to refrain from, have placed the Lieutenant-Governor under the necessity of bringing under the notice of your Excellency all the reasons for such dismissal.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) L. LETELIER,
Lieutenant-Governor.

(Translation.)

APPENDIX A.

Resumé of Official Record.

In January, 1877, an election had taken place for the southern portion of the village of *Montmagny*. This election having been declared null and void by the Court, it ordered a fresh one to take place, and appointed Mr. *Eugène Hamond* to preside over it.

On the day fixed, Mr. *Eugène Hamond* refusing to preside, *Naz. Bernatchez*, Esq., Mayor of the municipality, the senior Magistrate present, undertook the presidency.

The assembly elected Mr. *Eugène Fournier*.

Mr. *Eugène Hamond* wrote to the Lieutenant-Governor that he had not presided at the assembly, without adding, however, that there had been no election. He recommended at the same time, that Mr. *Jules Bélanger* be appointed.

Mr. *Eugène Fournier*, elected at the assembly of the 19th February, took the oath of office, and took his seat on the 23rd February.

On the 3rd March, the Attorney-General (Mr. *Angers*) recommended the appointment of *Jules Bélanger*, who was accordingly appointed on the 7th of the same month.

On the 10th, Mr. *Bernatchez*, Mayor of *Montmagny*, addressed to the Lieutenant-Governor a memorandum exposing the facts, and prayed that the appointment be cancelled.

On the 15th March the Attorney-General drew out a report recommending that the appointment of Mr. *Jules Bélanger* be maintained.

On the 27th March, the Lieutenant-Governor revoked this appointment on a report of the Government.

APPENDIX B.

(Translation.)

QUEBEC, 4th March, 1878.

To the Hon. *C. B. DeBoucherville*,
Quebec.

The Lieutenant-Governor desires that his two memoranda (of the 25th February and 1st March), addressed to the Hon. *M. DeBoucherville*, and that the answers given to those memoranda by the Hon. *C. B. DeBoucherville* (of the 27th February and 2nd March) be not now communicated to both Houses.

This communication, authorized by the Lieutenant-Governor, at the request the Hon. *M. DeBoucherville* will be made as soon as the arrangements for the formation of a new Executive Council shall be ended.

The Hon. *M. DeBoucherville* may make known unto both Houses, that the reason of the adjournment from one day to another, is necessitated by the last mentioned cause.

(Signed) L. LETELLIER.

(Translation.)

QUEBEC, 4th March, 1878.

EXCELLENCY,—In conformity with your wish expressed in a letter of to-day's date, I withhold, until the formation of a new Executive Council, the reasons I was authorized by Your Excellency to communicate to both Houses.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) C. B. DEBOUCHERVILLE.

(Translation.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

QUEBEC, 25th February, 1878.

The Lieutenant-Governor desires the Executive Council to prepare for his consideration, a "factum" containing the following facts, viz. :—

1. A copy of the Acts of the Federal Parliament authorizing the construction of the railway now known under the name of "*Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental*," as well as a copy of the Acts of the Legislature of the Province of *Quebec* concerning the said railway.

2. A copy of the Acts of the Legislature of the Province of *Quebec* concerning the building of the railway between *Quebec* and *Montreal*, which line is commonly designated under the name of "*North Shore Railway*."

3. A copy of the By-Laws of each of the Municipal Corporations by which they undertook to help in constructing the said railway.

4. A statement of the amount paid by each of those Corporations as a help, and a copy of the correspondence exchanged between the Government, its Commissioners, or the Contractors for the said railways, and the aforesaid Municipalities, with regard to their help or subsidy.

5. A copy of all the contracts passed for the building of those roads.

6. A copy of the official or confidential reports of the Engineers who have been ordered to determine the route of those lines, in whole or in part.

7. A copy of the report of the Railway Commissioners submitted to both Houses, during the present Session, with regard to said railways.

8. A copy of the representations made to the Government by the Municipal bodies thus interested, or the taxpayers of those Municipalities, with regard to the conditions of their aid or subsidy.

9. Copy of the resolutions which have been introduced to the Provincial Legislature, during the present Session, with regard to the aforesaid subsidies, and to facilitate the payment and collection thereof.

10. Copy of the Bill, based on those resolutions, which has been introduced to the Legislature of Quebec during the present Session.

11. A plan shewing the routes of each of those lines, or of any part of them.

12. A statement of the reasons which have engaged the Government not to content itself with the provisions of the Statutory and public law, and of those of the Civil Code of this Province, to effect the recovery of the sums of money which may be due by those Corporations, but without previously advising, in any way, with the Lieutenant-Governor, to propose an *ex post facto* legislation to compel them to do so.

Another project of a very important law to make provision for levying new taxes has also been introduced to the Legislature without having been previously submitted to the consideration of the Lieutenant-Governor.

The Lieutenant-Governor easily understands that propositions of secondary importance and on which he has been previously officially informed, may be, as matter of routine, introduced to both Houses without a special order from himself; but he cannot, in any way, permit that the Executive should make communications in his name to the Legislature, with regard to measures which are of a new and important character, without his authorization and his having been completely informed and previously advised thereon.

(Signed)

L. LETELLIER.

(Translation.)

QUEBEC, 27th February, 1878.

To His Excellency

The Lieutenant-Governor
of the Province of Quebec.

EXCELLENCY,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's memorandum, which your A.D.C. handed me yesterday afternoon, informing me at the same time that you were ill in bed.

I have submitted this memorandum to the Executive Council, and, will see, as Your Excellency desired it, that diligence be made so as to transmit to you as soon as possible all the documents asked for.

Anticipating the factum which Your Excellency wishes to have, and which will contain a more detailed statement of the motives which have induced the Government to propose the measures to which you draw my attention, I deem it my duty to represent to you,

That, amongst others, the reasons which brought the Government to submit to the Legislature a law compelling the municipalities to pay their subscriptions towards building the Provincial railway on the decision of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, through a sworn report of a competent Engineer, and after a fifteen days' notice, so as to give these municipalities the facility of being heard, are the bad will of certain municipalities manifested in certain cases by their negligence to answer the demands of their Treasurer, and in others by their formal refusal to pay, while in other cases resolutions were adopted asking new conditions to the engagements they had contracted with the Government.

The Government believed that, without such legislation, the object of which is to avoid the slowness of ordinary judicial proceedings, the result of the bad will of the municipalities, would have been to necessitate a new Provincial loan, and therefore an unjust charge upon municipalities who had taken no engagement, and which were to derive no immediate advantage by the construction of this road, either by stopping completely the works begun, with the inevitable loss of the interest on the enormous capital already engaged in this enterprise, and the other damages which would have resulted.

The Government, first undertaking the obligation by this law to fulfil the conditions which they have agreed with these municipalities, believed that in substitut-

ing to the ordinary courts, the Lieutenant Governor with an Executive Council, responsible to the Legislature and to the people, it gave to the interested parties a tribunal which offered as many guarantees as the ordinary courts.

I would further bring under your Excellency's notice that provisions of a similar nature to this legislation exist already in our Statutes. I will cite to your Excellency chap., 83 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, and also chap., 47 of 36 Vic., of Statutes of Ontario.

I respectfully submit to your Excellency that a law framed to better assure the better execution of a contract cannot produce a retroactive effect; it enacts for the future and has for its end the respective interests of both parties.

I would now beg your Excellency to observe that, while you were at Rivière Ouelle, I had the honour to ask your authority to put the question of finance before the House, and that you kindly answered, stating that you were forwarding through the mail a signed blank, which act I took at that time as a great mark of confidence on your part. I received effectively a blank with your signature, and I gave it to the Treasurer, who had it filled up by your Aide-de-camp. Later I had the honor to ask your Excellency for a general permission to submit to the House measures concerning money matters, which your Excellency gave me with your ordinary courtesy.

This permission had always been granted me by your predecessor, the lamented Mr. Caron. I must admit that, with this permission, and being convinced your Excellency had read the Treasurer's speech, in which he announced the proposed taxation, I considered myself authorized to tell my colleagues that I had your permission for all money measures.

I beg Your Excellency to believe that I never had the intention of assuming the right of having measures passed without your approbation, and that in this case having had the occasion of conferring with you with regard to the Provincial Railway, and not having received orders to suspend it, I did not think Your Excellency would consider that in this measure there was any intention on my part of ignoring your prerogatives, that nobody more than myself is disposed to respect and uphold.

I have the honor, &c., &c.,

(Signed) C. B. DEBOUCHVILLE.

(Translation.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

QUEBEC, 1st March, 1878

To the Hon. C. B. DeBouchville,
Prime Minister, Quebec.

The Lieutenant-Governor, taking into consideration what the Prime Minister communicated to him verbally (27th February), and taking into consideration the letter which the Premier then handed to him, is ready to admit that there was no intention on the part of the Premier to overlook the prerogatives of the Crown, and that there has been on his part, only an error committed in good faith, in interpreting as he did the words of the Lieutenant-Governor in their interview of the 19th February, instant; words which did not bear with them the authoritative sense which the Premier attached to them.

With such an interpretation and the instructions which were in consequence given by the Premier to the Hon. Messrs. Angers and Church, these gentlemen have done nothing knowingly which is not in conformity with the duties of their office.

As to the blank which the Lieutenant-Governor sent him from Rivière Ouelle, the Lieutenant-Governor knew that this blank signature would be used to present the estimates to the House.

This act was a mark of confidence on his part as the Premier well qualified it in his letter of the 27th, but this act was a confidential one.

The Lieutenant-Governor deems it right to observe that, in his memorandum of the 28th February inst., he has in no way expressed the opinion that he believed that the Premier ever had the intention of taking upon himself the right "of passing measures without his approbation, or, and of not recognizing the prerogatives of the Representative of the Crown."

But the Prime Minister cannot ignore that, although there was no intention on his part, *de facto*, the thing exists, as the Lieutenant-Governor told him.

The fact of having introduced to the House several new and important measures without having previously advised the Lieutenant-Governor, in any way, of the intention of so doing, although the intention of not recognizing his prerogatives did not exist, constitutes, nevertheless, one of those false positions which place the Representative of the Crown in a critical and difficult position with regard to both Houses of the Legislature.

The Lieutenant-Governor cannot admit that the responsibility of this state of affairs rests with him.

With regard to the Bill intituled "Act respecting the *Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, and Occidental Railway*," the Premier cannot claim for this measure the would-be general authority which he mentions in his letter, for their interview was on the 19th February, and this Bill was before the Legislature several days before that date, without the Lieutenant-Governor having been, in any way, advised of the fact by his advisers.

The Lieutenant-Governor expressed, at that time to the Premier how much he regretted this legislation; he represented to him that he considered it contrary to the principles of law and justice; notwithstanding this, the measure was carried through both Houses until adopted.

It is true that Mr. Premier gives in his letter, as one of the reasons for acting as he did "that this permission of using the name of the Representative of the Crown had besides always been granted him by the predecessor of the present Lieutenant-Governor, the lamented Mr. Caron."

This reason could be no reason to the Lieutenant-Governor; for, in so acting, he would have abdicated his position as Representative of the Crown, which act neither the Lieutenant-Governor or the Premier could conciliate with the obligations of the Lieutenant-Governor towards the Crown.

The Lieutenant-Governor regrets having to state, as he told the Premier, that he has not been generally informed in an explicit manner, of the measures adopted by the Cabinet, although the Lieutenant-Governor had often given the Premier occasion for so doing, especially during last year.

From time to time, since the last Session of the Legislature, the Lieutenant-Governor drew the attention of the Premier to several subjects regarding the interests of the Province of *Quebec*, among others:—

1st. The enormous expenses occasioned by very large subsidies to several railways, while the Province had undertaken to build the great railway from *Quebec* to *Ottawa*, which ought to have taken the first place; and this when the state of our finances obliged us to undertake loans disproportioned to our revenue.

2nd. On the necessity of reducing the expenses of the Civil Government and of the Legislature, instead of having recourse to new taxes in view of avoiding financial embarrassment.

The Lieutenant-Governor expressed also, but with regret, to the Premier, that the Orders passed in Council to increase the salaries of Civil Service servants, seemed to him inopportune, at a time when the Government were negotiating with the Bank of *Montreal* a loan of half a million, with condition to carry it to \$1,000,000, at an interest of 7 per cent; and indeed, even to-day (1st March), the Lieutenant-Governor is obliged to allow that an Order in Council be passed so as to give the Government the other half million, without which the Government would be unable to meet its obligations, as I was informed by the Hon. the Provincial Treasurer to day, by order of the Prime Minister.

The Premier did not let the Lieutenant-Governor know, then or since, that the Government were in such a penurious state as to necessitate special legislation to increase public taxation.

The Lieutenant-Governor said and repeated these things to the Premier, and therefore deems it advisable to consign them here, that they may serve as memoranda for himself and for the Premier.

It therefore results:—

1st. That although the Lieutenant-Governor has made many recommendations in his position as Representative of the Crown, to the Premier, on these different subjects of public interest, his advisers have undertaken a course of administrative and legislative acts contrary to these recommendations, and without having previously advised with him.

2nd. That the Lieutenant-Governor has been placed, unintentionally, but *de facto*, in a false position, and thereby into a conflict with the will of the Legislature, which he recognizes as being in all cases supreme when this will is expressed by all the constitutional means.

The Lieutenant-Governor has read and examined carefully the memorandum and documents which the Premier has been kind enough to bring him yesterday.

There are in the record petitions from several municipal corporations and from citizens of different places addressed to the Lieutenant-Governor against the resolutions and project of law framed by the Government with regard to the "Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway."

The Lieutenant-Governor was only yesterday able to take cognizance of some of these petitions, as they had not been previously communicated to him.

The Lieutenant-Governor, after having maturely deliberated, cannot accept the advice of the Premier with regard to the sanctioning of the "Act concerning the Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway."

For all these causes, the Lieutenant-Governor cannot close this memorandum without expressing to the Premier the regret he feels at the idea of not being able to continue maintaining him in his position contrary to the rights and privileges of the Crown.

(Signed)

L. LETELLIER,

Lieutenant-Governor.

(Translation.)

QUEBEC, 2nd March, 1878.

EXCELLENCY,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum in which you come to the conclusion of not being able to maintain me in my position as Prime Minister.

There is no other duty for me to fulfil but to submit to the dismissal from office which Your Excellency has signified to me, while continuing to protest of my profound respect for the rights and privileges of the Crown, and of my devotion to the interests of our Province.

I have the honor, &c.,

(Signed)

C. B. DEBOUCHERVILLE.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor
of the Province of Quebec.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Botsford, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Dickson,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 27th March, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE* Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i> <i>Alexander,</i> <i>Allan,</i> <i>Armand,</i> <i>Baillargeon,</i> <i>Bellerose,</i> <i>Benson,</i> <i>Botsford,</i> <i>Bourinot,</i> <i>Bureau,</i> <i>Campbell,</i> <i>Carrall,</i> <i>Chaffers,</i> <i>Chapais,</i> <i>Chinic,</i> <i>Cochrane,</i> <i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i> <i>Dever,</i> <i>Dickey,</i> <i>Dickson,</i> <i>Dumouchel,</i> <i>Fabre,</i> <i>Ferguson,</i> <i>Ferrier,</i> <i>Girard,</i> <i>Glasier,</i> <i>Grant,</i> <i>Guévremont,</i> <i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i> <i>Haviland,</i> <i>Haythorne,</i> <i>Hope,</i>	<i>Houclan,</i> <i>Kaulbach,</i> <i>Leonard,</i> <i>Lewin,</i> <i>McClelan,</i> <i>McDonald,</i> <i>McLelan,</i> <i>McMaster,</i> <i>Macdonald,</i> <i>Macfarlane,</i> <i>Macpherson,</i> <i>Miller,</i> <i>Montgomery,</i> <i>Northup,</i> <i>Odell,</i> <i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i> <i>Penny,</i> <i>Power,</i> <i>Pozer,</i> <i>Read,</i> <i>Reesor,</i> <i>Ryan,</i> <i>Scott,</i> <i>Seymour,</i> <i>Simpson,</i> <i>Skead,</i> <i>Sutherland,</i> <i>Trudel,</i> <i>Vidal,</i> <i>Wark,</i> <i>Wilmot.</i>
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PRAYERS :

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Wark*,—Of *H. A. P. Roberts*, and others, of *Portland, St. John*; of *Matilda Chalmers*, and others, of *C. S. Patterson*, and others, of *A. Macfarlane*, and others, of *Eliza S. Connell*, and others, of *Maggie Astle*, and others, of *Woodstock*; of *Jane Johnston*, and others, of *Sarah Corbett*, and others, of *Hannah Price*, and others, of *J. Eastburne Brown*, of *Moncton*; of *Sophia Card*, and others, of *St. John*; of *M. Meagher*, and others, of *Fredericton*; of *S. F. Baker*, and others, of *Grand Falls*; of *J. Y. Eaton*, and others, of *A. Bradley*, and others, of *St. Stephens*; of *Mary H. Gore*, and others, of *St. Andrews*; all women of the Province of *New Brunswick*.

Of *Martha King*, and others, of *Pictou*; of *J. B. Ryerson*, and others, of *Yarmouth*; of *R. Hopkins*, and others, of *Annapolis*; of *Ardella L. Goodwin*, and others, of *Pubnico*, *Yarmouth County*; of *J. C. Upham*, and others, of *North Sydney, Cape Breton*; of *H. H. Grant*, and others, of *Windsor*; all women of the Province of *Nova Scotia*.

Of *B. T. Holman*, and others, Members of the *Summerside Temperance Union*; of *Sarah McCarthy*, of *Charlottetown*; all women of the Province of *Prince Edward Island*, and of *Lizzie Gorman*, and others, of *Marysville*, in the said Province of *Nova Scotia*.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to revive and amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal and Champlain Junction Railway Company*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Page 1, line 23.—Leave out "ten" and insert "six."

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bourinot*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. *Macpherson's* inquiry:—That he will call attention to the public expenditure of the Dominion, especially that portion of it which is largely within the control of the Administration, and will inquire of the Government how it is proposed to restore the equilibrium between income and expenditure.

After Debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Wilmot*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Wark*, it was

Ordered, That further Debate on the said Inquiry be postponed until Friday next, and that it do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that day.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*,"

The Honorable Mr. *Kaubach* presented to the House the following certificate:—

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SENATE,

Wednesday, 27th March, 1878.

I hereby certify that notice of the second reading of the Bill *in re Lyon*, for a Bill of Divorce, was posted on the doors of the Senate for a period of fourteen days, pursuant to a Standing Order of the House.

ROBERT LE MOINE,

Clerk of the Senate.

Then *Frank Burton*, of the City of *Ottawa*, Law Clerk, was called to the Bar of the House, and, being sworn, was examined as follows:—

Q. What is your name, occupation, and place of residence, and do you know the Petitioner and *John Lyon*, her husband?

A. *Frank Burton*, of the City of *Ottawa*, Law Clerk. I know the Petitioner and *John Lyon* her husband.

Q. Do you know *John Lyon*, the husband of the Petitioner. Have you served upon him a duplicate of the Bill now before the House for the relief of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*; produce the document being a duplicate of the Bill served by you on the said *John Lyon*, and state whether you compared the document served by you with the document now produced, and ascertained it was a correct copy before you served it?

A. I know the Petitioner and *John Lyon* her husband; and I have served upon him a duplicate of the Bill now before the House for the relief of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*, and produce the document being a duplicate of the Bill served by me on the said *John Lyon*. I compared the document served by me with the document now produced, and ascertained that it was a correct copy before I served it.

Q. Did you serve the Order, now produced with the said Bill, by leaving a copy of it with the said Bill, and did you compare the two to ascertain that you served a true copy of such Order?

A. I served the Order now produced with the said Bill, by leaving a copy of it with the said Bill at the time of such service, and I compared the two to ascertain that I served a true copy of such Order.

Q. When and where did you serve the copy of the said Bill and Order, and to whom did you deliver the same?

A. I served a copy of the said Bill and Order on the said *John Lyon*, by delivering the same to himself in person, at his store in the City of *Ottawa*, on the nineteenth day of March instant.

The said *Frank Burton* was directed to withdraw.

The Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, That the Petitioner present at the Bar of the Senate, for the purpose of being examined as well generally as in regard to any collusion or connivance between the parties, be not now examined, but that it be an instruction to any Select Committee to whom the Bill on the subject may be referred to make such examinations.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,

That the said Bill for the relief of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon* be now read a second time.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,

That the said Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*," be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Messieurs *Skead*, *Cornwall*, *Macdonald* (*Victoria*), *McLean*, *Macfarlane*, *Odell*, *Botsford*, *Dickson*, and the mover, with power to send for persons, papers and records, and that all persons summoned to appear before the Senate in this matter, appear before the said Committee, and that the said Committee have leave to sit on Saturdays and other non-sitting days.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act relating to incorporated Companies authorized to lend money,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Résor*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to authorize and confirm the scheme of arrangement of the *Canada Southern Railway Company*," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to authorize the National Insurance Company to reduce its Capital stock, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Trudel*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Shead*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Northern Railway Company of Canada," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Allan*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Grand Trunk Railway Company," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act to extend to the Province of Prince Edward Island 'The Railway Act of 1868,' and certain Acts amending the same."

(In the Committee.)

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McClelan*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read a third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act to provide that persons charged with common assault shall be competent as Witnesses,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McClelan*, it was

Ordered, that the same be postponed until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *McClelan*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Haythorne*,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, 28th March, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Glazier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Gubremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Wilnot.</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	

PRAYERS :

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Wark*,—of *Thos. Temple*, President of the *Fredericton* Temperance Reform Club, of *Fredericton*, in the Province of *New Brunswick*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Scott*,—of *D. H. Morrison*, President of the *Owen Sound* Division of the Sons of Temperance,—and of *Wm. Howey*, President of the District Lodge of the United Temperance Association of *Canada*, for the North Riding of the County of *Grey*, in the Province of *Ontario*.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A List of the Shareholders of *La Banque Jacques Cartier*, as on the 1st December, 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 15.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Botsford* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bourinot*, That the 55th Rule of this House be rescinded, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

"At any time before the final passing of any Private Bill, the same may, if the Senate think fit, be referred to the Supreme Court for their examination and report, as to any point or matter in connection with such Bill, expressed in the Order of Reference."

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

Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate 'the *Société de Construction Mutuelle*,' under the name of the '*Société de Prêts et Placements de Québec*,'" reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with two amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 4, line 8.—After "security" insert "in the Province of Quebec."

Page 4, line 11.—Leave out "or other Corporations" and insert "Corporation."

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence being put on each, they were severally agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, with two amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the traffic in Intoxicating Liquors,"

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

After Debate,

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

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act relating to incorporated Companies authorized to lend money,"

The Honorable Mr. *Reesor* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Stevens*,

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

After Debate,

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the negative.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act to provide that persons charged with common assault shall be competent "as Witnesses,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was
Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*,
 The House adjourned.

Friday, 29th March, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Fozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Glaster,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Northrup,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>		

PRAYERS :

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*,—Of *F. S. Moore*, and others, of the City of *Charlottetown*, in the Province of *Prince Edward Island*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Dever*,—Of *Hugh P. Kerr*, and others, of the Dominion of *Canada*.

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

Of *H. A. P. Roberts*, and others, of *Portland, St. John*; of *Matilda Chalmers*, and others, of *C. S. Patterson*, and others, of *A. Macfarlane*, and others, of *Eliza S. Connell*,

and others, and of *Maggie Astle*, and others, of *Woodstock*; of *Jane Johnston*, and others, of *Sarah Corbett*, and others, of *Hannah Price*, and others, of *J. Eastburne Brown*, of *Moncton*; of *Sophia Card*, and others, of *St. John*; of *M. Meagher*, and others, of *Fredericton*; of *S. F. Baker*, and others, of *Grand Falls*; of *J. Y. Eaton*, and others, of *A. Bradly*, and others, of *St. Stephens*; of *Mary H. Gore*, and others, of *St. Andrews*; of *Lizzie Gorman*, and others, of *Marysville*; all women of the Province of *New Brunswick*.

Of *Martha King*, and others, of *Pictou*; of *J. B. Ryerson*, and others, of *Yarmouth*; of *R. Hopkins*, and others, of *Annapolis*; of *Ardella L. Goodwin*, and others, of *Pubnico*, *Yarmouth County*; of *J. C. Upham*, and others, of *North Sydney*, *Cape Breton*; of *H. H. Grant*, and others, of *Windsor*; all women of the Province of *Nova Scotia*.

Of *B. T. Holman*, and others, Members of the *Summerside Temperance Union*, and of *Sarah McCarthy*, of *Charlottetown*; all women of the Province of *Prince Edward Island*,---severally praying for the amendment of the Temperance Act of 1864 and the extension of its provisions to all the Provinces, so as to secure the right of local prohibition for any County, Municipality, or Corporate District in the Dominion.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the Committee on Banking Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend and consolidate, as amended, the several Acts relating to the *Quebec Fire Assurance Company*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Page 3, line 27.—After "also" insert "that no more shares shall be sold than what shall be necessary to pay such arrears, interest and expenses; and provided further."

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence being put thereon, it was agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the *Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill without any amendment.

The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. *Macpherson's* inquiry:—That he will call attention to the public expenditure of the Dominion, especially that portion of it which is largely within the control of the Administration, and will inquire of the Government how it is proposed to restore the equilibrium between income and expenditure.

After Debate,

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*,

The House adjourned until Monday next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday, 1st April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Poser,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Guevremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>		

PRAYERS:

The following Petition was brought up and laid on the Table:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Wark*,—Of the Municipal Council of the County of York, in the Province of *New Brunswick*.

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

Of *Thos. Temple*, President of the *Fredericton* Temperance Reform Club, of *Fredericton*, in the Province of *New Brunswick*,—Of *D. H. Morrison*, President of the *Owen Sound* Division of the Sons of Temperance,—and of *Wm. Howey*, President of

the District Lodge of the United Temperance Association of *Canada*, for the North Riding of the County of *Grey*, in the Province of *Ontario*; severally praying for the insertion in the Act now before Parliament respecting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquor, of clauses providing for the right of search and confiscation of liquor illegally exposed for sale.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A Return of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of *St. Hyacinthe*, for the year 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 13.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to authorize and confirm the scheme of arrangement of the *Canada* Southern Railway Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 5, line 43.—After "franchises" insert "or its fuel or supplies, the property of "the Company in *Canada*."

Page 7, line 20.—After the first "the" insert "principal departmental and other" and after "and" insert "the."

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bourinot*, it was

Ordered, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, to return the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate The Regular Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of *Ontario* and *Quebec*," and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Page 1, line 18, leave out "True" and insert "Trew."

And the same being again read,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *McMaster*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Wilmot*, it was,

Ordered, That the said amendment be agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate doth agree to their amendment made to the last mentioned Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, to return the Bill intituled: "An Act to revive and amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal and Champlain Junction Railway Company*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Senate to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, to return the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the '*Société de Construction Mutuelle*,' " under the name of the '*Société de Prêts et Placements de Québec*' " and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the said Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Northup* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McLelan*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House all correspondence relating to shipment of grain by way of the Intercolonial Railway at *Halifax*, for *Europe*.

After Debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That further Debate on the said motion be postponed until to-morrow, and it do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that Day.

The Honorable Mr. *Macpherson* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Allan*,

That the evidence taken from time to time before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into all the questions relating to the construction of the *Fort Frances Lock*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House, but that no copies thereof be delivered, except to the Members of the Committee, until further order.

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

Ordered accordingly.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Post Office Act of 1875," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Sydenham Harbour Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Maritime Court of *Ontario*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was then read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to amend an Act respecting conflicting claims to lands of occupants in *Manitoba*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act further to amend the Act intituled an Act respecting the Public Works of *Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 2nd April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Glusier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Wilmot,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	

PRAYERS :

The following Petition was brought up and laid on the Table:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Macpherson*,—Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Wellington*, in the Province of *Ontario*.

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

Of *F. S. Moore*, and others, of the City of *Charlottetown*, in the Province of *Prince Edward Island*, and of *Hugh P. Kerr*, and others, of the Dominion of *Canada*; severally praying that the Act 40 *Vic.*, Cap. 42, may be so amended as to exempt the *Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company* from its operation.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A Return of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of *Terrebonne*, Province of *Quebec*, for the year 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers*, No. 13.)

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Bank of *Liverpool*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 1, line 19.—After "dollars" insert "on which eighty-five per cent. shall have been paid."

Page 2, line 4.—Leave out from "shares" to "when" in line 6, and insert "for a period of five years from the issue of such preference shares."

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macfarlane*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Northern Railway of *Canada*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Allan*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. *Northup's* Motion for an Address to His Excellency, viz:—That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His

Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House all correspondence relating to shipment of grain by way of the Intercolonial Railway at *Halifax*, for *Europe*.

After Debate,

The said motion was amended and is as follows, viz.:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House all correspondence between any person or company and the Government, or the Superintendent of Railways, relating to shipment of grain or other articles, by way of the Intercolonial Railway at *Halifax*, for *Europe*.

The question of concurrence being put on the said motion, as amended, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and it was

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

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors,"

The Honorable Mr. *Vidal*, in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Girard* moves,

That, before the Speaker leaves the Chair, it be an instruction to the Committee to amend the Bill in the manner following:—

1st. On page 1, after line 34, insert: "The Legislature of any Province of the Dominion may, by Address to the Governor General in Council, duly certified and transmitted by the Lieutenant Governor, ask that the second part of this Act may be brought into force in that Province, and the Governor General in Council, on receiving such Address, shall, by Order in Council, published in the *Canada Gazette*, and in the Official Gazette of the Province, declare that the second part of the Act shall come into force and take effect in such Province, at such date as may be consistent with the provisions of the 93rd Section of this Act, in the case of a City or County with respect to existing annual licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors."

2nd. On page 20, after line 7, insert: "No Order in Council issued under the provisions of this Act to bring its second part into force in any Province, shall be revoked until after the expiration of two years from the day of its coming into force; nor unless, and until the Legislature of such Province, shall, by Address to the Governor General in Council, duly certified and transmitted by the Lieutenant Governor, have asked for such revocation."

3rd. On page 20, after the word "Act" in the ninth line insert "to bring its second part into force and affect in any County or City."

4th. On page 24, between Clauses 105 and 106 to insert a Clause authorizing the arrest and detention of any person found in a state of intoxication, and compelling such person on conviction to disclose where the liquor was obtained.

5th. On page 19, to strike out all that part of Section 92 after the word "years" in line 37.

6th. On page 20, to strike out that part of Section 94 from the word "Council" in the 22nd line to the word "and" in the 38th line.

After Debate,

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, on a division, resolved in the negative.

The House was then, according to Order, adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Penny* reported from the said Committee that they had taken the said Bill into consideration, made some progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, and that it do then stand as the first Item on the Orders of that Day, and take precedence of Notices of Motion.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk to return the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend and to consolidate, as amended, the several Acts relating to the *Quebec Fire Assurance Company*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Senate to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk in the following words:—

HOUSE OF COMMONS,
OTTAWA, 1st April, 1878.

Resolved,—That a Message be sent to the Senate requesting their Honors to transmit for the information of this House:—

1st. Copies of all contracts entered into during the year 1876 for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails from *Sydney to Cow Bay, Little and Big Glace Bays and Bridgeport*, in the County of *Cape Breton*;

2nd. Copies of notices for tenders and the titles of the newspapers wherein they were inserted; with all copies of other documents, correspondence, etc., in reference to such contracts; also copies of all other contracts entered into in the years 1874, 1875 and 1876 in the said County of *Cape Breton*, with vouchers of payments for said services and transmission of mail.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House do carry the said Message to the Senate.

Attest

ALFRED PATRICK,
Clerk of the House.

And then he withdrew.

And the Messenger was again called in and informed that the Senate will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Message be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 3rd April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
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<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Sked,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
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<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>

PRAYERS :

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petition was read :—

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *York*, in the Province of *New Brunswick* ; praying for the passing of the Bill now before Parliament intituled: “ An Act respecting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquor.”

The Honorable Mr. *Bureau*, from the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, presented their Fifth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

COMMITTEE ROOM,
2nd April, 1878.

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament beg leave to present the following as their Fifth Report:—

The Committee carefully examined the following documents, and recommend that they be printed, viz. :—

Return to Order,—Statement of the reason in each case for the Superannuation of the persons in the Civil Service mentioned in the Return laid before the House on the 18th February. (*In Sessional Papers only*.)

Return to Address,—Statement of number of miles actually graded &c., under Contracts Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 25 of the *Canada Pacific Railway*, &c.

Return to Order,—Statement of number of miles of Intercolonial operated on 1st July, 1873, and the cost of operating the same, &c.

Return to Address,—Orders in Council relating to the route of the *Canada Central Extension*, and the contract for building, &c.

Return to Address,—Arrangement made between the Intercolonial Railway and the Grand Trunk Railway, respecting the tariff of charges for the conveyance of passengers and freight over the Grand Trunk and Intercolonial Railways, &c.

Return to Order,—Names of the Cadets that have been admitted at the Military College, *Kingston*, from the opening of said College, &c.

Return to Address (Senate),—Specifications relating to the construction of the *Lake Superior and Fort Garry* Sections of the *Canadian Pacific Telegraph*, &c.

Return to Address,—Correspondence relating to any Amnesty, partial or complete, to Mr. *W. B. O'Donohue*.

Return to Order,—Statement of moneys received by the Dominion Land Office at *Winnipeg*, for payment of lands on the Railway Reserve, &c.

Return to Order,—Showing total cost to Government of *Canada* of the *Philadelphia* Exhibition, &c. (*In Sessional Papers only*.)

Return to Address,—Tenders for the construction of that portion of the *Pembina* Branch Railway between *St. Boniface* and *Selkirk*, &c.

Return to Address,—Correspondence about the admission of Canadian-built ships into French Ports, at the same rate &c., as ships from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*.

Return to Order,—Number and value of all horses, horned cattle &c., imported into the Dominion from 1st February, 1877, to 1st February, 1878, also number and value exported during same period, with amount of duties collected.

Return to Order,—Value of meat, green, dried, cured or potted, imported from the *United States*, and the duty collected on such from 1st January, 1877, to 1st January, 1878.

Return to Order,—Number of accidents and casualties which have occurred on the Railways of the Dominion during the years 1874-5-6 and 7. (*In Sessional Papers only*.)

Message from His Excellency the Governor-General transmitting Addresses from the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Quebec*, on the subject of recent Ministerial changes in that Province.

Message from His Excellency the Governor-General transmitting a Memorandum from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of *Quebec*, with accompanying documents containing explanations in reference to recent Ministerial changes in that Province.

List of Shareholders of the several Banks of the Dominion of *Canada*, in compliance with Act 34 Vic., Cap. 5., Sec. 12.

The Committee also recommend that the following documents be not printed, viz:—

Return to Order,—Showing amount of moneys disbursed to January 1st, 1878 on Contracts Nos. 13, 14, 15, 23 and 25 of the *Canada Pacific Railway*.

Return to Order,—Report of Chief Engineer, or any other Engineer of the *Canadian Pacific Railway*, recommending a survey in 1876 of the route between *Burrard's Inlet* and *Yellow Head Pass*.

Return to Address,—Progress Estimates done under Contract 15 of the *Canada Pacific Railway*.

Return to Order,—Statement shewing quantities, kinds and cost of rails, fish-plates, bolts and nuts, &c., Intercolonial Railway, on hand 30th June, 1875, &c.

Return to Order,—Amounts paid for Printing in *Prince Edward Island* in 1874-5-6, &c.

Return to Order,—Correspondence in connexion with the projected Harbour on *Lake Erie*, near the Village of *Morpeth*, County of *Kent*.

Return to Order,---Correspondence as to the changing the Post Office at the Port of *New Campbellton* to a *Way Office* and the reduction of the Salary of the Postmaster.

Return to Order,---Amounts spent yearly since 1867 in maintenance of Military Schools in *New Brunswick*.

Return to Address,---Tenders for the construction of the platform for the Gun of No. 1 Fort at *Lévis*.

Return to Order,---Shewing sums expended for repairs to Military Forts at *Lévis* since last Session, &c.

Return to Order,---Report of the Survey of the Harbor of *Lingan, Cape Breton*.

Return to Address (Senate),---Reports made to the Minister charged with the administration of Dominion Lands, &c., under Act 38 *Vic.*, Cap. 13.

Return to Address (Senate),---Statement of amount expended during past year on the *L'Ardoise* Breakwater in *Cape Breton*.

Return to Address,---Mr *Kingsford's* Report on the Survey of the Harbor of *Matane*.

Return to Address,---Shewing amounts of the six lowest tenders for Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 27, 28, 33, 34 and 35 of the *New Welland* Canal.

Return to Order,---Correspondence relative to the pensions paid to the Square Timber Cutlers dismissed last year.

Return to Order,---Specification for construction of *Malpeque* Breakwater, &c.

Return to Order,---Report of Surveys, *Saskatchewan* River, in view of the improvement of the navigation at the *Coals Falls*, &c.

Return to Order,---List of Employoos, Department of Marine, in the District of *Quebec*, excluding the men employed in the River Police Force.

Return to Address,---A detailed statement of all sums of money received by *Pierre Alexis Tremblay*, Esq., Land Surveyor, in connection with the Ordnance Lands in 1876 and 1877, &c.

Return to Order,---Shewing what Lights have been built at *Tignish* Breakwater during the past season, &c.

Return to Address,---Names of the parties who tendered for the works now being constructed under the control of the *Quebec* Harbor Trust, on the River *St. Charles*.

Return to Order,---Statement of amount expended for re-measurement of Steam Vessels registered under Act of late Province of *Canada*, now repealed.

Return to Order,---Statement of duties collected by Customs and Inland Revenue Departments at *St. John, N. B.*, from 1st July, 1876, to 1st January, 1877, and from 1st July, 1877, to 1st January, 1878.

Return to Address,---Papers connected with *Ingonish* Harbor Breakwater, &c.

Return to Order,---Annual Returns of the Capital, &c., of the *Canada* Southern Railway Company, required under Cap. 25, 38 *Vic.*, and Cap. 14, 39 *Vic.*

Supplementary Return to Address,---Reports by Admiral *DeHorsey*, as to a port most suitable for a terminus of the *Canadian Pacific* Railway.

Return to Address (Senate),---Correspondence with the Post Office Inspector for *Nova Scotia*, in November, December, and January last, in relation to Mail irregularities between the Post Offices of *Arichat*, *Hawkesbury* and *Antigonish*, in the said Province.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON,
Chairman.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills, presenting Private Bills and Reports from Standing or Select Committees, be extended to Thursday the eleventh day of April instant.

The Honorable Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented their Eleventh Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows:—

THE SENATE,
COMMITTEE ROOM,
3rd April, 1878.

The Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills have the honor to present the following as their Eleventh Report :

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the *Hochelaga* Building Society, praying for a new Charter of incorporation and for the powers necessary to the good working of said Society, and find that sufficient notice has been given.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM MILLER,
Chairman.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Missionary Society of The Bible Christian Church in *Canada*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House was would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 1, line 39.—Leave out "and Missionary Schools."

Page 1, line ult.—Leave out from "thereof" to the first "The" in page 2, line 10.

Page 2, line 21.—Leave out from "places" to "The" in line 34, and insert Clause A.

Clause A.

"The said Society by the name of the 'The Missionary Society of The Bible Christian Church in *Canada*,' may receive, acquire and hold moneys, promissory notes, bank notes, bank stocks and public securities and invest moneys now held by the said Society, or which may hereafter be acquired in bank stocks and public securities, and dispose of the same for the purpose of furthering the objects of the said Society as and when it may seem expedient to do so."

Page 2, line penult.—Leave out the first "of" and insert "in force in."

And the said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill for the relief of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*, presented their Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

THE SENATE

COMMITTEE ROOM,

3rd April, 1878.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*," with power to send for persons, papers and records, beg leave to report thereon as follows:—

In obedience to the Order of Reference of the twenty-seventh day of March last, and to the instruction given to your Committee on the same day, your Committee have examined the said Bill, and have also examined the Petitioner for the said Bill, as well generally as in regard to any collusion or connivance between the parties; and the said examination of the Petitioner having been taken down in writing, is herewith submitted.

And in compliance with the seventy-eighth Rule of your Honorable House, your Committee have heard, on oath, the witnesses brought before them, and have caused their evidence to be taken down in writing, and now report the same herewith, together with all vouchers adduced before your Committee.

And having duly considered the said Bill, examination, evidence and vouchers, your Committee find the preamble of the said Bill proved, (some discrepancies between dates given in the recital of the Petition, and those given by the Petitioner on her examination, not being material to the effect of the acts to which they relate), and do not find that there has been any collusion or connivance between the parties to obtain the separation for which the Bill provides.

Your Committee accordingly recommend your Honorable House to pass the said Bill without any amendment.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. A. W. KAULBACH,

Chairman.

(*For Evidence, &c., Vide Appendix No. 3.*)

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McLelan*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report and Evidence submitted be printed, and, with the Bill, be taken into consideration by the House on Friday next.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Tariff in Intoxicating Liquors."

In the Committee.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Penny*, from the said Committee, reported that they had taken the said Bill into consideration, made some progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered. That the said Committee have leave to sit again at eight o'clock this evening.

It being six o'clock P. M., His Honor the Speaker left the Chair to resume the same at half-past seven o'clock this evening.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act to provide that persons charged with common assault shall be competent as Witnesses,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways to the Bill intituled: "An Act to authorize and confirm the scheme of arrangement of the *Canada Southern Railway Company*," and

The same being again read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, it was

Ordered, That the said amendments be agreed to.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Dickson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend 'The Post Office Act 1875,'"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Sydenham Harbour Company*," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the *Maritime Court of Ontario*," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act respecting conflicting claims to Lands of Occupants in *Manitoba*,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act further to amend the Act intituled 'An Act respecting the Public Works of *Canada*,'"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Message of the Commons, dated the 1st instant, viz:—

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate requesting their Honors to transmit for the information of this House:—

1st. Copies of all contracts entered into during the year 1876 for the conveyance of Her Majesty's mails from *Sydney* to *Cow Bay*, *Little* and *Big Glace Bays* and *Bridgeport*, in the County of *Cape Breton*.

2nd. Copies of notices for tenders and the titles of the newspapers wherein they were inserted, with all copies of other documents, correspondence, etc., in reference to such contracts; also, copies of all other contracts entered into in the years 1874, 1875 and 1876, in the said County of *Cape Breton*, with vouchers of payments for said services, and transmission of mail.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House do carry the said Message to the Senate.

Attest. ALFRED PATRICK,
Clerk of the Commons.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,

To *Resolve*, That the Return made to this House on the eighth day of March, 1877, to an Address of this House to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the fifteenth day of February, 1877; "praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House—1st. Copies of all contracts entered into during the year 1876, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails from *Sydney* to *Cow Bay*, *Little* and *Big Glace Bays*, and *Bridgeport*, in the County of *Cape Breton*."

"2nd—Also, copies of notices for tenders and the titles of the newspapers wherein they were inserted, with copies of all other documents, correspondence, &c., in reference to such contracts."

"Also,—Copies of all other contracts entered into in the years 1874, 1875 and 1876, in the said County of *Cape Breton*, with vouchers of payments for said services for transmission of Mails," be communicated to the Commons, in compliance with their Message of yesterday, and that the same may be returned to this House.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do carry the said Message and papers to the House of Commons.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure and again put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors."

In the Committee.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Penny* reported from the Committee that they had again taken the said Bill into consideration, made some further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave to sit again.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, and that it do then stand as the first Item on the Orders of that Day, and take precedence of Notices of Motion.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, 4th April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Ocell,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Wilnot.</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pelletier.</i>	

PRAYERS :

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the following Petition was read:—

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Wellington*, in the Province of *Ontario*; praying that the Temperance Act of 1864 may be so amended as to exclude Beer and Native Wine from the operation of said Act, also that the vote be taken by ballot, and in the same manner as at Municipal Elections.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A List of the Shareholders of the Bank of *Hamilton*, as on the twenty-eighth day of February, 1878.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 15.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to authorize the National Insurance Company to reduce its Capital Stock, and for other purposes," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Trudel*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons, and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate **The Dominion Company,**" presented their Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

THE SENATE,

COMMITTEE ROOM,

4th April, 1878.

The Select Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate **The Dominion Company,**" have, in obedience to the Order of reference of Thursday, the seventh day of March last, examined the said Bill, and now beg leave to report thereon, that the preamble of the said Bill has not been proved to their satisfaction.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. HAMILTON (*Kingston*),

Chairman.

Ordered, That the said Report do lie on the Table.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, it was

Ordered, That the fee paid on the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate **The Dominion Company,**" be refunded to the Promoters of the said Bill, provided that all expenses are paid.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and again put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Traffic **in Intoxicating Liquors.**"

In the Committee.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Penny*, from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill directed him to report the same with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the said amendments be now received.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, from the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, presented their Fourth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

COMMITTEE ROOM,

2nd April, 1878.

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament beg leave to submit as their Fourth Report:—

The First and Second Reports of the Sub-Committee appointed to audit the Printing Accounts, and for other purposes, together with the Report of the Clerk of the Committee on the Printing Services of the past year, and "The Printing Account Annual Balance Sheet, for the fiscal year 1876-7," all hereto annexed, which they respectfully recommend for the consideration of both Houses.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON,

Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
14th March, 1878.

The Sub-Committee of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, to whom was referred the Accounts for the past year, beg leave to present the following as their First Report :—

The Sub-Committee examined the Balance Sheet, and having carefully compared the receipts with the certificate of the Auditor-General, of the Warrants issued,---as well as the Cash on hand, as verified by the Bank Pass-book found them correct. The Expenditure they verified by the Accounts in detail, duly receipted by the several Contractors ;—they also further verified the Account for Printing, which is furnished item by item, by a file of the work performed, each document being charged separately, and having tested several, both as to measurement and charges, were satisfied of their correctness.

The Sub-Committee have, therefore, signed the Balance Sheet as having been audited by them, and found correct.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. ROSS,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
18th March, 1878.

The Sub-Committee of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, to whom were referred the Accounts of the past year, and also the application of Mr. *Botterell*, for additional assistance during the recess, beg leave to submit the following as their Second Report :—

With regard to the reference to the Sub-Committee of the application of Mr. *Botterell*, they called upon that official to furnish them with a Comparative Statement of the amount of labor performed in the Distributing Department, in 1869, in 1873, and in 1877. They also examined other Officials cognizant of the work. From the information thus obtained, the Sub-Committee are of opinion there is work sufficient to justify the continuation of the services of one of the Sessional Messengers now on the staff, during the recess, as a Second Assistant Distributor, for which service they would recommend an additional allowance of \$300.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. ROSS,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
22nd February, 1878.

To the Chairman and Members of the Joint Committee on Printing.

GENTLEMEN,---I beg to submit the Annual Balance Sheet for the Printing Services of Parliament for the year 1876-7, shewing the cost of those services to have been \$63,853.25. Accounts in detail for the expenditure of the above sum, with files of the work performed as Vouchers, are ready for the Audit Committee.

The several Contractors for the Printing and Binding have shewn every desire to meet the requirements of Parliament according to their respective Contracts, and very satisfactorily.

The Printing Paper furnished under the Contract has so varied in quality that the attention of the Contractor had to be directed to it.

The usual sum of \$70,000 has been placed in the Estimates for the Printing Services of Parliament, for the year 1878-9.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY HARTNEY,
Clerk, Joint Committee on Printing.

Dr.

PARLIAMENTARY PRINTING ACCOUNT, Annual Balance Sheet, from 1st July, 1876, to 30th June, 1877.

Cr.

	\$ cts.	Vouchers No.	\$ cts.		\$ cts.
1876.					
July 1...					
To Balance on hand.....	2,648 19	1		By Printing, the 20 per cent. retained from last account.	7,402 60
Value of Paper on hand from last Session.	1,938 30			do	\$44,686 84
Am't of Warrants issued, Parliamentary Printing	64,000 00			Less retained as representing	
do do Departmental { \$6,485 12				the 20 per cent.....	8,937 36
Reports..... { 1,454 98	7,910 10				35,749 48
Amount received for the Printing of Private Bills	330 29				
		2		Binding.....	4,484 75
		3		Printing Paper.....	\$19,386 22
				do on hand from last	
				Session	1,938 30
				Total value of Paper on hand.....	\$20,324 52
				Balance on hand for next Session.....	780 46
				Total cost of Paper used.....	19,544 06
				Lithographing.....	1,402 50
				Insurance.....	82 50
				Salaries.....	2,950 00
				Postage.....	292 92
				Miscellaneous.....	143 83
				Superannuation Premium.....	41 00
				Total cost.....	72,093 64
				By value of Paper on hand.....	780 46
				By Cash on hand.....	\$2,497 80
					{ 1,454 98
					2,952 78
					\$76,826 88

Total cost, as above\$72,088 64

REFUNDS:—

Departmental Reports\$7,910 10
Private Bills..... 330 29

8,240 39

Total cost, Parliamentary Printing.....\$63,853 25

Numerically calculated, the cost for each House will stand thus:—

The Senate\$16,189 23
The House of Commons 47,664 02

\$63,853 25

To Balance of Paper on hand:—
143 Reams of Royal, at \$3.05.....\$436 15
799-8 Reams of Foolscap, at \$1.15..... 344 31

\$780 46

COMMITTEE ROOM,
30th June, 1877.

Audited and found correct.

GEORGE ROSS,
Chairman.

J. SIMPSON,
WILLIAM WALLACE,
RUFUS STEPHENSON,
J. O. BUREAU.

Sub-Committee.

HENRY HARTNEY,
Clerk, Department, Printing of Parliament.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk to return the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Hugh Hunter*," and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk to return the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Bank of *Liverpool*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, to return the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the *Montreal and City of Ottawa Junction Railway Company*," and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Page 1, line 40.—After "a" insert "two-thirds."

And the same being again read,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bourinot*, it was

Ordered, That the said amendment be agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate doth agree to their amendment made to the last mentioned Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, to return the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *George Frothingham Johnston*," and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Page 2, line 7.—Leave out from "whatsoever" to "It" in line 11.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Odell*, it was

Ordered, That the said amendment be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act to authorize and confirm the scheme of arrangement of the *Canada Southern Railway Company*," as amended,

The Honorable Mr. *Dickson* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, That the said Bill, as amended, be now read a third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Hope* moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Power*,

That all the words in the said motion after "be" be left out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof "referred back to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, with instructions to insert the following in the said Bill, viz:

A. "No Bond, Coupon, Debenture or Mortgage or other security which has been or shall be issued by the Company, shall by reason of any lien, charge, incumbrance or preferential claim on the revenue, assets or property of the Company of any kind or nature whatsoever, be held or construed to prevent a judgment or decree against the property of the Company for a debt incurred for working expenses as hereinbefore defined from being enforced by execution; Provided that no actual levy shall be made by virtue of such execution, without an order or

"certificate being made by a Judge of the Court in which such judgment or decree has been obtained, stating that in his opinion proceedings upon such execution shall not stop the traffic of the Company."

B. "The chief place of business of the Company with the General and Departmental Offices, Treasurer's Office and principal work shops of the said Company, shall be, and continue to be, in the Town of *St. Thomas*, in the County of *Elgin*, and Province of *Ontario*."

The question of concurrence being put thereon; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>McClelan (Hopewell),</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Christie (Speaker),</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	<i>Wark.—12.</i>

NON-CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McLelan (Lond' de'ry),</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Victoria),</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Wilmot.—39.</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the original motion, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Missionary Society of the Bible Christian Church in *Canada*,"

The Honorable Mr. *Simpson* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*,

That the said Bill be now read a third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Bellerose* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Trudel*,

That the question be not now put, but that the Bill be referred to the Judges of the Supreme Court for their opinion on the question whether this measure does or does not relate to a matter coming within the classes of subjects assigned exclusively to the Legislatures of the Provinces by the *British North America Act, 1867*, Section 92, Sub-Section 13, "Property and Civil Rights in the Province;" Sub-Section 11 of same Section, "Incorporation of Companies with Provincial objects;" Sub-Section 16, "Generally all matters of a merely local or private nature in the Province;" and, lastly, Sub-Section 7, "The establishment, maintenance and management of

Hospitals, Asylums, Charities and Eleemosynary Institutions in and for the Province, other than Marine Hospitals."

The question of concurrence being put thereon; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Trudel.—14.</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Chinic,</i>		

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The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Mc Lelan (Lond' de'ry),</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Mc Master,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Victoria),</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Christie (Speaker),</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wilmot.—34.</i>
<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>		

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the original motion, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Benson*,

The House adjourned.

Friday, 5th April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Odel,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Pâquet,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	

PRAYERS :

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to confer certain powers on the *Montreal Building Association*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 1, line 10.—Leave out from "follows" to the first "The" in line 14.

Page 1, line 14.—Leave out "Directors" and insert "said Company may," and leave out from the second "time" to "borrow" in line 16.

Page 1, line 16.—Leave out from "money" to "at" in line 17.

Page 1, line 16.— } Leave out "Association" and insert "Company."

Page 1, line 21.— } Leave out "Association" and insert "Company."

Page 1, line 31.—Leave out "or obtained."

Page 1, line 32.— } Leave out "Association" and insert "Company."

Page 1, line 37.— } Leave out "Association" and insert "Company."

Page 1, line 38.—After "invest" insert "in," and after "deal" insert "with."

Page 1, line 39.—Leave out "in and with."

Page 2, line 1.—Leave out "Association" and insert "Company."

Page 2, line 4.—Leave out from "exerise" to "The" in line 8.

Page 2, line 8.—Leave out “ Association ” and insert “ Company,” and after “ or ” insert “ mortgages or other.”

Page 2, line 10.—Leave out from “ them ” to “ to ” in line 12.

Page 2, line 13.—Leave out “ Association ” and insert “ Company.”

Page 2, line 14.—Leave out “ assignments.”

Page 2, line penult.—Leave out “ Association ” and insert “ Company.”

In the Preamble of the Bill.

Page 1, line 4.—Leave out from “ desire ” to “ to ” in line 5, and insert “ under “ the name conferred upon them by the Legislature of the Province of *Quebec* at its “ last Session.”

Page 1, line 6.—Leave out “ necessary.”

Page 1, line 7.—After “ powers ” insert “ usually granted to Loan and Investment Companies.”

Page 1, line 7.—After “ petition ” insert “ and whereas the name of the said Corporation has been changed to ‘The *Montreal* Investment and Building ‘Com-pany.’ ”

In the Title of the Bill.

After “ Association ” insert “ by the name of the *Montreal* Investment and “ Building Company.”

The said amendments being again read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Ryan*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Miller*, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: “ An Act to amend the Act “ incorporating the *Sydenham* Harbour Company,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*,

That the fourteenth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to the following motion, viz:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to be pleased to transmit to this House, copies of any correspondence with or communications to His Excellency or to the Secretary of State, from Mr. *DeBoucherville*, or any other Member of the late Government of the Province of *Quebec*, since the 26th of March last, on the subject of the recent

Ministerial changes in that Province; and also that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit to this House a copy of the Commission held by the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Quebec*, and of any instructions issued to him therewith or since.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Read* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Girard*,

To *Resolve*, That this House regrets that the mode adopted by the Government in relation to the construction of the *Pacific Railway* involves the expenditure of enormous sums of public money without any corresponding beneficial results.

After Debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Girard*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Trudel*, it was

Ordered, That further debate on the said motion be postponed until Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Fifth Report of the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons, on the Printing of Parliament, and

The same being again read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bourinot*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act to provide that persons charged with common assault shall be competent as "Witnesses,"

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*,

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

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

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend 'The Post Office Act, 1875,'"

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*,

That the said Bill be now read a second time

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

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Maritime Court of *Ontario*,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded, by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled : "An Act to amend 'An Act respecting conflicting claims to lands of occupants in 'Manitoba,'"

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, That the said Bill be now read a second time.

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

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled : "An Act further to amend the Act intituled : 'An Act respecting the Public Works of Canada,'"

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*,

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

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

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Bill intituled : "An Act for the relief of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*," together with the Report of the Select Committee, to whom the said Bill was referred, and the evidence submitted by the said Committee,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McLelan*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendment made by the House of Commons to the Bill intituled : "An Act for the relief of *George Frothingham Johnston*,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until Monday next.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled : "An Act to amend the Acts incorporating the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company, and the *Canada* Central Railway Company, and to provide for the "amalgamation of the said Companies," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Skead*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled : "An Act to incorporate '*La Société de Construction du Comté d'Hochelega*' as a Permanent Building Society, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Trudel*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Girard*,
it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *McClelan* (*Hopewell*), seconded by the
Honorable Mr. *Wilmot*,

The House adjourned until Monday next at Three o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday, 8th April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Glosier,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Guevremont,</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	

PRAYERS:

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Fourth
Report of the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Common on the Printing
of Parliament, and

The same being again read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*,
it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Bill intituled: "An
Act respecting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors," as amended in Committee of
the Whole House,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,
it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company*, and the *Canada Central Railway Company*, and to provide for the amalgamation of the said Companies," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate '*La Société de Construction du Comté d'Hochelaga*' as a Permanent Building Society, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Trudel*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cormier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce, and Railways.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General under his sign manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

Dufferin,—

The Governor General transmits to the Senate a letter from the Honorable C. B. *DeBoucherville*, having reference to recent Ministerial changes in the Province of *Quebec*.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 8th April, 1878.

OTTAWA, 3rd April, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform, through you, His Excellency the Governor General that I have this day transmitted to the Hon. the Secretary of State of *Canada* a letter or memorandum with annexed document, addressed to His Excellency with request that it may be put in His Excellency's hands, and that His Excellency the Governor General may be pleased to lay that letter and annexed document before both Houses of Parliament.

My letter or memorandum being an explanation of the charges brought against me and my colleagues by the Lieutenant Governor of *Quebec*, I believe that it is due to me and my colleagues that our explanations may be communicated to both Houses of Parliament in the same way that the Lieutenant Governor's memorandum was communicated to them.

I have, therefore, to respectfully reiterate my request.

And remain, Sir, &c.,

(Signed) C. B. DEBOUCHERVILLE

M. L. C

Hon. COL. LITTLETON, &c.,
Ottawa.

(Copy)

OTTAWA, 3rd April, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter, with annexed document, addressed to His Excellency the Governor General. I have the honor to request, through you, His Excellency to be kind enough to lay the above mentioned letter and document before both Houses of Parliament.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient and humble Servant,

(Signed) C. B. DEBOUCHERVILLE,

M. L. C.

The Honorable R. W. SCOTT,
Secretary of State,
Ottawa.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable the Earl of Dufferin, K.P., K.C.B., G.C.M.G.,
Governor General of Canada, Ottawa.

OTTAWA, April 2nd, 1878.

MY LORD,—The “explanatory case” addressed to your Excellency by His Honor M. Letellier, and accompanying the documents and details which related to my recent dismissal from office, and by you transmitted to the Senate and House of Commons, containing as it does statements of facts, the accuracy of which I respectfully deny, imposes upon me the duty of submitting for your information and consideration the following:—

As your Excellency is doubtless aware, M. Angers laid upon the table of the Legislative Assembly on the 8th of March last, copies of the correspondence and explanations by him made at my request relating to the dismissal from office of the DeBoucherville Government. This correspondence and explanations, with some comments of his own, are contained in the copy of the Votes and Proceedings of that House of the 9th March, and I respectfully beg to be permitted to annex them as forming part hereof. I beg, however, to add to these explanations of M. Angers a few words upon two subjects, viz:—

1. In the memorandum which I had the honor to address to His Honor M. Letellier, under date 27th February, I said.—“Later I had the honor to ask your Excellency for a general permission to submit to the House measures concerning money matters, which your Excellency gave me with your ordinary courtesy. This permission, I may say, had always been granted me by your predecessor, the lamented M. Caron.”

I do not think that the meaning of these phrases is correctly rendered in the paragraph in His Honor's letter to me, under date the 1st March, wherein he says:—

“It is true that the Premier gives in his letter as one of the reasons for acting as he did, that this permission of using the name of the Representative of the Crown had always been granted him by the predecessor of the present Lieutenant Governor the lamented M. Caron.

“This reason cannot be one for the Lieutenant Governor; for in so acting, he would have abdicated his position as Representative of the Crown, which act, neither

the Lieutenant Governor or the Premier could reconcile with the obligation of the Lieutenant Governor to the Crown."

It is manifest that I desired to say, and that, in fact, I did say, that the late *M. Caron* had given me that authority for money matters only.

My Lord, I respect too highly the memory of that virtuous and distinguished statesman, to allow any such misinterpretation of my meaning to pass unchallenged, by which I am made to intimate that the deceased *M. Caron* had abdicated to me his position as the Representative of the Crown. Every person who knew the late *M. Caron* and his high legal and constitutional attainments, will share with me my regretful surprise, that any such imputation should be cast upon his memory.

2nd. That, not having kept any memorandum of such conversations as I had with the Lieutenant Governor, except those which took place since the 25th February, last, I have no remarks to make upon the paragraph, wherein it is stated:—

"The Premier did not let the Governor know, then or since, that the Government was in such a state of penury as to necessitate special legislation to increase public taxation;" unless it be that this statement does not seem to me to accord with a preceding paragraph, wherein it is stated that the Lieutenant Governor drew my attention "to the necessity of reducing the expenses of Government and of the Legislature, instead of having recourse to new taxes in view of avoiding financial embarrassment."

I acknowledge that I never did inform the Governor that the Province was in a state of penury, simply because I was convinced of the contrary.

"The Lieutenant Governor expressed also, but with regret, to the Premier, that the Orders passed in Council to increase the salaries of Civil Service servants seemed to him inopportune.

Upon this matter I merely desire to remark that these Orders in Council were authorized by a law passed during the Session of 1876.

I propose now, my Lord, to deal with the specific allegations made against me by His Honor *M. Letellier*, in his explanatory case, and, for convenience sake, I take the liberty to quote from His Honor's memorandum:—

"1st. During the Session of 1876, a Bill had been read three times in one of the two branches of the Legislature, and only twice in the other.

"This Bill, bearing all the certificates which were necessary to induce me to believe that it had been regularly passed and adopted, was submitted to me by the Premier for my sanction.

"In consequence of being left in ignorance of these facts by my advisers, I sanctioned the Bill.

"Not long afterwards I was informed of the irregularity, and I immediately spoke of it to the Premier. I made the observation that such an Act would entail too serious consequences to allow of its being passed over.

"As a favor to him, however, I passed over this instance of irregular legislation, which was then irreparable."

In relation to this, the facts will furnish a sufficient answer. The Act in question was a Bill entitled: "An Act to authorize the formation of Societies for the improvement of country roads, and for the destruction of noxious weeds in the Province of Quebec." It was introduced in the Legislative Council, duly passed that House, and was sent down to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Apparently in the hurry of the last hours of the Session, after it had been read twice, the Clerk, by mistake, certified it as passed without amendment, and it was thus sent back to the Legislative Council. His Honor came down on the following day to prorogue the Legislature and his assent was given to this Bill along with others. The error was immediately discovered by the Attorney General, who made a report for transmission to *Ottawa* stating the error, and suggesting that the Act should be disallowed. The Hon. Mr. *Blake*, then Minister of Justice, reported in reply that this was unnecessary, that the Act, not having received all its stages, was but blank paper, and as a consequence it was not printed in the Statutes. In view of this fact, it is difficult to under

stand the statement of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor that, "as a favor" to me, he "passed over this instance of irregular legislation, which was then irreparable."

2. "During the same Session another Bill was submitted to me for my sanction. On examining it I perceived a blank which had not been filled up, which I pointed out to the Premier in the following letter:—

"(Private.)

"QUEBEC, 27th December, 1876.

"MY DEAR PREMIER,—A Bill (E), which originated in the Council, was passed by the Legislative Assembly without amendment; upon reading it before adding my certificate of sanction, I noticed that a blank had not been filled up in the seventh line of the sixth section.

"You followed the usual practice in not fixing the amount of the penalty in the Legislative Council, but the matter passed unperceived, or the officers, through some mistake, omitted to insert the amount fixed by the House, or it may have been an error in the proof-sheets.

"While on the subject of these mistakes, you will find another in the second section of the same Act, wherein the word 'amender' is in the infinitive mood. I notice this latter inaccuracy, to which I do not attach much importance, only because I discovered another in an Act in which I had to point out to you an omission which I consider fatal.

"Yours very truly,
(Signed) "L. LETELLIER.

"The Premier came to me and said that he regretted the omission; he requested me to give my sanction to the Bill in the state in which it was. The conciliatory spirit which I showed in granting my consent seemed to please him."

In relation to this I have to say that the Act in question was "An Act to provide for the safety and protection of the public in theatres, edifices and public halls." As stated, it was passed first in the Legislative Council, where the blank, being the amount of the penalty, could not be inserted. By inadvertence it passed the Legislative Assembly in the same form. After its passage the omission was discovered, and a short Bill was introduced to remedy it. The Act in which the omission occurred is numbered 19, and the Act supplying the omission is numbered 20, of the Statutes of 1876, and both were sanctioned by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor at the same time.

3rd. "In March, 1877 (*vide* Appendix A), my advisers caused me to make an appointment of a Municipal Councillor for the South Ward of the Village of *Montmagny*, under the pretext that there had been no election, or that if such election had taken place it was illegal," &c.

As to the third complaint of His Honor, it is difficult to understand, seeing that it had no relation to the dismissal of myself and my colleagues, why it is introduced. Whether wisely or not, the Municipal Code of the Province of *Quebec*, provides that, in a certain contingency, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province shall appoint a Councillor. In the opinion of the Law Adviser of His Honor, upon a petition sent in from the Village of *Montmagny*, that contingency had arisen, and he made a report recommending an appointment. That report was approved, and the appointment made by His Honor. Subsequently other information was received, which induced His Honor to urge the revocation of the appointment, and out of deference to him, while seeing no reason to change its opinion, the Government yielded, and the appointment was cancelled.

4th. "On the 19th March, 1877, being on the eve of absenting myself for a few days, I wrote to the Hon. M. *Chapleau*, and in a postscript I said: 'Please oblige me by telling the Premier that if he needs my concurrence, M. *Gauthier* may bring down to me the documents requiring my signature.'

"M. *DeBoucherville* should have understood from that, that if I was ready to give him my concurrence, it was on condition of having all documents submitted to me before signing them."

"I leave you, my Lord, to judge in what manner my views were interpreted."

It would seem somewhat remarkable that a statement to which His Honor appears to attach so much importance should have appeared as a postscript to what, I have reason to believe was a private letter, in no sense relating to public business. I may say, however, that a reference to dates will shew that the documents referred to had relation to the *Montmagny* Councillorship, which was at the time a subject of discussion, and was not intended to have, and had not any such significance as that attempted now to be attached to it.

5th. "Under date of the 6th of November last, I addressed to the Honorable *M. De Boucherville*, the letter of which the following is a copy:—

"(Private.)

QUEBEC, 6th November, 1877.

"The Honorable *C. B. De Boucherville*,
Premier.

"MY DEAR DEBOUCHERVILLE,—In the last *Official Gazette* were published over my signature two proclamations which I had not signed.

"One was for the summoning of Parliament, which I had reserved in order to confer with you; the other, which I did not even see, appoints a day of Thanksgiving.

"These proceedings, the nature of which I shall not characterize, are productive, apart from their impropriety, of nullities which you will easily understand.

"Yours very truly,

"(Signed) L. LETELLIER."

"The following are the notes which I took of the conversation which I had with *M. De Boucherville* on the subject:—

"*M. De Boucherville* came on the same day he received the letter, to tell me that he regretted that the thing had occurred, and that it was no fault of his. I accepted the excuse, and I then told him that I would not tolerate my name being used, when necessary for any duty of my office, unless the documents requiring my signature had been previously submitted to me, and unless information was afforded to me, which *M. De Boucherville* assured me would be the course followed in future.

"(Signed) L. L."

It is a sufficient answer to this complaint, to say that the proclamation for the summoning of the Legislature for the despatch of business, was not published until the 24th November, and it could not, therefore, be that proclamation to which His Honor referred in his letter of the 6th November. The proclamation to which he refers was the mere formal one by which the meeting of the Legislature is further postponed from time to time; and I am informed that the Order in Council for the particular proclamation to which His Honor referred was signed by him, and is of record, so signed, with the proper officer.

As to the proclamation fixing a day of Thanksgiving, I have to remark that this was the result of a communication from the Premier of *Canada*, the Honorable *Alexander Mackenzie*, to the Lieutenant Governor, and handed to me by His Honor with the request that I would carry out the suggestion. It will appear sufficiently strange under these circumstances, that I should be accused of acting without his knowledge, even if the clerical duty of obtaining his signature had been omitted. I am informed, however, that in this case also, the Order in Council, as well as the proclamation, were signed by His Honor, and are of record, bearing his signature, in the office of the proper officer.

6th. "But, my Lord, there is another point still more important, which I cannot any longer refrain from mentioning.

"From the conversations which I have held with *M. De Boucherville*, there results a fact, which, if it were known, would of itself have sufficiently justified me in believing that he did not possess the confidence of the people of this Province.

"On two occasions, some time after the Session of 1876, I pointed out to him that millions had been voted to aid Railways in general, at a time when our finances

“ did not appear to me in a condition to warrant all at once a lavish expenditure in subsidizing these numerous undertakings, particularly, as apart from that, our credit was so heavily pledged towards the building of the ‘*Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa* and Occidental Railway.’ ”

“ He very frankly avowed that these grants, though they were for the development of the Province, had been necessitated by political considerations; that without them, the support of the Members whose counties were traversed by those Railways, would cease to be secured to Government; that there would be no means of having a majority; that the Members formed combinations—‘*Rings*’—to control the House.

“ M. *DeBoucherville* is not unaware that I thereupon told him that it was better to save the Province than a Government, and that if his Administration was not strong enough to resist those influences, it would be better for him to form a combination of honest and well-meaning men, from both sides of the House, rather than submit to the dictation of those ‘*Rings*,’ and to the control of those combinations.

“ When he made no attempt to escape from that deleterious influence, after his own avowal that the Legislature was controlled by those ‘*Rings*’; when by his legislation he sought to favor them anew during the last Session, without having previously advised with me, had I not the right, as the Representative of my Sovereign, to believe and to be convinced that M. *DeBoucherville* did not possess a constitutional majority in the Legislative Assembly? ”

I have no desire to enter into a discussion as to the precise conversations that may have taken place between His Honor and myself, in the frequent intercourse which we had together; but, I submit as my answer to this most serious imputation, “ that I confessed to being controlled by ‘*Rings*,’ ” in relation to the Railway legislation while I was the leader of the Provincial Government, the following facts:—

I took office in 1874. In the Session following, a measure was introduced to increase the subsidies granted by previous legislation to a number of railways. Several amendments were moved to the resolutions, all of them looking to an increase in the grants, and for these, the Opposition, under the leadership of Mr. *Joly*, voted. The General Elections took place subsequent to that Session, and, whether the legislation was good or bad, it was sustained by a very large majority of the people, and is, therefore, no longer a proper subject of discussion in the connection in which His Honor introduced it. At the first Session after the elections, the Government, at the request of the municipalities of *Montreal* and *Quebec*, assumed the task of constructing the North Shore and Northern Colonization Railways, now known as the “*Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, and Occidental Railway.*” Great pressure was brought to bear upon the Government to increase the subsidies to the other roads at that time, but this pressure was resisted. As a matter of fact it is not true that “ millions have been voted to aid railways in general,” at a time when “ our credit was so heavily pledged towards the building of the *Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa* and Occidental Railway.” On the contrary, since our credit became so pledged, not one dollar has been added to the debt or liabilities of the Province on account of those “ railways in general.”

In the Session of 1876 a measure was introduced authorizing a portion of the subsidy on some of these railways, from the unbuilt portion, to be used on that which was under construction to enable them to be carried to particular points, which it was considered important in the public interests should be reached, and a lapsed subsidy of \$200,000 was divided among other roads of a similar class, the Bill passing the Legislature without division.

In relation to this Act, His Honor M. *Letellier*, in proroguing the Legislature, used these words:—“ I trust that the result of your labors will be to give a new impetus to the great improvements which have been undertaken in this Province.” During the last Session this process of ‘doubling up’ of the subsidy was again adopted, but without adding to the public liability. This Act was carried through its final stages in the Legislative Council, after the change of Government, and was assented to by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor.

7th. "In communicating to both Houses my memoranda of the 25th February and 1st March last, the Premier and Mr. Attorney General *Angers*, in violation of their duty, overstepped the authorization which I had given by my letter of the 4th of March last for that purpose. They added to that communication a report of pretended conversations, the correctness of which I contest, and the impropriety of which I maintain, &c."

As this relates to what occurred after the dismissal of the late Government, it can hardly be held to justify that dismissal. It is sufficient to refer to the correspondence, which shows that there was no stipulation on my part as to the precise form of explanations to be made to the House; and in view of the fact that we were a dismissed Ministry, I must claim that we had a duty, not only to ourselves, but to the majority of the representatives of the people whose confidence we enjoyed, to make the explanations as full as possible. As to the introduction, without authorization, of the Railway and Finance Bills, I conceived myself to have been fully authorized, and the explanations which I offered to His Honor on this point, and which were accepted by him, do not require to be repeated.

To sum up after the manner of His Honor:—

"1st. That in general the recommendations which I made to my Cabinet did not receive the consideration which is due to the Representative of the Crown."

As responsible Ministers we considered it to be our duty to advise His Honor not to be bound to act upon advice from him. At the same time, as is seen in the case of the *Montmagny* Councillorship, we were disposed, as far as possible, to pay proper deference to his views and wishes.

"2nd. That my name has been used by the Members of the Government in the signature of documents which I had never seen."

I have simply to say that I know of no such case, unless it refers to the Proclamations mentioned in the "Explanatory case," and the answer on that point is sufficiently distinct.

"3rd. That a proclamation summoning the Legislature was published in the *Official Gazette* without my being consulted or informed of it, and before my signature had been attached thereto."

No proclamation summoning the Legislature was so published, without the knowledge and signature of His Honor, and the Legislature was in fact not summoned for the dispatch of business for nearly three weeks after His Honor's letter of complaint on the subject.

"4th. That a like Proclamation fixing a day of Thanksgiving was also published under similar circumstances."

The Thanksgiving day was fixed at the request of His Honor himself, and the Order in Council fixing it was signed by him.

"5th and 6th. That, although I had intimated to the Premier by my advice, and by my letter of the 14th March, 1877, my firm determination to protect the inhabitants of this Province against the arbitrary decisions of the Executive in matters within the jurisdiction of the Courts of Justice, he thought proper without my participation and without advising me, to propose to both Houses, in legislating for the '*Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway*,' to substitute the power of the Executive for that of the Judiciary."

"That, without having advised me, and without having received authorization of any sort whatever from me, the Government of *M. DeBoucherville* proposed to the Legislature a measure of almost general taxation upon the ordinary contracts and transactions of life, transfers of bank stock, etc., while no Message from me had been asked for this subject, nor signed by me to authorize its proposition to the Houses."

In relation to these measures I considered myself authorized by the reply of His Honor to my request for an authorization for resolutions respecting finances, and my explanations, as is seen by his letter to me, were accepted, and the Government relieved from all imputation of intentional discourtesy.

" 7th. That, after its dismissal, the Government of the late M. *DeBoucherville* again failed in its duty by assigning reasons for the adjournment of the House from day to day different from those agreed on between myself and the Premier, at the risk of prejudicing public opinion against the Representative of the Crown."

No reasons were assigned by me for the adjournment of the Legislative Council, neither the Speaker nor myself being present at any sitting of that House during the crisis and the reasons assigned by M. *Angers* for the adjournment of the Legislative Assembly were in those words:—

"The Lieutenant Governor signified his desire that the explanations respecting the dismissal from office of the Members of the Executive Council be not given this day, but only after a new Cabinet shall have been formed;" that reason being substantially that given in the letter of His Honor of the 4th March.

" 8th. That at the time of the communication of the causes which rendered necessary the dismissal of the Cabinet, in the explanations which were given by the Premier to the Legislative Council, and by the Attorney General to the Legislative Assembly, both of them referred to pretended conversations which they had no authority whatever to communicate to the Legislature, since the Premier had, by his answer to the letter of the Lieutenant Governor of the 4th March last, limited his explanations to the communication to both Houses of my memoranda of the 25th February and 1st March, and the answers of the Premier of the 27th February and of the 2nd and 4th March instant."

My letter of the 4th March makes or accepts no such limitation, and, for the reason I have already stated, I considered myself fully justified in making the explanations that were made.

" 9th. That therefore the additions and the comments made by the Premier before the Legislative Council, and by the Attorney General before the Legislative Assembly, were contrary to the conditions agreed upon between the Lieutenant Governor and the Premier."

As I have stated, there were no such conditions agreed upon between the Lieutenant Governor and myself.

" 10th. That the Premier and his colleagues, by making use of pretended private conversations to explain the causes of their dismissal, in contravention to their duty to the Crown and to what they had pledged themselves to observe with regard to it, have placed the Lieutenant Governor under the necessity of bringing under the notice of Your Excellency all the reasons for their dismissal."

The conversations reported by me were not "pretended" but real, of which notes were taken immediately after they occurred, and which were necessary to explain fully the circumstances preceding my dismissal. If they have compelled His Honor to state "all the reasons for that dismissal" I venture the opinion that it would have been more respectful to the Legislature, whose confidence I enjoyed, had "all the reasons" been communicated to it.

The observations I have made upon these additional reasons will, I hope, serve to convince Your Excellency that they were not such as to strengthen the position of the Lieutenant Governor.

I have the honor to be, my Lord,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed)

C. B. *DEBOUCHERVILLE*,

M. L. C.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, Saturday, 9th March, 1878.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that, in conformity with the orders given to him at yesterday's sitting, he issued his warrant for the election of Members in the

Counties of those Members who have accepted office as Ministers; and that he was informed by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery that the answer of the Government, was that the matter was under consideration.

The following letter and "copies of the correspondance and explanations relating to the dismissal from office of the *DeBoucherville* Government" were laid upon the Table:

QUEBEC, 8th March, 1878.

To the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

SIR,—I have the honor to forward you, to be laid before the House, copy of the correspondence and explanations relating to the dismissal from office of the *DeBoucherville* Government, which I read and communicated to the House.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. ANGERS,

Ex-Attorney-General,

Member for the County of Montmorency.

MR. SPEAKER,—Mr. *DeBoucherville* had received permission from the Lieutenant Governor to give explanations respecting his dismissal from office at the sitting on Monday, the fourth March instant, between half-past one and two o'clock of the same day, he received from His Excellency a notice not to give any explanations until the new Cabinet had been formed.

This event having been announced, the late *DeBoucherville* Government has the right, in virtue of the permission so obtained, to give its explanations to the House and to the country.

It is my duty to announce to the House that the *DeBoucherville* Government did not resign. A Government, possessing the confidence of the great majority of the Representative Assembly, and of almost the whole of the Legislative Council, has no right to resign, if it has really at heart the interest of the country, and a respect for its duty. This Government was dismissed from office by the Lieutenant Governor. The facts which preceded and followed this event are entered in a journal kept from day to day and from hour to hour, under the dictation of the ex-Premier, and the following is an exact and faithful recital thereof.

On the 26th February, 1878, at about-half past four o'clock p.m., the Premier received from the Lieutenant Governor, through his Aide-de-Camp, the following letter:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

QUEBEC, 25th February 1878.

To the Honorable C. B. *DeBoucherville*,

Premier of the Province of *Quebec*.

The Lieutenant Governor desires the Executive Council to prepare for his consideration a factum including a copy of the following documents:—

1. A copy of the Acts of the Dominion Parliament authorizing the construction of the railway now known under the name of the "*Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway*" as well as a copy of the Acts of the Legislature of *Quebec*, respecting the same railway;

2. A copy of the Acts of the Legislature of the Province of *Quebec* respecting the construction of the railway between *Quebec* and *Montreal* commonly known as the North Shore Railway;

3. A copy of the by-laws of each of the Municipal Corporations by which they agreed to assist in the construction of the said road ;
 4. A statement of the amount of the grant paid by each of those Corporations, and a copy of the correspondence exchanged between the Government, the Railway Commissioners or the contractors of the said road and the said Municipal Corporations, with respect to their said grant or subsidy.
 5. A copy of the several contracts entered into for the construction of the said roads.
 6. A copy of the official or *confidential* Reports of the engineers to whom was intrusted the location of these lines of railway, in whole or in part ;
 7. A copy of the Report of the Railway Commissioners, laid before both Houses during the present Session, respecting the said roads ;
 8. Copy of the representations made to the Government by the municipal corporations interested or by the ratepayers of these Municipalities, respecting the conditions of their grant or subsidy ;
 9. Copy of the Resolutions proposed to the Provincial Legislature, during the present Session, respecting the said subsidies and to facilitate the payment and recovery of the same :
 10. Copy of the Bill, based upon the said Resolutions, which was introduced into the House, during the present Session ;
 11. A plan showing the locations of each of the said railways or of any portion thereof ;
 12. A detailed statement of the reasons which induced the Provincial Government not to content themselves with the provisions of the Statute and Common Law and with those of the Civil Code of this Province, for the recovery of the sums of money which might become due by the said Corporations, but, without having in any manner previously consulted with the Lieutenant Governor, to propose an *ex post facto* legislation to compel them thereto.
- Another very important measure, to provide for the imposition of new taxes, was also similarly proposed to the Legislature, without having been previously submitted to the Lieutenant Governor.
- The Lieutenant Governor is perfectly aware that measures of secondary importance, which have previously been sufficiently explained to him, may be, as a matter of routine, proposed to both Houses, without an express order from himself, but he cannot allow the Executive to communicate to the Legislature, on his behalf, any important or new measures, without his special order and without his having been previously fully informed and advised thereof.

LUC LETELLIER,
Lieut. Governor.

The Premier prepared his answer during the night of the 26th-27th February. This answer was delivered by him, in person, to the Lieutenant Governor, at *Spencer Wood*, about ten o'clock, A. M., on the 27th. It reads as follows :—

QUEBEC, 27th February, 1878.

To His Excellency
The Hon. *L. Letellier de St. Just*,
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Quebec*.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the memorandum sent me yesterday afternoon by Your Excellency, through your Aide-de-Camp, who, at the same time, informed me that you were ill in bed. I submitted this memorandum to the Executive Council, and I shall see, as Your Excellency desires, that all due diligence be used, in order that all the documents required may be transmitted to you as soon as possible.

In anticipation of the factum desired by Your Excellency, which will contain a more detailed statement of the motives which induced the Provincial Government to bring in the measures to which you draw my attention, I consider it my duty to represent that the reasons which, amongst others, caused the Government to submit to the Legislature a law obliging the municipalities to pay their subscriptions for the construction of the Provincial Railway, on the decision of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, after a sworn report, made by a competent engineer, and after a notice of fifteen days, to give such Municipalities an opportunity of being heard,—are the ill will of certain Municipalities, shown by some in their neglect to comply with the requests of the Treasurer, by others in their formal refusal to pay, and, in certain cases, by resolutions adopted, asking new conditions respecting the agreements which they had made with the Government.

The Government was of opinion that, without such legislation, the object of which is to avoid the delays of ordinary legal proceedings, the result of the ill will of these Municipalities would have been, either to necessitate a new loan by the Province and consequently to cause a burden to be unjustly imposed upon Municipalities which had entered into no engagements and which would derive no immediate benefit from the construction of the road, or the complete stoppage of the works already begun, together with the inevitable loss of interest on the enormous capital already laid out upon this enterprise and the other damages resulting therefrom.

The Government, while undertaking, in the first place, by the said law, to fulfil the conditions which it had agreed upon with the said Municipalities, considered that, in substituting for the ordinary Courts, the Lieutenant Governor with an Executive Council responsible to the Legislature and to the people, it offered to the parties interested a tribunal which afforded as many guarantees as the ordinary courts. I would also take the liberty of calling Your Excellency's attention to the fact that similar provisions are already in our Statutes. I would cite to Your Excellency Chapter 83 of the Consolidated Statutes of *Canada* and also Chapter 47 of 36 *Victoria* of the Statutes of *Ontario*.

I humbly submit to Your Excellency that a law devised for the better securing of the execution of a contract cannot have a retroactive effect. It enacts for the future, and its objects are the respective interests of the parties.

Now, I beg Your Excellency to note that, while you were at *Rivière Ouelle*, I had the honor of requesting your authorization to lay the question of finances before the House, and that you were kind enough to reply that you sent me a blank form by mail, and I considered this, at the time, as a great mark of confidence on your part. I did, in effect, receive a blank form with your signature, which I handed to the Treasurer, who had it filled up by your Aide-de-Camp.

Later on, I had the honor of requesting Your Excellency's authorization generally to lay money questions before the House, and this Your Excellency granted, with your usual condescension. This permission, moreover, had invariably been accorded me by your predecessor, the late lamented Mr. *Caron*.

I must admit that, with this authorization, and the conviction in my mind that Your Excellency had read the Treasurer's Budget speech, in which he announced the taxes which were afterwards proposed, I considered I had a right to inform my colleagues that I had your permission for all questions respecting money.

I beg Your Excellency to believe that I never had any intention of arrogating to myself the right of having measures passed without your approval, and that, under existing circumstances, having had occasion to speak to Your Excellency in reference to the law respecting the Provincial Railway, and not having received any order to suspend it, I did not think Your Excellency would discover in this measure any intention on my part to slight your prerogatives, which no one is more disposed than I am to respect and uphold.

Yours, &c., &c,

C. B. DEBOUCHÉVILLE.

After some conversation, the Lieutenant Governor, having heard Mr. *DeBoucherville's* explanations, admitted that, if there had been any misunderstanding, it was in good faith on the part of the latter, in authorizing his colleagues to say that they were authorized to submit the legislation in reference to money matters. He afterwards told him, in reply to his question on the subject, that the only difficulty remaining was the question of the *Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa* and Occidental Railway and that he would give an answer on the following day, the 28th February.

On the 28th February, at about half-past seven in the evening, Mr. *DeBoucherville* went to *Spencer Wood* to convey to the Lieutenant Governor the documents asked for in the letter of the 25th (which documents were prepared by the Honorable the Secretary, and were accompanied by a synopsis.) He asked him if he would soon give his answer. The Lieutenant Governor told him that he would examine the documents and probably give it to him on the following day, the 1st March.

On leaving, Mr. *DeBoucherville* said: "If I understand you rightly, you are hesitating between giving your sanction to the Railway Bill and reserving it." He replied: "That is it."

On the 2nd of March, at five minutes to one in the afternoon, the Aide-de-Camp of the Lieutenant Governor handed to Mr. *DeBoucherville* the letter given hereafter.

Before the Aide-de-Camp left, he was asked how His Excellency was. The Aide-de-Camp replied that he was not so well, and then asked: "When we intended closing the Session. Mr. *DeBoucherville* replied that he could not say, as many matters were in arrear. The following is the letter in question:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

QUEBEC, 1st March 1878.

To the Honorable *C. B. DeBoucherville*,
Premier, *Quebec*.

The Lieutenant Governor, taking into consideration the communication made to him verbally (on the 27th February) by the Premier, and also taking into consideration the letter which the Premier then gave to him, is prepared to admit that there had been no intention on the part of the Premier to slight the prerogatives of the Crown, and that there was only on his part an error, committed in good faith, in the interpretation that he gave to words used by the Lieutenant Governor, in the interview which they had on the 19th February instant: words which did not imply the authorization attributed to them by the Premier.

With this interpretation and the instructions given in consequence by the Premier to the Honorable Messrs. *Angers* and *Church*, these gentlemen did not, wittingly, do any thing against the duties of their office.

As to the blank, which the Lieutenant Governor addressed to him from *Rivière Ouëlle*, the Lieutenant Governor knows that such blank was to be used for the purpose of submitting the Estimates to the House.

This act was a token of confidence on his part, as stated by the Premier in his letter of the 27th, but it was confidential.

The Lieutenant Governor deems it his duty to observe that, in his memorandum of the 25th of February last, he in no way expressed the opinion that he thought that the Premier ever had the intention of arrogating to himself the "right" of "having measures passed without his approval, or of slighting the prerogatives of "the representative of the Crown."

But the Premier must not lose sight of the fact that, although he had not so intended, the fact remains as he was told by the Lieutenant Governor.

The fact of having submitted several new and important measures to the Legislature, without having previously, in any manner, consulted the Lieutenant Governor, although without any intention of slighting his prerogatives, gives rise to one of those false positions which places the Representative of the Crown in a difficult and critical situation, with reference to both Houses of the Legislature.

The Lieutenant Governor cannot admit that the responsibility of this state of things rests upon him.

So far as concerns the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the *Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway*," the Premier cannot apply to the measure the pretended general authorization mentioned by him in his letter, for their interview took place on the 19th February and the Bill had then been before the House for several days, without the Lieutenant Governor having been in any manner informed of it by his advisers.

The Lieutenant Governor then told the Premier how much he regretted such legislation; he represented to him that he considered to the principles of law and justice; notwithstanding this, the measure was pushed on until it was adopted by both Houses.

It is true that the Premier gives, in his letter, as one of his reasons for so acting, "that this permission of making use of the name of the representative of the Crown had been, moreover, always allowed to him by the predecessor of the present Lieutenant Governor, the late lamented Mr. *Caron*."

This reason cannot avail with the Lieutenant Governor, for, by so doing, he would abdicate his position as Representative of the Crown,—a proceeding which neither the Lieutenant Governor nor the Premier could reconcile with the duties of the Lieutenant Governor towards the Crown.

The Lieutenant Governor regrets being compelled to state, as he told the Premier, that he has generally not been explicitly informed of the measures adopted by the Cabinet; although the Lieutenant Governor often gave occasion therefor to the Premier, especially during the course of last year.

The Lieutenant Governor, from time to time, since the last meeting of the Legislature, drew the attention of the Premier to several matters respecting the interests of the Province of *Quebec*, amongst others,—

1. To the enormous expenditure, occasioned by very large subsidies to several railways when the Province was burdened with the construction of the trunk line of railway from *Quebec to Ottawa*, which should prevail over all others; and that at a time when our finances compelled us to raise loans disproportioned to our revenues.

2. On the necessity of reducing the expenses of the Civil Government, and those of legislation, in place of having recourse to new taxes, with a view of avoiding financial embarrassment.

The Lieutenant Governor, although with regret, expressed to the Premier the opinion that the Orders in Council, for the increase of the salaries of Civil Service employes, seemed to him to be inopportune at a time when the Government had effected with the Bank of *Montreal* a loan at the rate of 7 per cent. for half a million, on condition of increasing this loan to one million; and, in fact, to-day even (1st March) the Lieutenant Governor was obliged to allow an Order in Council to be passed to secure the last half million for the Government, without which the Government would be unable to meet its obligations, as stated to him by the Honorable the Treasurer, by order of the Premier.

The Premier did not, either then or since, inform the Lieutenant Governor that the Government were in so impecunious a position as to require special legislation to increase the public burdens.

The Lieutenant Governor therefore stated and repeated these facts to the Premier, and now deems it his duty to record them here, in order that they may serve as a memorandum for himself and the Premier.

It results therefore,—

1. That although the Lieutenant Governor had made several representations, in his quality of Representative of the Crown, to the Premier on those various subjects of public interest, his advisers have taken administrative and legislative steps contrary to such representations and without having previously advised him.

2. That the Lieutenant Governor has, without evil motives, but in fact, been placed in a false position, by being exposed to a conflict with the desires of the

Legislature; desires which he knowledges to be paramount, when expressed in a constitutional manner.

The Lieutenant Governor has attentively read and examined the memorandum and documents which the Premier was kind enough to bring him yesterday.

In the record are petitions from several Municipal Corporations and from citizens of different localities, addressed to the Lieutenant Governor, against the resolutions and the Government Bill respecting the *Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway*.

The Lieutenant Governor was only yesterday in a position to take communication of some of these petitions, in as much as they had not been transmitted to him, before the Record.

The Lieutenant Governor, after mature deliberation, cannot accept the advice of the Premier in reference to the sanction to be given to the Railway Bill, intituled: "An Act relating to the *Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway*."

For all these reasons therefore, the Lieutenant Governor cannot conclude this memorandum without expressing to the Premier the regret which he feels in being no longer able to retain him in his position, contrary to the rights and prerogatives of the Crown.

L. LETELLIER,

Lieut. Governor.

On the 2nd of March, about two o'clock, p.m., Mr. *DeBoucherville* went to *Spencer Wood*. When he arrived he was admitted to the presence of the Lieutenant Governor, and told him "that according to the memorandum received from him that day, he understood that he was dismissed from the office of Premier."

The Lieutenant Governor told him he was to take his own interpretation from the letter. Upon this Mr. *DeBoucherville* handed him the letter which will be found further on, as being his answer.

The Lieutenant Governor, without opening it before him, made some remarks on the difficulty in which the legislation had placed him.

Mr. *DeBoucherville* replied that in his present position he thought he had no opinion to express on the subject. He then bowed himself out. When he had proceeded a short distance from the house he caused the vehicle to return, having forgotten to ask permission from the Lieutenant Governor to give explanations to the House. After having been a second time admitted to the presence of the Lieutenant Governor, he ask permission to give explanations and to make known the memorandum of the Lieutenant Governor and his replies thereto.

The Lieutenant Governor told him he had no objection, and asked him as to the person he should send for. Mr. *DeBoucherville* replied that he looked upon himself—having been dismissed—as being in a different position from a Minister who, although defeated in the House, still retained the confidence of the Sovereign; that he had had a majority of twenty-five in one of the late votes; that, under these circumstances, he did not think he could advise him in the matter. He then left him, and while in the ante-room, the Lieutenant Governor recalled him, and said: "Please delay the explanations until Monday."

The following is a copy of the letter which Mr. *DeBoucherville* handed to the Lieutenant Governor, when the latter told him he was to take his own interpretation of his memorandum.

QUEBEC, 2nd March 1878.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Quebec.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum, in which you come to the conclusion that you cannot retain me in my position as Premier.

I have therefore no other duty to perform beyond submitting to my dismissal from office, communicated by Your Excellency, reiterating at the same time my profound respect for the rights and prerogatives of the Crown and my devotion to the interests of our Province.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's &c., &c.,

C. B. DEBOUCHERVILLE.

On the 28th January, 1878, Mr. *DeBoucherville* had sent to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, who was then at *Rivière Ouelle*, the following telegraphic despatch,

"Can you send me authorization—resolutions respecting finances."

The Lieutenant Governor on the following day, the 20th telegraphed Mr. *DeBoucherville* :

"Blank mailed to-day. If presence necessary, telegraph. Return Friday."

The resolutions respecting the North Shore Railway were submitted to the House only on the 29th January, after the telegram had been received from the Lieutenant Governor that a form signed in blank had been mailed to Mr. *DeBoucherville* in reply to his despatch of the previous day, saying: "Can you send me authorization—resolutions respecting finances?"

On the 30th January, the first resolution was reported from Committee of the Whole. On the 31st it was adopted by the House. On the 1st February the House again went into Committee of the Whole and reported the other resolutions on the same subject. But it was only on the 5th that the adoption of the report of the Committee was carried, the House throwing out the motion of non-confidence on this point by 38 to 21.

On the 5th February, a Bill, based on these resolutions, was introduced; the second reading was delayed until the 18th February; the third reading took place on the 19th. During all this time, the Lieutenant Governor, to whom the Votes and Proceedings were sent daily, remained silent.

On the 19th February, Mr. *DeBoucherville* met the Lieutenant Governor and, in the conversation which took place on the subject of the measure, thought he had satisfied him as to its legality and the urgency of its being passed. The Lieutenant Governor was so far from being explicit as to his intentions, that Mr. *DeBoucherville* left him with the impression that he was authorized.

The Lieutenant Governor does not contend, in his memorandum of the 1st March 1878, that he had given orders to suspend the legislation.

Sent up to the Legislative Council, this Bill had gone through its third reading before the first letter was received from the Lieutenant Governor, dated the 25th February last, but only delivered at 4.30 p.m. on the 26th. In fact, the Lieutenant Governor, in his letter of the 1st March, admits that he did not, in any way, in his memorandum of the 25th February, express the opinion that he considered the Premier had intended to arrogate to himself the right of getting measures passed without his approval or of slighting the prerogatives of the Representative of the Crown.

Having ascertained that a misunderstanding existed as to the interpretation of the authorization asked by telegraphic despatch on the 28th January and answered on the 29th by a Message stating that a form signed in blank was sent, and in view of the impressions left by the conversation of the 19th February in Mr. *DeBoucherville's* mind, should the Lieutenant Governor have waited to make known, for the first time, the existence of this misunderstanding until the 26th February at which date the whole of the legislation, of which he complains, had been discussed and voted in the affirmative by both Houses.

The confidence shown by the Lieutenant Governor on the 29th January in Mr. *DeBoucherville* by forwarding the form signed in blank, was calculated to justify him in interpreting the silence of the Lieutenant Governor at least as not meaning dissent.

After these interviews of the 19th February, the silence observed until the 26th February was also of a nature to lead him to believe that he had a general authorization to submit to the House all measures which the public service required.

On the 31st of January, 26 days previous to the first memorandum of the Lieutenant Governor, the Honorable Treasurer made his Budget Speech, in which he announced the new taxes which it would be necessary to levy to meet the obligations of the Province, obligations contracted during several previous years and resulting from the policy then inaugurated on railways and which had received the concurrence of several Members belonging to the party opposing the Government.

Can this speech, published *in extenso* by the press of the whole country, have escaped the notice of the Lieutenant Governor?

On the 19th of February, the resolutions demanding those taxes, but at a lower rate than the one mentioned by the Treasurer in his speech, were presented; and on the 20th were adopted by a vote of 39 against 22.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his memorandum of the 1st March, complains that Mr. *DeBoucherville* did not let him know that the Government was in an impecunious condition, requiring special legislation to increase the public taxes.

The Premier would have formed an erroneous idea of the situation, if he had so qualified the temporary embarrassment, caused by the ill will of the Municipalities which had subscribed for the construction of the Provincial Railway, in neglecting to faithfully fulfil their obligations. He would have formed an erroneous idea of the situation, in presence of the results obtained, so far without any burden having been imposed in order to obtain them.

On the 22nd February, notice was given of resolutions respecting railways in the Eastern Townships and on the South Shore of the *St. Lawrence*,

On the 23rd of the same month the resolutions were introduced and subsequently adopted by a vote of 41 to 16. These resolutions do not in any way increase the actual debt of the Province.

The Lieutenant Governor said in the same memorandum "That the construction of the railway from *Quebec* to *Ottawa* should prevail over that of other railways.' The legislation of many years past on this subject establishes no priority in favor of the Provincial Railway to the detriment of railways in the Eastern Townships and on the South Shore. The *DeBoucherville* Government would have contravened the law, if they had adopted any other view of the matter.

In the same memorandum the Lieutenant Governor declares: "That he cannot accept the advice of the Premier in reference to the sanction to be given to the Railway Bill, intitled: 'An Act respecting the *Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa* and Occidental Railway.'" This declaration is premature, the Premier never having been called upon to give his opinion as to the sanction to be given; and if he had been called upon to do so, he would, under the circumstances, have recommended that it be reserved for the decision of the Governor General, being in doubt as to the Lieutenant Governor having the right, of his own accord *ex proprio motu*, to exercise the prerogative of veto, and thus to decide finally on the fate of a measure passed by both Houses, when the *British North America Act of 1867* seems to leave such power to the Governor General.

The memorandum of His Excellency refers to petitions of several Corporations and citizens of different places, addressed to the Lieutenant Governor, against the resolutions and the measures of the Government concerning the *Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa* and Occidental Railway.

It is sufficient to consider that those petitions came from debtors, from whom the law intends to force payment, to arrive at the correct conclusion that the opinion of both House should prevail over that expressed in such petitions.

The Lieutenant Governor, in the same memorandum, refers to acts of administration which date from before the Session and to which he has given his assent. As he alludes to matters for which the Government is responsible to both Houses, as advisers of the Crown, and as they are foreign to the question of prerogative raised by the Lieutenant Governor, they cannot be adduced in this memorandum, as reasons

for the conclusion arrived at by His Excellency, that he cannot continue to retain Mr. *DeBoucherville* in his position against the rights and prerogatives of the Crown; therefore, to avoid being carried away by this side issue or *hors d'œuvre*, there is no reason to question them now.

The Lieutenant Governor further expresses the opinion "that the state of our finances forced us to make loans disproportionate to our resources."

The necessity of here repeating this phrase is to be regretted; but the credit of the Province requires that it should be contradicted. The mere reading of the Budget speech will suffice to reassure alarmists.

From all the above facts, from admissions contained in the last memorandum of the Lieutenant-Governor, from the transmission of the form signed in blank and sent by him in reply to a request of Mr. *DeBoucherville*, asking his authorization to introduce "resolutions respecting finances" and from the silence of the Lieutenant Governor up to the 26th February last, it results that no measures have been introduced into the House in opposition to the prerogatives of the Representative of the Sovereign.

Nothing more remains now for me to do but to reiterate the declaration I made in commencing these explanations; the *DeBoucherville* Cabinet has not resigned. It has been dismissed from office, by the Lieutenant Governor.

The Conservative party is no longer in power. But it is, in the House, the power—a qualified power,—a majority in the opposition. The majority here, the majority in the Council, the majority in the country. The Conservative party has been dismissed from office; but it stands uncompromised, without compromise, without division,—devoted to the constitution and to the welfare of the country.

A. R. ANGERS,

Ex-Attorney General.

Member for the Electoral District of Montmorency.

A Message was received from the Legislative Council agreeing to the following Bills without amendment.

Bill (No. 83) intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the *Quebec* License Act and its amendments."

Bill (No. 109) intituled "An Act to further and re the law respecting subsidies in money made to certain Railway Companies."

Bill (No. 48) intituled "An Act to define amendgulate the limits of certain Municipalities and Parishes in the Counties of *Nicolet*, *Arthabaska* and *Drummond*, and to include in the County of *Nicolet* the portion of these Municipalities and Parishes not now included therein."

Bill (No. 112) intituled "An Act to amend the Act 20 *Vic.*, Cap. 123, respecting the *Quebec* North Shore Turnpike Roads."

Bill (No. 108) intituled "An Act respecting the indemnity to petty jurors in criminal cases."

Bill (No. 12) intituled "An Act respecting the proof of Heirships or of Legateeships."

Mr. *Dupont*, seconded by Mr. *Lavallée*, moved,

That the sum of one hundred dollars, deposited for the Bill (No. 45) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Beet Sugar Company of the Province of *Quebec*," be refunded to the promoters of the said Bill.

Which motion was withdrawn, the mover not having obtained the consent of the House.

Mr. *Loranger*, seconded by Mr. *Lynch*, moved that the following address, affirming the privileges and immunities of the House, be presented by Mr. Speaker to His Excel-

lency the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Quebec*, at the Bar of the Legislative Council, at the prorogation of this Legislature.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Quebec.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Quebec* deem it their duty to humbly represent that the Cabinet of which the Honorable *Henri Gustave Joly*, is the chief, was defeated three different times, at the sitting of the eighth of March instant by majorities varying from twenty to twenty-two votes.

And they regret to state that the constitution has been disregarded by the advisers of His Excellency to the extent that they persist in retaining power against the will of the majority of the House and of the Country.

The Legislative Assembly believes it, moreover, their duty to express their regret that they have been put to the necessity of suspending the passage of the Supply Bill, until justice has been extended to the majority of this House.

The Legislative Assembly desires respectfully to represent to Your Excellency that there exists in the House a political party, possessing the confidence of the Country and having a large majority in the House; that this party is competent to administer the public business, and that the prorogation of the Legislature presently would be prejudicial to the legislation and to the interests of the Country.

The Legislative Assembly desires to represent to Your Excellency that the fact of the minority having a control over public affairs is the cause of the embarrassment under which the Province labors, through the suspension of the Supply Bill; and that a prompt solution of the difficulty may be arrived at by acting in conformity with the constitution.

The Legislative Assembly desires also to represent to Your Excellency, that inasmuch as there exists in the House a political party strong enough to command a large majority there is no necessity for a dissolution of the Legislature, a step which will cause considerable and useless expense to the Province and seriously threaten the peace and tranquillity of the people of this Province.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

And objection having been taken that the said motion is contrary to the constitution and should be considered out of order;

Mr. Speaker ruled:—"That the point of order was raised and decided yesterday."

And appeal having been made from Mr. *Speaker's* decision;

The question was put and carried in the affirmative on the following division:—

In favor of Mr. Speaker's decision.

MM. *Alleyn, Angers, Baker, Champagne, Chapleau, Charlebois, Deschenes, Dulac, Dupont, Fortin (Gaspé), Fradette, Garneau, Gauthier, Houde (Maskinongé), Houde (Nicolet), Kennedy, Lacerte, Lalonde, Larochelle, Lavallée, Le Cavalier, Loranger, Lynch, Martin, Mathieu, McGawran, Picard, Sawyer, St. Cyr, Taillon, Tarte, Thornton, and Wurtele.*—33.

Against M. Speaker's decision.

MM. *De Beaujeu, Fortin (Montmagny), Laberge, Lafontaine, Laframboise, Molleur, Pâquet, Préfontaine, Rinfret dit Malouin, Shehyn, Sylvestre, and Watts.*—12.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by *Samuel Staunton Hatt*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, desiring the attendance of the House in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. *Speaker*, with the members present, went to the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give the Royal assent to the following Bills, namely:—

An Act to enable the Minister and Trustees of St. Andrew's Church *Montreal*, to borrow money and hypothecate the property of said Church.

An Act to declare valid certain sales of moveables belonging to successions.

An Act to further amend the Act respecting Agriculture and Public Works, (32 *Vict.*, Cap. 15) and the act amending the same.

An Act to amend the Act 40 *Vict.*, Cap. 23, amending the law respecting Public Instruction as respects the City of *Sherbrooke*.

An Act to amend the "Act respecting the injunction of Joint Stock Companies, (31 *Vict.*, Cap. 25.)

An Act respecting the notification for and the attendance at the removal of seals and inventories.

An Act respecting the proof of Heirship.

An Act to provide for the issue of the Writ of injunction in certain cases, and to regulate the procedure in relation thereto.

An Act to amend article 997 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to suits against certain corporations.

An Act to authorize the Board of Notaries to admit *Louis Thomas Laroche*, to the practice of the Notarial Profession.

An Act to annex to the Municipality of the Village of *Ste. Rose*, certain lands situated in the Municipality of the Parish of *Ste. Rose*, in the County of *Laval*, for all municipal and school purposes.

An Act to authorize the Bar of the Province of *Quebec* to admit *Michael J. F. Quinn* to the practice of the Profession of Advocate.

An Act to amend the Act 32 *Vict.*, Cap. 89, intitled An Act to incorporate the Protestant Institution for Deaf Mutes and for the Blind.

An Act to incorporate the *St. Laurence, Lower Laurentian and Saguenay Railway Company*.

An Act to incorporate the Society of "Union St. Joseph de *Notre-Dame de Beauport*."

An Act to amend Chap. 51 of 37 *Victoria*, Province of *Quebec*, intitled "An Act to revise and consolidate the charter of the City of *Montreal*, and the various Acts which amend the same, in so far as concerns certain property adjoining the *Mount Royal Park*."

An Act to incorporate the Society called "L'Union St. Joseph de *Lachine*."

An Act to incorporate the *Montreal Island Railway Company*.

An Act to incorporate "L'Œuvre de Saint Joseph de la Délivrance."

An Act to authorize the sale of immovable property substituted by the late *Jean Baptiste Quesnel*.

An Act to incorporate the "Cercle Saint Louis" of *Three Rivers*.

An Act to incorporate "The *Quebec Young Men's Christian Association*."

An Act to amend the Act respecting the *Methodist Church of Canada* (38 *Vict.*, Cap 60.)

An Act to incorporate "Le Cercle Catholique de *Quebec*."

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *City Passenger Railway Company of Montreal*, and to cancel the unpaid stock thereof.

An Act to change the name of the *Montreal Infants' School Association* to that of "The Boys' Home of *Montreal*," and for other purposes.

An Act to authorize the Ministers of the Church calling themselves "The Reformed Episcopal Church of *Canada*," in the Province of *Quebec*, to keep registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials.

An Act to authorize the *Adams Tobacco Company* to borrow money.

An Act to incorporate "The Beet Sugar Company of the Province of *Quebec*."

An Act to incorporate "L'Union St. Jean-Baptiste du Village de *Buckingham*" in the parish of *St. Gregoire de Nazianze*.

An Act to amend the Act of incorporation of the City of Three Rivers, 38 *Vict.*, Cap. 76.

An Act to define and regulate the limits of certain Municipalities and Parishes in the counties of *Nicolet*, *Arthakaska* and *Drummond*, and to include in the County of *Nicolet*, the portions of these Municipalities and Parishes not now included therein.

An Act to incorporate the *Orford Nickel and Copper Company*.

An Act to legalize certain preliminaries in the Incorporation of the "Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the Counties of *Shefford* and *Brome* and to change the name of the said Company.

An Act to amend Article 873 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

An Act to amend certain Articles of the Municipal Code of the Province of *Quebec*.

An Act to authorize the executor of the wills of the late *William Petry*, the older, and *William Petry*, the younger, and the curator to the substitution created thereunder, to change certain investments now made.

An Act to amend the Act 31 *Vict.*, Chap. 41, incorporating the "*Montreal Building Association*," by changing the name and extending the powers thereof.

An Act to incorporate "The Chapter of the Cathedral of *St. Hyacinthe*."

An Act to incorporate "The *Sherbrooke Nickel and Phosphate Mining Company*."

An Act to amend "The Act incorporating the Trustees of the American Presbyterian Society of *Montreal*."

An Act to incorporate the Municipality of the *Village de St. Louis du Mile End*."

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Mutual Assurance Associations of the Fabriques of the Dioceses of *Quebec* and *Three Rivers*, and of the Dioceses of *Montreal* and *St. Hyacinthe*.

An Act to incorporate the Municipality of the Parish of *Côte St. Paul*.

An Act to amend the Act respecting Commissioner's Courts for the summary trial of small causes.

An Act to amend Chapter 70 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower *Canada*, intitled "An Act respecting Joint Stock Companies for the construction of roads and certain other works."

An Act respecting the sale of lands for the working of mines of phosphate of lime, amending the Act 32 *Vict.*, Cap. 11.

An Act to amend the Act of the late Province of *Canada*, 12 *Vict.*, Cap. 137, incorporating "*La Communauté des Sœurs de Ste. Croix*," in the Parish of *St. Laurent*, in the District of *Montreal*, for Educational purposes.

An Act to amend the Act 40 *Vict.*, Cap. 26, relating to the Profession of Medicine and Surgery, in the Province of *Quebec*.

An Act to amend and consolidate the *Quebec Licence Act* and its amendments.

An Act to provide for the giving notice of Sheriff's sales to hypothecary creditors.

An Act to authorize the *V. Hudon Cotton Mills Company, Hochelaga*, to appoint Trustees to insure its property, for the protection of the holders of the debentures of the said Company, and for other purposes.

An Act respecting the Registers of Civil Status.

An Act to further amend the laws respecting Public Instruction in this Province.

An Act to amend the Act of this Province 32 *Vict.*, Cap. 51, respecting Railways.

An Act to amend Chapter 69 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower *Canada*, respecting Building Societies in the Province of *Quebec*.

An Act respecting the Consolidated Railway Fund of this Province (40 *Vict.*, Cap. 2.)

An Act to amend Sub-Section 81 of Section One of Chapter 75 of the Consolidated Statutes for *Lower Canada*.

An Act respecting the Indemnity to Petty Jurors, in Criminal Cases.

An Act to further amend the Law respecting Subsidies in Money made to certain Railway Companies.

An Act to amend the Act 20 *Vict.*, Cap. 125, respecting the *Quebec North Shore Turnpike Roads*.

After which His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to reserve the following Bill for the signification of His Excellency the Governor General's pleasure thereon:—

An Act respecting the *Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Occidental Railway.*

After which His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to close the Third Session of the Third Parliament of the Province of *Quebec*, with the following Speech.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.

Being desirous of ascertaining, in a constitutional manner, the feelings of the people of this Province, regarding the present state of Public affairs, and the Ministerial changes which have just taken place, I have determined upon proroguing the Legislature of this Province, with a view to its dissolution at an early date.

I sincerely entertain the hope that the electors of this Province will, in the choice of their representatives, exhibit as much judgment as patriotism in order to assure peace, prosperity and happiness to the people of this Province.

The Provincial Legislature was then prorogued to Thursday the eleventh day of April next.

(Certified),

LOUIS BEAUBIEN,
Speaker.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a copy of the commission appointing the Honorable *Luc Letellier de St. Just* Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Quebec*.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

DUFFERIN.

[L.S.] *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 the Honorable *Luc Letellier de St. Just*, of the City of *Ottawa*, in Our Dominion of *Canada*, one of Our Privy Council for *Canada*.

GREETING:—

Commission appointing the Honorable *Luc Letellier de St. Just*, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Quebec*.

Dated 15th December, 1876.

Recorded 15th December, 1876

R. W. SCOTT,
*Secretary of State
and Registrar General
of Canada.*

WHEREAS, We did, by certain Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of Our Dominion of *Canada*, bearing date at the City of *Ottawa*, the Eleventh day of February, One thousand eight hundred and Seventy-three, in the Thirty-sixth year of Our Reign, appoint the Honorable *René Edouard Caron*, to be Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Quebec*, for and during Our will and pleasure as upon relation being had to the said recited Letters Patent, will more fully and at large appear.

And Whereas, the said the Honorable *René Edouard Caron* has since died, and We have thought fit to appoint you to be such Lieutenant Governor in his stead.

Now Know YE, that We reposing especial trust and confidence in the prudence, courage, loyalty and integrity of you the said the Honorable *Luc Letellier de St. Just*, of Our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion have thought fit to constitute and appoint you, and, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, passed in the Thirtieth year of Our Reign, intituled: "*The British North America Act, 1867*," do hereby constitute and appoint you to be the Lieutenant Governor in and over the Province of *Quebec*, during the will and pleasure of Our Governor General of *Canada*.

And We do hereby authorize and empower and require and command you in due manner to do and execute all things that shall belong to your said Command, and the trust We have reposed in you, according to the several provisions and directions granted or appointed you by virtue of this Our Commission and of the Act above mentioned, according to such instructions as are herewith given to you, or which may from time to time be given to you in respect of the said Province of *Quebec*, under the Sign Manual of Our Governor General of Our said Dominion of *Canada*, or by Order of Our Privy Council of *Canada*, and according to such Laws as are or shall be in force within the said Province of *Quebec*.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Right Trusty and Well Beloved Cousin and Councillor the Right Honorable Sir *Frederic Temple*, Earl of *Dufferin*, Viscount and Baron *Clandeboye* of *Clandeboye*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron *Dufferin* and *Clandeboye* of *Ballyleidy* and *Killeleagh*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*, and a Baronet, Knight of Our Most Illustrious Order of *Saint Patrick*, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of *Saint Michael* and *Saint George*, and Knight Commander of Our Most Honorable Order of the *Bath*, Governor General of *Canada*, and Vice Admiral of the same. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Ottawa*, this fifteenth day of December, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and Seventy-six, and in the fortieth year of Our Reign.

EDWARD BLAKE,
Atty. Gen., Canada.

By Command,
R. W. SCOTT,
Secretary of State.

COMMISSION

APPOINTING THE

HON. LUC LETELLIER DE ST. JUST,

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

OF THE

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Dated 15th December, 1876.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF
STATE OF CANADA REGISTRAR'S BRANCH,

OTTAWA, 8th April 1878.

I hereby certify the within to be a true and faithful copy of the Record of the original Commission as entered in Lib. A, folio 246.

L. A. CATELLIER,

Dep. Registrar General of Canada.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. *Read's* motion—To *Resolve*, That this House regrets that the mode adopted by the Government, in relation to the construction of the *Pacific Railway*, involves the expenditure of enormous sums of public money without any corresponding beneficial results.

After Debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That further Debate on the said motion be postponed until to-morrow

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the Whole, on the Bill intituled: "An Act to provide that persons charged with common assault shall be competent as Witnesses."

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend 'The Post Office Act of 1875,'"

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,

That the said Order be discharged, and the Bill read a third time presently.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure and put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Maritime Court of Ontario."

(In the Committee.)

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read a third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting conflicting claims to lands of occupied pants in *Manitoba*,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, that the same be postponed until to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act further to amend the Act intituled: 'An Act respecting the Public Works of Canada,'"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk to return the Bill intituled: "An Act to authorize and confirm the scheme of arrangement of "the *Canada Southern Railway Company*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: An act respecting the *Port Whitby Harbour Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Skead*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*," together with the Report of the Select Committee, to whom the said Bill was referred, and the evidence submitted by the said Committee,

The Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macfarlane*, That the said Report be adopted and the Bill read a third time presently.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macfarlane*,

That a Message be sent to the House of Commons by one of the Masters in Chancery, to communicate to that House the evidence taken before the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*," with a request that the same may be returned to this House.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the amendment made by the House of Commons to the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *George Frothingham Johnston*," and

The same being again read by the Clerk,

The Honorable Mr. *Penny* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McMaster*,

That the said amendment be agreed to.

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

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate doth agree to the amendment made to the last mentioned Bill without any amendment.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 9th April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Levin,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>McOlelan,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McLetan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellrose,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Gutremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	

PRAYERS :

The Honorable Mr. *Girard*, from the Select Committee appointed to investigate the purchase of the property at *Fort William* for a terminus to the Canadian Pacific Railway, presented their First Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

THE SENATE,

COMMITTEE ROOM,

Tuesday, 9th April, 1878.

The Select Committee appointed "to continue the investigation, and to inquire into all the questions relating to the purchase of the property at *Fort William*, for a terminus to the Canadian Pacific Railway, and to send for persons, papers and records and examine Witnesses under oath, and to report thereon with all convenient speed this Session," beg leave to make the following as their First Report:—

Your Committee recommend that the usual number of copies for distribution, and for insertion in the Journals of this House of the evidence taken in this enquiry, be printed

All which is respectfully submitted.

M. A. GIRARD,

Chairman.

And the same being again read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Girard*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*,
it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macfarlane*,
That the evidence submitted by the Select Committee to whom was referred the
Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*" be not inserted in
the Journals of this House.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, on a division,
resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Macdonald* (*Victoria*) moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr.
Cornwall,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General,
praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, the latest Report
of the Acting Engineer in Chief of the *Pacific Railway*, together with the map
relating to the *Peace River Country* and *Pine River Pass*.

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

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

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Bill intituled: "An
Act respecting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors," as amended in Committee of
the Whole House,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,
it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow, and that the same do then
stand as the first item upon the Orders of that Day.

The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honorable
Mr. *Read's* motion—To *Resolve*, That this House regrets that the mode adopted by
the Government, in relation to the construction of the *Pacific Railway*, involves the
expenditure of enormous sums of public money without any corresponding beneficial
results.

After Debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, seconded by the Honorable Mr.
McMaster, it was

Ordered, That further Debate on the said motion be postponed until to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill
intituled: "An Act to grant certain powers to the Agricultural Mutual Assurance
Association of *Canada*, and to change its name," to which they desire the concur-
rence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*,
it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*, seconded by the Honorable Mr.
Ferris,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 10th April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i> <i>Alexander,</i> <i>Allan,</i> <i>Armand,</i> <i>Baillargeon,</i> <i>Bellerose,</i> <i>Benson,</i> <i>Botsford,</i> <i>Bourinot,</i> <i>Bureau,</i> <i>Campbell,</i> <i>Carrall,</i> <i>Chaffers,</i> <i>Chapais,</i> <i>Cochrane,</i> <i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i> <i>Dever,</i> <i>Dickey,</i> <i>Dickson,</i> <i>Dumouchel,</i> <i>Fabre,</i> <i>Ferrier,</i> <i>Girard,</i> <i>Glasier,</i> <i>Grant,</i> <i>Guvremont,</i> <i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i> <i>Haviland,</i> <i>Haythorne,</i> <i>Hope,</i> <i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i> <i>Levin,</i> <i>McClelan,</i> <i>McLelan,</i> <i>McMaster,</i> <i>Macdonald,</i> <i>Macfarlane,</i> <i>Macpherson,</i> <i>Miller,</i> <i>Montgomery,</i> <i>Muirhead,</i> <i>Northup,</i> <i>Odell,</i> <i>Piquet,</i> <i>Pelletier,</i> <i>Penny,</i>	<i>Power,</i> <i>Pozer,</i> <i>Read,</i> <i>Reesor,</i> <i>Ryan,</i> <i>Scott,</i> <i>Seymour,</i> <i>Simpson,</i> <i>Skead,</i> <i>Stevens,</i> <i>Sutherland,</i> <i>Trudel,</i> <i>Vidal,</i> <i>Wark,</i> <i>Wilnot.</i>
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PRAYERS :

The Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, Minister of Agriculture, presented to the House, a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 11th March, 1878; praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, all Reports, surveys, plans or alteration of plans, contracts and correspondence connected with the improvement of the navigation of the River *St. John* at the *Oromocto Shoals*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 82.*)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Bill intituled: " An Act respecting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors," as amended by the Committee of the Whole.

And the Clauses one to ninety-eight, inclusive, having been read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to without any further amendment.

The ninety-ninth Clause was then read and amended as follows :—

Page 23, line 31.—After " also " leave out " that " and insert " any producer of " cider in the county, or "—and at line 36, after " gallons " insert " or in the case of " lager beer not less than eight gallons."

The question of concurrence being put on the last mentioned Clause, as amended, it was agreed to.

The nine following Clauses were then read,

And the question of concurrence being put on each, they were severally agreed to. The one hundred and ninth Clause was then read and amended as follows:—

Page 27, line 5.—Leave out “ten” and insert “not more than twenty.”

Page 27, line 9.—Leave out “ten” where it occurs the first time, and insert “not more than twenty.”

Page 27, line 11.—Leave out “ten” where it occurs the first time, and insert “not more than twenty.”

Page 27, line 17.—Leave out “ten” where it occurs the first time, and insert “not more than twenty.”

The question of concurrence being put on the last mentioned Clause, as amended, it was agreed to.

The one hundred and tenth Clause was then read and the question of concurrence being put thereon, it was agreed to.

On the one hundred and eleventh Clause being read, it was moved by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,

That the same be agreed to.

In amendment, it was moved by the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*,

That the said Clause be left out and the following substituted in lieu thereof, viz:—

Page 27, line 28.—After “offence” leave out to “Schedules” in line 38, and insert “No appeal whatever shall be allowed from any such conviction, judgment or order to any Court of General Quarter Sessions, or other Court whatever, when the conviction has been made by a Stipendiary Magistrate, Recorder, Judge of the Sessions of the Peace, Sheriff, Police Magistrate, Sitting Magistrate or Commissioner of a Parish Court.”

Which being objected to,

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Northrup,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Wilmot.—30.</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>		

NON-CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McClelan (Hopewell),</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Chafers,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Christie (Speaker),</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>	<i>Wark.—28.</i>

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, the same was also resolved in the affirmative.

Schedules A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, and M were then read, and

The question of concurrence being put on each, they were severally agreed to.

Schedule N was then amended as follows:—

Page 35, line 26.—Leave out “ten” where it occurs the first time, and insert “not more than twenty.”

The question of concurrence being put on the said Schedule, as amended, it was agreed to.

The additional Clauses, lettered from A to M, inclusive, were then read, and

The question of concurrence being put on each, they were severally agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be read the third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a copy of such General Rules and Orders as have been made by the Judges of the Supreme and Exchequer Courts since the last Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 86.*)

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *McClelan*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, 11th April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker;

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Shead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cornwall,</i>			

PRAYERS :

The Honorable Mr. *McClelan* (*Hopewell*) moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Wark*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a detailed statement of the quantities of Plaister of Paris or Gypsum, ground or calcined, imported from the *United States* during the past fiscal year, shewing quantity received at each Port and valuation of same for duty. Also, quantity entered at each Port, of Gypsum and Plaister of Paris, not ground or calcined, and of Gypsum not calcined for Agricultural purposes.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Dever* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McLelan*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a Return of all duties of Excise for this Dominion for the months of July, August, September, October, November, December, 1877, and the months of January, February and March of 1878, as well as the months of April, May and June of 1877.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Carrall* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cornwall*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House, a Return containing the separate and joint correspondence of the Commissioners for defining the extent of Indian Reserves in *British Columbia*.

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

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

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk in the following words:—

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA.

Ottawa, 11th April, 1878.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate informing their Honors that this House hath passed an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, expressing the deep feeling of regret which we experience at the approaching departure of His Excellency from *Canada*; and of our duty to assure His Excellency that the zealous devotion of his great abilities on all occasions to the public interests is held in high appreciation; and that especially the visits to each of the Provinces and Territories of the Dominion by which His Excellency has familiarised himself with the character of the people and the resources of the country, and the eloquent speeches in which His Excellency has enlarged on those topics have been attended with the most beneficial results in attracting attention to *Canada*; and that we are highly sensible of the great degree in which literature and art and the industrial pursuits have received encouragement from His Excellency's efforts and liberality; assuring His Excellency and his distinguished Consort that they will bear with them our warmest wishes for their future welfare and happiness; that we rejoice in the conviction that, though *Canada* may no longer possess the advantage of His Excellency's experience and knowledge of public affairs in so exclusive a degree as she has enjoyed them in the

past, she will continue to have in His Excellency a friend and advocate; and that it is our heart-felt wish that for many years the Empire at large may have the benefit of His Excellency's ripe wisdom, experience and eminent abilities;—and requesting their Honors to unite with this House in the said Address.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House do carry the said Message to the Senate.

(Attest.)

ALFRED PATRICK,

Clerk of the Commons.

The said Address, to His Excellency the Governor General, was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir FREDERIC TEMPLE, Earl of *Dufferin*, Viscount and Baron *Clandeboye*, of *Clandeboye*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron *Dufferin* and *Clanderboye*, of *Ballyledy* and *Killeleagh*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*, and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of *Saint Patrick*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of *Saint Michael* and *Saint George*, and Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of *Canada*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with the expression of the deep feeling of regret which we experience at your approaching departure from *Canada*.

We feel it to be a duty to assure Your Excellency that the zealous devotions of your great abilities, on all occasions, to the public interests, is held in high appreciation; and that, especially the visits to each of the Provinces and Territories of the Dominion, by which Your Excellency has familiarised yourself with the character of the people, and the resources of the country, and the eloquent speeches in which Your Excellency has enlarged on these topics, have been attended with the most beneficial results in attracting attention to *Canada*.

We are highly sensible of the great degree in which literature and art and the industrial pursuits have received encouragement from Your Excellency's efforts and liberality.

We venture to convey the assurance that Your Excellency and your distinguished Consort will bear with you on leaving us our warmest wishes for your future welfare and happiness; that we rejoice in the conviction that, though *Canada* may no longer possess the advantage of Your Excellency's experience and knowledge of public affairs in so exclusive a degree as she has enjoyed them in the past, this country will continue to have in Your Excellency a friend and advocate; and that it is our heart-felt wish that for many years the Empire at large may have the benefit of Your Excellency's ripe wisdom, experience and eminent abilities.

Speaker.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,

Speaker.

HOUSE OF COMMONS April, 1878.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, To agree with the House of Commons by filling up the blank with the words "Senate and."

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, it was

Ordered, That His Honor the Speaker do sign the said Address on behalf of this House.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint them that the Senate has agreed to the said Joint Address to His Excellency the Governor General by filling up the blank with the words "Senate and."

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, it was

Ordered, That the said Joint Address of both Houses to His Excellency the Governor General be presented to His Excellency by the Members of the Queen's Privy Council for *Canada*.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, informed the House that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed Tuesday next, the 16th instant, at two o'clock in the afternoon, in the Senate Chamber, to receive the Members of the Queen's Privy Council for *Canada*, with the Joint Address of the Senate and House of Commons, expressing their deep feeling of regret at His Excellency's approaching departure from *Canada*.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, it was

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed Tuesday next, the sixteenth instant, at two o'clock in the afternoon in the Senate Chamber to receive the Members of the Queen's Privy Council for *Canada*, with the Joint Address of the Senate and House of Commons, expressing their deep feeling of regret at His Excellency's approaching departure from *Canada*, and to inform the Commons that such Members of this House as are Members of the Privy Council will be in attendance in the Senate Chamber at that time.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the House of Commons by one of the Masters in Chancery.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, to return the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the *Fiswick's* Express and Merchants Forwarding Company (Limited), and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 1, line 25.—Leave out from "estate" to "and" in line 26, and insert "for the purposes of their business only."

Page 2, line 26.—Leave out from "estate" to "and" in line 27.

Page 2, line 30.—Leave out "or she."

Page 3, line 4.—After "holden" insert "on the first Tuesday in June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight."

Page 3, line 6.—Leave out from "business" to "and," where it occurs the second time in line 8.

Page 3, line 20.—Leave out "clauses" and insert "powers conferred and be subject to all and every the."

Page 3, line 36.—Leave out from "until" to "and" in line 41, and insert "the whole of the capital stock of the said corporation has been subscribed, and not less than twenty thousand dollars has been *bond fide* paid up thereon."

Page 4, line 4.—After "*Canada*" insert "and all provisions of the *Canada* Joint Stock Companies Clauses Act, 1869, shall apply to the Company, except so far as they may be inconsistent with this Act."

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*, it was

Ordered, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to grant relief to the *Canada Agricultural Insurance Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Bellerose*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Baillargeon* it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the offices of Receiver General and Attorney General of "*Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 26th March, 1878, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, all correspondence, offers or tenders that have been received for the leasing of the exclusive right of Salmon fishing and netting in the *Fraser River, British Columbia*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 89.*)

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors,"

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Wark*,

That the words struck out of the 111th Clause of the said Bill in Committee of the Whole House, be restored.

The question of concurrence being put thereon; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

Aikins,
Baillargeon,
Benson,
Bureau,
Chaffers,
Chapais,
Christie (Speaker),
Cormier,

Fabre,
Ferrier,
Girard,
Grant,
Hope,
Howlan,
Leonard,
Lewin,

McClelan (Hopewell),
McClelan (Londonderry),
McMaster,
Paquet,
Penny,
Power,
Pozer,
Reesor,
Scott,
Seymour,
Simpson,
Skead,
Stevens,
Vidal,
Wark.—81.

NON-CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Victoria)</i>	<i>Odell,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Glazier,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Wilmot.—30.</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*,

That the said Bill be now read a third time.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*,

That the said Bill do now pass.

The Honorable Mr. *Girard* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Vidal*,

That the said Bill be further amended as follows:—

In the Preamble.

In the first line, after the word "desirable" add "to promote Temperance in the Dominion and."

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

Upon the question being again put, that the said Bill do now pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend 'An Act respecting conflicting claims to lands of occupants in Manitoba,'"

The Honorable Mr. *Girard* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Sutherland*,

That it be an instruction to the Committee to amend the said Bill as follows:—

Page 1, line 30.—After "case" insert Clause A.

Clause A.

"3. The first section of the said Act is hereby amended by adding to it a third sub-section, immediately after the word 'aforesaid,' at the end of its second sub-section, as follows:—

"3. Any cases of claims to such lands in respect of which applications have been made for Letters Patent under the said Acts or either of them, but it has not been established to the satisfaction of the Minister charged with the administration of Dominion Lands that there has been peaceable possession and undisturbed occupancy of the same; and all such cases shall come within the purview of this Act as if they were cases of adverse or conflicting claims."

The question of concurrence being put thereon; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Reid,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Victoria),</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Trudel.—22.</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>		

NON-CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>McClelan (Hopewell),</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Christie (Speaker),</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	<i>Stevens.—18.</i>
<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>		

So it was resolved in the affirmative, and

The House was then adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the last mentioned Bill.

(In the Committee.)

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Dickey* from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with the amendment they were instructed to report.

Ordered, That the said amendment be now received.

And the said amendment being read a second time was agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act further to amend the Act intituled: 'An Act respecting the Public Works of Canada.'"

(In the Committee.)

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Botsford*, from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*,
it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read a third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was then put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the *Port*
"Whitby Harbour Company," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*,
it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce
and Railways.

The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the
Honorable Mr. *Read*'s motion—To *Resolve*, That this House regrets that the mode
adopted by the Government in relation to the construction of the *Pacific* Railway
involves the expenditure of enormous sums of public money without any correspond-
ing beneficial results,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McClelan*,
it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow, and that it do then stand
as the first item upon the Orders of that Day.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the
Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act to provide that persons charged with
"common assault shall be competent as Witnesses,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*,
it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to grant certain
"powers to the Agricultural Assurance Association of *Canada*, and to change its
"name," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*,
it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce
and Railways.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*, seconded by the Honorable Mr.
Dickson,

The House adjourned.

Friday, 12th April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Atkins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Roesor,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Napthrap,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>			

PRAYERS :

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A Return of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, in the District of *Joliette*, Province of *Quebec*, for the year 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 13.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Power* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lewin*,

That the question of printing the evidence taken in Divorce Cases before Committees of this House, be referred to a Select Committee to be composed of the Honorable Messieurs *Botsford*, *Scott*, *Campbell*, *Bureau*, *Haviland*, *Miller*, *Seymour*, and the mover, with a view to their reporting a rule for adoption by the House.

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

Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Ryan*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, a statement setting forth

the names of the foreign Mutual Life and Stock Companies, that have not complied with the Consolidated Insurance Act of last Session in respect of deposits for future business, the amount insured by such Companies respectively in Canada at last returns made by them, also the names of those Companies which, in the year immediately preceding such Session, had ceased to do business in Canada, and, also, any correspondence which may have taken place between any of such Companies and the Government, in respect of such business, since the 1st of July, 1877.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Bellerose* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Baillargeon*

That the question of amending the 49th Rule of this House so as to make it applicable only to Private Bills originating in the Senate, be referred to the Select Committee appointed this day for the purpose of reporting a Rule for the adoption of the House in reference to printing the Evidence taken in Divorce Cases before Select Committees.

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

Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Acts incorporating the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company, and the *Canada* Central Railway Company, and to provide for the amalgamation of the said Companies," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 2, line 6.—Leave out "mode of appointing the."

Page 2, line 7.—Leave out "established" and insert "appointed."

Page 2, line 12.—Leave out from "Companies" to "and" in line 13.

Page 2, line 15.—Leave out "and holding," and after "powers" insert "and,"

and leave out from "privileges" to the first "the" in line 16.

Page 3, line 29.—

Page 3, line 31.— } After "Railway" insert "Company."

Page 3, line 33.—

Page 3, line 38.—Leave out "upon" and insert "of," and after "Railway" insert

"Company reckoned per mile."

Page 5, line 22.—Leave out from "and" to "by" in line 23, and insert "if the

"Company desires to restrict its liabilities upon such western series it shall."

Page 5, line 25.—Leave out "the Company" and insert "it."

In the Schedule to the Bill.

Page 6, line 13. }

Page 7, line 2. } After "Railway" insert "Company."

Page 7, line 9. }

Page 7, line ult.—After "67" insert "Act of the Parliament of the Dominion of

"Canada, respecting the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company, 37 *Victoria*,

"Chapter 69."

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence being put on each, they were severally agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Penny*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*,

it was

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time presently.
The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.
The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate 'La Société de Construction du Comté d'Hochelaga' as a Permanent Building Society and for other purposes," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Trudel*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cormier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read a third time.
The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.
The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the House of Commons to the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the *Fishwicks' Express and Merchants' Forwarding Company* (Limited)," and

The same being again read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*, it was

Ordered, That the said amendments be agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate doth agree to the amendments made to the last-mentioned Bill, without any amendment.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act to provide that persons charged with common assault shall be competent as Witnesses."

In the Committee.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Alexander*, from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. *Read's* motion—*To Resolve*, That this House regrets that the mode adopted by the Government in relation to the construction of the *Pacific Railway* involves the expenditure of enormous sums of public money without any corresponding beneficial results,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Trudel*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McClelan*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, informed the House that His Excellency the Governor General will attend in the Senate Chamber on Tuesday next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to receive the Joint Address of both Houses, expressing their deep feeling of regret at His Excellency's approaching departure from Canada.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Kaulbach*,

The House adjourned until Monday next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday, 15th April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins.</i>	<i>Cormier.</i>	<i>Howlan.</i>	<i>Penny.</i>
<i>Alexander.</i>	<i>Cornwall.</i>	<i>Kaulbach.</i>	<i>Power.</i>
<i>Allan.</i>	<i>Dever.</i>	<i>Leonard.</i>	<i>Pozer.</i>
<i>Armand.</i>	<i>Dickey.</i>	<i>Lewin.</i>	<i>Read.</i>
<i>Baillargeon.</i>	<i>Dickson.</i>	<i>McClelan.</i>	<i>Reesor.</i>
<i>Bellerose.</i>	<i>Dumouchel.</i>	<i>McLelan.</i>	<i>Ryan.</i>
<i>Benson.</i>	<i>Fabre.</i>	<i>McMaster.</i>	<i>Scott.</i>
<i>Botsford.</i>	<i>Ferrier.</i>	<i>Macdonald.</i>	<i>Simpson.</i>
<i>Bourinot.</i>	<i>Girard.</i>	<i>Macfarlane.</i>	<i>Shead.</i>
<i>Bureau.</i>	<i>Glosier.</i>	<i>Macpherson.</i>	<i>Stevens.</i>
<i>Campbell.</i>	<i>Grant.</i>	<i>Miller.</i>	<i>Sutherland.</i>
<i>Carrall.</i>	<i>Guevremont.</i>	<i>Montgomery.</i>	<i>Trudel.</i>
<i>Chaffers.</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston).</i>	<i>Muirhead.</i>	<i>Vidal.</i>
<i>Chapais.</i>	<i>Haviland.</i>	<i>Northup.</i>	<i>Wark.</i>
<i>Chinic.</i>	<i>Haythorne.</i>	<i>Odell.</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cochrane.</i>	<i>Hope.</i>	<i>Paquet.</i>	

PRAYERS :

His Honor the Speaker informed the House that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed to-morrow, Tuesday, the 16th instant, at two o'clock in the afternoon, in the Senate Chamber, to receive the Members of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, with the Joint Address of the Senate and House of Commons, expressing their deep feeling of regret at His Excellency's approaching departure from Canada.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the *Port Whitby Harbour Company*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read a third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bellerose*,
To *Resolve*.—That the Messages of His Excellency the Governor General of the 26th March and 8th April be now read, and that it be resolved that the course adopted by the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Quebec* towards his late Ministry was at variance with the constitutional principles upon which Responsible Government should be conducted.

After Debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Power*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lewin*, it was

Ordered, That further debate on the said motion be postponed until to-morrow, and that it do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that Day.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the *Ontario Express and Transportation Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hope*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Power*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 16th April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Poser,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Botaford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Witmot.</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	

PRAYERS :

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House that he had received a communication announcing the intention of His Excellency the Governor General to come down to the Senate to-day, at three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of assenting in Her Majesty's name to certain Bills passed by the Senate and House of Commons.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir *Frederick Temple*, Earl of *Dufferin*, Viscount and Baron *Clandeboye*, of *Clandeboye*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron *Dufferin* and *Clandeboye*, of *Ballyleidy* and *Killeleagh*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*, and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of *Saint Patrick*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of *Saint Michael* and *Saint George*, and Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of *Canada*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c., being seated in the Chair on the Throne,

The Honorable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House—"It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House,"

Who being come with their Speaker,

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the titles of the Bills to be passed severally, as follow:—

An Act to reduce the Capital Stock of the Merchants' Bank of *Canada*.

An Act to incorporate the "*Société de Construction Mutuelle*" under the name of the "*Société de prêts et placements de Québec*," and for other purposes.

An Act to revive and amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal and Champlain Junction Railway*.

An Act to extend to the Province of *Prince Edward Island* "the *Railway Act 1868*," and certain Acts amending the same.

An Act to amend and consolidate, as amended, the several Acts relating to the *Quebec Fire Assurance Company*.

An Act respecting the *Bank of Liverpool*.

An Act to incorporate The *Ontario Mutual Life Association Company*.

An Act to authorize and confirm the scheme of arrangement of the *Canada Southern Railway Company*.

An Act to authorize the *National Insurance Company* to reduce its Capital Stock and for other purposes.

An Act respecting the *Northern Railway Company of Canada*.

An Act respecting the *Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada*.

An Act to amend "The *Post Office Act, 1875*."

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Sydenham Harbour Company*.

An Act respecting the *Maritime Court of Ontario*.

An Act to incorporate The *Regular Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario and Québec*.

An Act respecting the *Montreal and City of Ottawa Junction Railway Company*.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of this House, in the words following:—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to these Bills."

The House of Commons having withdrawn,

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The Honorable Mr. *Read* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a detailed statement of miscellaneous payments amounting to \$218,553.06 as found in Mr. *Sandford Fleming's* Second Report on the *Canadian Pacific Railway* on page 383.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Aikins* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*,

That when this House adjourns on Thursday next, it do stand adjourned to Tuesday, the 23rd day of April, instant.

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

Ordered accordingly.

The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. *Campbell's* motion:—To Resolve,—That the Messages of His Excellency the Governor General of the 26th March and 8th April, be now read, and that it be resolved that

the course adopted by the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Quebec* towards his late Ministry was at variance with the constitutional principles upon which Responsible Government should be conducted.

After further Debate,

The Honorable Mr. *Haythorne* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McClelan (Hopewell)*,

That all the words after "To *Resolve*" be struck out and the following substituted: "that, under the rule of our Constitution, the Federal Government, and the Provincial Governments, each in their own sphere enjoy responsible Government equally, separately and independently; therefore, under existing circumstances, this House deems it inexpedient to offer any opinion on the recent action of the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Quebec*, or of his late Ministers."

The question of concurrence being put thereon: the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>McClelan (Hopewell),</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Christie (Speaker),</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark.—20.</i>

NON-CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McLelan (Lon'd'ry),</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Victoria),</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Glosier,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Wilmot.—37</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>			

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the original motion: the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McLelan (Londonderry),</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Victoria),</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Glosier,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Wilmot.—37.</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>			

NON-CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>McClelan (Hopewell),</i>	<i>Pozor,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Christie (Speaker),</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark.—20.</i>

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill intituled : " An Act to provide that persons charged with common assault shall be competent as " Witnesses,"

The Honorable Mr. *Pelletier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, That the said Bill be now read a third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Dickey* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Haviland*,

To leave out all the words after " Bill " and insert " amended as follows :—

" Page 1, line 7.—Leave out from ' behalf ' to ' Where ' in line 10."

The question of concurrence being put thereon: the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow :—

CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Wilmot.—19.</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Victoria),</i>	

NON-CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McLelan (Londonderry),</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Pozor,</i>
<i>Bracon,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Christie (Speaker),</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Dever,</i>	<i>McClelan (Hopewell),</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark.—29.</i>
<i>Dickson,</i>			

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the original motion, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendmet.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled: "An Act to grant relief to the *Canada Agricultural Insurance Company*" was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Bellerose*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Armand*, it was
Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Wilmot*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bellerose*,
 The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 17th April, 1878.

The Members convened were.

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins.</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>
<i>Alan,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Poser,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Grant,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Gubremont,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	

PRAYERS:

The Honorable Mr. *Macpherson* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McLelan* (*Londonderry*),

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all tenders received by the Government or any Department thereof, for the transport during the Season of 1878 of Steel Rails and fastenings, from *Kingston* to *Duluth* or to *Winnipeg* or other places on the *Red River*.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, informed the House that he and those Members of the Senate and House of Commons who are also Members of the Queen's Privy Council for *Canada*, did yesterday, wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the Joint Address of the Senate and House of Commons expressing their deep feeling of regret at His Excellency's approaching departure from *Canada*, and that His Excellency was pleased to make the following most gracious reply:—

Honorable Gentlemen:

It is difficult for me to find befitting words in which to thank you for the signal and unprecedented honour which has been conferred upon me by this Joint Address from your two Houses.

Regarding as I do the utterances of Parliament as the most august and authoritative expression of the popular sentiment, it affords me unmeasured satisfaction to be thus assured of the confidence and esteem of the inhabitants of the Dominion.

To win the good will of a nation is the greatest achievement open to human ambition, and to learn from you that I hold a place in the affections of the people of *Canada* is alike the highest triumph and the greatest pleasure I am ever likely to enjoy.

It would not become me to inquire how far this result is to be attributed rather to your own generosity than to any exertions upon my part. It is a happy principle rooted in the nature of Englishmen of all estates to content themselves with the simple discharge of those duties which lie to their hand, without considering too curiously to what degree their conduct may influence the personal estimation in which they are held by others, and their reward, when it arrives, is often as great a surprise as it is a satisfaction. All that I can say is that, from the moment I came amongst you, I have had but one thought—the desire to render faithful service to our Queen, to the Empire, and to *Canada*.

If there are no positive advantages to which I can point as having resulted from my administration, there is one boast I can fairly make. No act or word of mine has had a tendency to damp your personal devotion to the Crown, to discourage your attachment to the Empire, or to discredit the system of Constitutional Government under which you live.

I found you a loyal people, and I leave you the truest-hearted subjects in Her Majesty's Dominions. I found you proud of your descent and anxious to maintain your connection with the Mother Country; I leave you more convinced than ever of the solicitude of *Great Britain* to reciprocate your affection, of her dependence on your fidelity in every emergency. I found you men of various nationalities—of English, French, Irish, Scotch and German descent, working out the problems of Constitutional Government with admirable success; I leave you with even a deeper conviction in your minds that the due application of the principles of Parliamentary Government is capable of resolving every political difficulty, and of controlling the gravest Ministerial Crises, to the satisfaction of the people at large, and of their leaders and representatives of every shade of opinion.

When I resign the temporary Vice-royalty with which I have been invested into the hands of my Sovereign, I shall be able to assure her that not a leaf has fallen from her *Maple Chaplet*, that the lustre of no jewel in her transatlantic diadem has been dimmed.

Thanks to the opportunities afforded me by the liberality of Parliament, I have been enabled to traverse the fertile regions of your North West, to appreciate your inexhaustible resources, and to scan the vast expanse of your territories from the *Atlantic to the Pacific*. The Speeches to which you refer in such flattering terms have been but the natural, the irresistible exclamations evoked by the sights I have beheld.

Closely associated with me in the discharge of all my duties, has been the Lady to whom your Address refers in so kind a manner. Moving amid a society, where the proverbial gallantry of Frenchmen combines with English and Celtic chivalry to create in every Canadian home an atmosphere of purity and refinement; she naturally regards the six years she has passed amongst you as one of the happiest periods of her life, and I am commissioned to convey to you her warmest thanks for the good wishes you have expressed in her regard.

In conclusion allow me to assure you that I shall esteem it one of the greatest privileges of my future life to watch the progressive development of your prosperity, to advocate your interests in the British Parliament, and to confirm our fellow-countrymen at home in their conviction of the high degree to which *Canada* is destined to contribute to the welfare, the strength, and the renown of the British Empire.

Ordered, That the said Joint Address to His Excellency the Governor General, together with His Excellency's reply thereto, be printed in both languages for the use of Members.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the offices of Receiver General and Attorney General of *Canada*," The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilmot* moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Miller*,

To leave out the word "now" and after "time" to insert "this day three months."

The question being put thereon; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Miller,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McLelan (Londonderry),</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Victoria)</i>	<i>Sutherland.</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Wilmot.—34.</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>		

NON-CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Christie (Speaker),</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	<i>Wark.—22.</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>McClellan (Hopewell),</i>		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, the same was also resolved in the affirmative, and
Ordered accordingly.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Law respecting Deck Loads," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Duty on Malt," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to provide for the creation and registration of Homestead "Exemption Estates in the Territories of *Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to amend 'The Canadian Pacific Railway Act, 1874,'" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to amend Section sixty-eight of The Penitentiary Act of 1875," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

It being six o'clock, His Honor the Speaker left the Chair, to resume the same at half-past seven o'clock, this evening.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the "Ontario Express and Transportation Company," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hope*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Haythorne*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. *Read's* motion —To Resolve, That this House regrets that the mode adopted by the Government in relation to the construction of the *Pacific* Railway involves the expenditure of enormous sums of public money without any corresponding beneficial results.

After Debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hope*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McClelan*, it was

Ordered, That further Debate on the said motion be postponed until to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk to return the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Missionary Society of The Bible Christian Church in *Canada*."

And also the Bill intituled: "An Act for the relief of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*," and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bills without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk to return the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Acts incorporating the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company, and the *Canada* Central Railway Company, and to provide for the amalgamation of the said Companies," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to repeal Section twenty-three of 'The Merchant Shipping Act, 1876,' as to Ships in Canadian Waters," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to provide for the better Auditing of the Public Accounts," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Wark*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Wilmot*,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, 18th April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker,

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Lewin,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Marpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Northup,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>		

PRAYERS :

The Honorable Mr. *Dickey*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to grant relief to the "Canada Agricultural Insurance Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Bellerose*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Armand*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read a third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Dickey*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to grant certain powers "to the Agricultural Mutual Assurance Association of Canada, and to change its name," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 6, line 24 —Leave out "debentures or."

Page 6, line 26.—Leave out from “such” to “promissory” in line 27.

Page 6, line 32.—Leave out “debentures or.”

Page 6, line 33.—After “dollars” insert “or be made payable to bearer.”

Page 6, line 34.—Leave out “debentures and.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Miller, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Dickey, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled “An Act to amend the Law respecting Deck Loads,”

The Honorable Mr. Pelletier moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Scott,

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

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

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Pelletier, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Scott, it was

Ordered, That the Forty-second Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to the said Bill, and that the same be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. Read's motion —To Resolve, That this House regrets that the mode adopted by the Government in relation to the construction of the Pacific Railway involves the expenditure of enormous sums of public money without any corresponding beneficial results.

After Debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Haythorne, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Howlan, it was

Ordered, That further Debate on the said motion be postponed until Tuesday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Botsford, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Skead,

The House adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday, 23rd April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Fozer,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Marfarlane,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Chinic,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>		

PRAYERS :

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled :
 "An Act to repeal Section twenty-three of 'The Merchant Shipping Act, 1876,' as
 "to Ships in Canadian Waters,"

The Honorable Mr. *Pelletier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*,
 That the said Bill be now read a second time.

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

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr
Scott, it was

Ordered, That the Forty-first Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it
 relates to the said Bill, and that the same be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that
 House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled :
 "An Act respecting the Duty on Malt,"

The Honorable Mr. *Pelletier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*,
That the said Bill be now read a second time.

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

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the Forty-first Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to the said Bill, and that the same be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to provide for the creation and registration of Homestead Exemption Estates in the Territories of "Canada," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend Section "Sixty-eight of The Penitentiary Act of 1875," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend The "Canadian Pacific Railway Act, 1874," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act to provide for the better Auditing of the Public Accounts,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act respecting persons imprisoned in default of giving sureties to keep the peace," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, in the following words:—

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

Ottawa, 20th April, 1878.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their Honors that this House disagrees to their amendment to the Bill (No. 46): "An Act to amend "an Act respecting conflicting claims to lands of occupants in Manitoba," for the following reasons:—

1st. That the proposed amendment is at variance with the general scope and title of the Act respecting conflicting claims to lands in *Manitoba*, under which the question whether any person has a claim against the Crown is not referred to the Commissioners, but only the cases of persons who had acquired some estate or interest in land from the *Hudson's Bay Company*, or the cases of adverse or conflicting claims between persons under sub-sections three and four of section thirty-two of the *Manitoba Act*, and in respect of which it has been previously established to the satisfaction of the Minister charged with the administration of *Dominion Lands*, that there has been undisturbed occupancy of the same. The question whether any person has a claim against the Crown is, and should be, determined by the Minister prior to any reference to the Commissioners.

2nd. That the machinery provided by the *Dominion Lands Act* enables the Minister in charge to make the necessary investigation in the cases provided for by the amendment more expeditiously, efficiently and cheaply than can be done under this amendment, should it become law.

3rd. That the amendment would prevent the Minister from deciding adversely to the claimant without first making a reference to the Commissioners, although the evidence accompanying the application may conclusively show that the person asking for a patent has no valid claim.

4th. That the amendment would injuriously impede the administration of *Dominion Lands* in *Manitoba*, and delay the allotment of some of the *Half-breed* reservations.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House do carry the said Message to the Senate.

Attest.

ALFRED PATRICK,
Clerk of the Commons.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,

That the Message from the House of Commons disagreeing to the amendment of the Senate to the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend an Act respecting conflicting claims to lands of occupants in *Manitoba*," be taken into consideration by this House on Friday next.

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

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. *Read's* motion—To *Resolve*, That this House regrets that the mode adopted by the Government in relation to the construction of the *Pacific Railway* involves the expenditure of enormous sums of public money without any corresponding beneficial results.

After Debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Miller*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*, it was

Ordered, That further Debate on the said motion be postponed until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 24th April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chanic,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Wilmot,</i>

PRAYERS :

The following Petition was brought up and laid on the Table:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Girard*,—Of *Ferdinand Macculloch*, and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to make provision for the winding up of Insolvent incorporated Fire or Marine Insurance Companies," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act further securing the Independence of Parliament," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk to return the Bill intitled: "An Act to grant certain powers to the Agricultural Mutual Assurance Association of *Canada*, and to change its name," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 13th February, 1878, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all documents and pleadings relating to the questions decided by the award rendered at *Halifax*, on the subject of the indemnity of five million five hundred thousand dollars, under the Treaty of *Washington*, particularly the twenty second and twenty-third articles of that Treaty, and all copies of all letters and despatches between Her Majesty's Government and those of the *United States of America* and of *Canada* on the same subject since the rendering of the award.

The Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, from the Joint Committee of the Senate and House Commons on the Printing of Parliament, presented their Sixth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and the same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

COMMITTEE ROOM,
23rd April, 1878.

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament beg leave to present the following as their Sixth Report:—

The Committee carefully examined the following documents, and recommend that they be printed, viz:—

Return to Order.—Shewing the names, ages and denominations of all persons in the service of the Intercolonial Railway on the 31st March, 1876, &c.

Return to Address.—Shewing amounts of six lowest tenders for Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 of the *Lachine* Canal, with names of tenderers, &c.

Return to Address.—Relating to the creation of the office of Harbor Master at *Port Colborne*, and to the appointment of *Charles H. Carter* to such office.

Return to Order.—Detailed statement of the expenses during the years 1874, 1875 and 1876, in advertising on behalf of the Government in the public journals of the Dominion.

Return and Supplementary Return to Order.—For all quantities of Iron purchased by any of the Departments of the Government for other than Railway purposes, from whom purchased, and prices paid.

Return to Order.—Giving in detail the amount of ammunition furnished during the years 1875, 1876 and 1877, to the Active Volunteer Battalions and Companies of the Dominion.

The Committee also recommend that the following documents be not printed, viz:—

Return to Order.—Statement which of the Bridges and Culverts of the Intercolonial Railway between *Pictou* and *Halifax* received extensive repairs or were renewed in 1875 and 1876.

Return to Order.—Expenditure for repairs and additions incurred by the Intercolonial Railway Department on the Tupper House, *Halifax*.

Return to Address.—Shewing what sales were made of Timber on Indian Lands on the North Shore of *Lake Huron*, or on the Islands in the *Georgian Bay*, since 1st January, 1873.

General Rules and Orders.—As have been made by the Judges of the Supreme and Exchequer Courts since last Session of Parliament.

Supreme Court of Canada,—James Somerville, et al., Appellants, and the Hon. R. Laflamme, Respondent.

Special Reports,—On the condition of the Fish-breeding establishment, *Miramichi, New Brunswick*.

Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Dominion and Imperial Governments in reference to a site for building a Quarantine Hospital at *Sydney, C.B.*

Return to Order,—Statement shewing the number of Lots south of the *Assiniboine River*, in the Parish of *Poplar Point*, in *Manitoba*, for which Patents have been issued.

Return to Order,—Statement in detail of all moneys paid or obligations incurred, to 1st January last, in connection with the *Paris Exhibition*.

Return to Order,—Correspondence in connection with the change of contractors for the enlarging of *St. Peter's Canal*, and shewing what funds are still in the hands of the Government belonging to Mr. Tuck, the original contractor.

Return to Address (Senate),—Tenders received for the leasing the exclusive right of Salmon fishing and netting on the *Fraser River, B.C.*

Return to Address,—Relating to amounts claimed by Messrs. Carpenter on account of their contract for operating the Government Road, known as the *Dawson Route*.

Return to Order,—Copy of the Government Engineer's Report on *Victoria Harbor and Breakwater at Wolfe Island*.

Return to Order,—Copy of Survey and Report made by *Henry F. Perley, Esq., Engineer*, in 1874, relating to *Cascumpec Harbor, P.E.I.*

Return to Order,—Correspondence in relation to the *St. John's Bridge*, on *River Richelieu*.

Return to Order,—Correspondence relating to the removal of Mr. Angus Ross, Lighthouse Keeper of *Bird Island Light*, County of *Victoria, N.S.*

Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Government and *John Giblin*, relative to the lease of the house occupied as the Cullers' office at *Quebec*.

Return to Address,—Shewing the number, if any, of Cadets annually nominated to the Royal Navy, by the several Colonies of the Empire, &c.

Return to Address,—Copy of Order in Council regulating and determining the rights, powers and duties imposed on the Harbor Master of the Port of *Collingwood*.

Return to Order,—Accounts and Vouchers shewing expenses incurred in running the steamer "Northern Light" between *Georgetown and Pictou*, to date.

Return to Address,—Correspondence connected with a lease from the Government of *Nova Scotia*, and from the Dominion Government, to *Hon. Alex. McFarlane*, of certain mud flats in the Counties of *Colchester and Cumberland*.

Return to Address,—Correspondence in relation to certain rate payers of the Parish of *St. Athanas*, in the County of *Iberville*, who have suffered loss by floods.

Return to Address,—To obtain from the City and District Savings Bank of *Montreal*, certain statements from 1 to 8, relating to said Bank.

Return to Order,—Accounts for payment for printing as entered in the Public Accounts for 1873-4, as made out of the Contingencies of the Department of Justice, to *I. B. Taylor and J. G. Moylan*.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON,
Chairman.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Simpson, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Atkins, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by this House on Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend Section sixty-eight of the Penitentiary Act of 1875," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act to provide for the creation and registration of Homestead Exemption Estates in the Territories of *Canada*."

In the Committee.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read a third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was then put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend The Canadian *Pacific Railway Act*, "1874."

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to provide for the better Auditing of the Public Accounts," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting persons imprisoned in default of giving Sureties to keep the Peace," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. *Read's* motion —To *Resolve*, That this House regrets that the mode adopted by the Government in relation to the construction of the *Pacific Railway* involves the expenditure of enormous sums of public money without any corresponding beneficial results.

After Debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Read*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, it was

Ordered, That further Debate on the said motion be postponed until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Baillargeon*,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, 25th April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

*Aikins,
Alexander,
Allan,
Armand,
Baillargeon,
Bellerose,
Benson,
Botaford,
Bourinot,
Bureau,
Campbell,
Carrall,
Chaffers,
Chapais,
Chinic,
Cochrane,*

*Cormier,
Cornwall,
Dever,
Dickey,
Dickson,
Dumouchel,
Fabre,
Ferguson,
Ferrier,
Flint,
Girard,
Glasier,
Guevremont,
Hamilton (Kingston),
Haviland,
Haythorne,*

*Hope,
Howlan,
Kaulbach,
Leonard,
McClelan,
McLelan,
McMaster,
Macdonald,
Macfarlane,
Macpherson,
Miller,
Montgomery,
Muirhead,
Odell,
Paquet,
Pelletier,*

*Penny,
Power,
Pozer,
Read,
Reesor,
Ryan,
Scott,
Seymour,
Simpson,
Skead,
Stevens,
Sutherland,
Trudel,
Vidal,
Wark,
Wilmot.*

PRAYERS :

The Honorable Mr. *Girard* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Read*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, the Report made to the Government by the Honorable *A. Morris*, Commissioner under the Act 38 *Victoria*, Chapter 53, on the putting into execution of that law and its operation in the Province of *Manitoba*.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to authorize the *Stadacona* Fire and Life Insurance Company to reduce its Capital Stock, and for other purposes," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 2, line 2.—Leave out from "Company" to the first "the" in line 10, and insert "Shall, as heretofore, continue to be managed by nine Directors; and at the next and each succeeding annual meeting held for the purpose of electing Directors according to law, three of such nine Directors shall be selected from amongst the duly qualified Shareholders residing in *Ontario*."

Page 2, line 14.—After “thereof” insert Clause A.

Clause A.

“In further amendmont of the fifteenth Section of the said Act, the hour for the annual general meeting shall be one o'clock in the afternoon instead of two o'clock, and the ballot shall be open from one to four o'clock instead of from two to three o'clock.”

Page 2, line 15.—Leave out “number or.”

Page 2, line 16.—Leave out “by the three next foregoing sections” and insert “hereinbefore.”

Page 2, line 39.—Leave out from “1877” to the end of the Bill.

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Power*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Trudel*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railway, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: “An Act respecting the *Ontario* Express and Transportation Company,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 2, line 37.—After “stock” insert “and the majority of whom shall be “British Subjects, resident in *Canada*.”

Page 3, line 6.—Leave out from “insurance” to the first “the” in line 16.

Page 3, line 17.—Leave out “advances.”

Page 3, line 19.—Leave out “advances” and insert “freight.”

Page 3, line 28.—Leave out from “parties” to “In” in line 39.

Page 5, line 31.—After “thereon” insert “into some chartered bank in *Canada*.”

The said amondments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hope*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Leonard*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: “An Act to make provision for the winding up of Insolvent incorporated Fire or Marine Insurance Companies, was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a 'Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act further securing the Independence of Parliament,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend 'The Canadian 'Pacific Railway Act, 1874.'"

In the Committee.

Title read and postponed.

Preamble read and postponed.

The first clause being read, it was moved to amend the same as follows:—

Page 1, line 23.—After "the" insert "Senate and" and leave out from "Com-
mons" to "and," in line 24, and insert "for one month without being disapproved
by either House unless sooner approved by resolution of both Houses."

Page 1, line 25.—Leave out "arrangement" and insert "arrangements."

Page 1, line ult.—After "thereat" insert "as aforesaid."

And the Contents and Non-Contents being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS, 32.

NON-CONTENTS, 21.

The Title read and agreed to.

The Preamble read and agreed to.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Wilmot*, from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House, with several amendments.

Ordered, That the said amendments be now received.

And the said amendments being again read,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting persons imprisoned "in default of giving sureties to keep the peace."

In the Committee

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Botsford*, from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,
it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read a third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was then put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 2nd April, 1878, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House all correspondence between any person or company and the Government, or the Superintendent of Railways, relating to shipment of grain or other articles, by way of the Intercolonial Railway at *Halifax*, for *Europe*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 21*)

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 14th March, 1878, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, any correspondence that the Government may have respecting a Railway Bridge across the Falls at *St. John, New Brunswick*, so as to connect the Government work known as the Intercolonial Railway, with that of Western Extension at said Falls.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 119.*)

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*,

The House adjourned.

Friday, 26th April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Shead,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Glazier,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Guburemont,</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Pdquet,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wilnot.</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	

PRAYERS:

The Honorable Mr. *Wark* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McClelan*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, a Return showing the date or dates at which the Intercolonial Railway Commissioners contracted for the Rails for said Railway; the quantity contracted for; the dates at which they were delivered at ports in the Dominion; the cost per ton at such ports; the dates at which payments for the same were made, and the amounts of such payments respectively; the dates at which the rails were laid; the quantity of rails landed at *Dalhousie*; the cost of removing them thence to their place of destination; to whom paid and the distance to which they were removed.

Also a Return of the date or dates at which the Government contracted for the Rails for the *Pacific* Railway; the quantity contracted for; the dates at which they were delivered at ports in the Dominion; the cost per ton at such ports; the dates at which payment for the same were made, and the amounts of such payments respectively; the cost of removing said rails from the port of original delivery to their destination, and the distance to which they were removed; the quantity of said rails already used; the dates at which they were laid; and the date at which the balance is expected to be used, and the place where used.

Also a Return of the quantity of Rails shipped by *J. Hawes & Co.*; the date at which they were delivered at ports in the Dominion; the cost thereof at said ports, and the date or dates at which the same were paid for, and the amount of such payments respectively.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, from the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons, on the Printing of Parliament, presented their Seventh Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

COMMITTEE ROOM,
22nd April, 1878.

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, beg leave to submit as their Seventh Report:

The Report of their Sub-Committee, appointed with the view of re-arranging the distribution of Public Printed Documents; which, with the lists annexed thereto, numbered from one to thirteen inclusive, they respectfully recommend to the consideration of both Houses.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM, 23rd April, 1878.

The Sub-Committee of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, appointed with the view of re-arranging the distribution of Public Printed Documents, beg leave to report,—

That they have carefully revised the old Lists of Distribution, and from them, with certain alterations and additions, have prepared the annexed Lists, numbered as follows:

- 1st.—England and Library Exchanges.
- 2nd.—His Excellency the Governor General, and the Departments at the Seat of Government.
- 3rd.—The Province of Ontario.
- 4th.—The Province of Quebec.
- 5th.—The Province of Nova Scotia.
- 6th.—The Province of New Brunswick.
- 7th.—The Province of British Columbia.
- 8th.—The Province of Manitoba.
- 9th.—The Province of Prince Edward Island.
- 10th.—The North-West Territories.

The distribution recommended in these Provinces, comprising their Honors the Lieutenant Governors, the Executive Councils, the Public Departments, the Members of the Legislatures, the Clerks of the same, the Legislative Libraries, the Judges, the Colleges, the Education Offices, and such other Public Institutions as have Libraries.

- 11th.—The several Colonies, comprising the Lieutenant Governors thereof.
- 12th.—Summary of Distribution.
- 13th.—The total number of Documents printed, and the edition of bound volumes and their distribution to the Members of Parliament, &c., in accordance with the foregoing lists.

The Sub-Committee, in recommending the sending copies of the bound volumes of the Journals and Sessional Papers, to each of the Members of the Local Legislatures, the Legislative Libraries, their Officials and Public Departments, trust that, in like manner, the Journals of the Local Legislatures will be sent to each Member of the Parliament of the Dominion, representing the respective Provinces, the Dominion Officials and Public Departments, and to the Library of Parliament, in exchange.

The Sub-Committee would also recommend that, in the event of the admission of other Provinces into the Dominion, the Distribution, as above, be extended to such Provinces.

The Sub-Committee would also recommend that the copies of the Blue Books furnished to the several Departments on their requisition, be charged and paid for at the actual cost per copy. The charge for cancelled matter and corrections to be made and paid for as at present.

The Sub-Committee would also recommend that the copy of the Votes and Proceedings, of the House of Commons, be filed as in the Senate, each morning, by the Pages, and placed on each Member's desk ready for reference.

G. W. ROSS,
Chairman.

DISTRIBUTION OF PARLIAMENTARY PRINTED MATTER.

LIST No. 1.

ENGLAND AND FOREIGN.	Votes and Docts.		Bound Vols.	
	E.	F.	E.	F.
House of Lords.....			1	.....
House of Commons.....			1	.....
Colonial Office.....	1	.....	1	.....
Board of Trade.....	1	.....	1	.....
The British Museum.....			1	.....
The Foreign Office.....			1	.....
Canada Emigration Office.....	1	.....	1	.....
Sir John Rose.....	1	.....	1	.....
Royal Colonial Institute.....	1	.....	1	.....
<i>The United States of America.</i>				
The President of the United States, Washington.....	1	.....	1	.....
The British Minister.....			1	.....
The Clerk of the Senate.....	1	.....		.....
“ House of Representatives.....	1	.....		.....
Library Exchanges.....			40	.....
Total.....	8	.....	51	.....

LIST No. 2.

DEPARTMENTAL, SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.	Votes and Docts.		Bound Vols. — Sess. Papers.	
	E.	F.	E.	F.
His Excellency the Governor General.....	2	.....	2	1
Office of the Privy Council	14	3	1	1
The Minister of Justice	1	.....	1	1
Deputy of do	1	.....	.....	.....
Minister of Militia.....	1	.....	1	1
Deputy of do	1	1	.....	.....
Secretary of State for Canada.....	1	.....	1	1
Under Secretary of do	1	1	.....	.....
Minister of Finance	1	.....	1	1
Deputy Inspector General.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Postmaster General	1	.....	1	1
Deputy of do	1	.....	.....	.....
Minister of Agriculture	1	1	1	1
Deputy of do	1	1	.....	.....
Minister of Inland Revenue.....	1	.....	1	1
Commissioner of do	1	.....	.....	.....
Receiver General.....	1	.....	1	1
Deputy of do	1	.....	.....	.....
Minister of Public Works	1	.....	1	1
Deputy of do	1	1	.....	.....
Chief Engineer.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Minister of Customs	1	.....	1	1
Commissioner of do	1	.....	.....	.....
Minister of the Interior.....	1	.....	1	1
Deputy of do	1	.....	.....	.....
Minister of Marine and Fisheries.....	1	.....	1	1
Deputy of do do	1	.....	.....	.....
Adjutant General of Militia.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Governor General's Secretary.....	1	.....	1	1
Auditor	1	.....	.....	.....
Speaker of the Senate.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Speaker of the House of Commons	1	.....	.....	.....
Library of Reference .....	.....	.....	1	1
Supreme Court Judges	6	.....	6	.....
Total	52	8	23	16

LIST No. 3.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.	Votes and Docts.		Bound Vols. Sess. Papers.	
	E.	F.	E.	F.
His Honor the Lieut. Governor	1	.....	1	.....
The Executive Council Office, Toronto	2	.....	1	.....
The Members of Legislative Assembly, 88, each one copy			88	.....
The Clerk of Legislative Assembly.....	1	.....		.....
The Legislative Library	1	.....	3	.....
The Judges.....	14	.....	14	.....
Education Office			1	.....
University College			1	.....
Knox College.....			1	.....
St. Bazile College			1	.....
Trinity College			1	.....
Congregational College			1	.....
Queen's College, Kingston			1	.....
Victoria College, Cobourg.....			1	.....
Albert University, Belleville			1	.....
Canadian Literary Institute, Woodstock			1	.....
Helmuth College, or London Coll. Institute, London.....			1	.....
Ontario College, Picton			1	.....
Le College d'Ottawa, Ottawa.....				1
Law Society, Osgoode Hall, Toronto.....	1	.....	1	.....
Total.....	20	.....	120	1

LIST No. 4.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.	Votes and Docts.		Bound Vols. — Sess. Papers.	
	E.	F.	E.	F.
His Honor the Lient.-Governor.....	1	1	1	1
The Executive Council Office.....	2	2	1	1
The Members of the Legislative Council, 8 English, 16 French, each one copy.....			8	16
The Members of the Legislative Assembly, 18 English, 47 French, each one copy.....			18	47
The Clerk of the Legislative Council.....	1	1		
The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.....	1	1		
The Legislative Library.....	1	1	3	3
The Judges.....	19	12	19	12
Education Office, Quebec.....				1
Morrin College, Quebec.....			1	
McGill University, Montreal.....			1	
Lennoxville College, Lennoxville.....			1	
St. Francis College, Sherbrooke.....			1	
Presbyterian College, Montreal.....			1	
L'Université Laval, Quebec.....				1
Le Collège de St. Hyacinthe, St. Hyacinthe.....				1
do Nicolet, Nicolet.....				1
do Lévis, Point Lévis.....				1
do Trois Rivières, Trois Rivières.....				1
do Ste. Marie, Montreal.....				1
do Ste. Marie de Rouville, Montreal.....				1
do Rimouski, Quebec.....				1
do Ste. Anne, do.....				1
do Ste. Thérèse, do.....				1
Le Séminaire de St. Sulpice, Montreal.....				1
Le Collège de l'Assomption.....				1
do Rigaud.....				1
do Masson, Terrebonne.....				1
Law Library, Quebec.....	1		1	
do Montreal.....	1		1	
Advocates' Library Association, Montreal.....			1	
Merchants' Exchange, do.....	1			
Canadian Institute, do.....		1		
Quebec Exchange, Quebec.....	1			
Literary and Historical Society, Quebec.....			1	
Canadian Institute, do.....		1		
Normal School, Montreal.....			1	
Ecole Normale Jacques Cartier, Montreal.....				1
Ecole Normale Laval, Quebec.....				1
Methodist College, Stanstead.....			1	
Total.....	29	20	61	97

LIST No. 5.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.	Votes and Docts.		Bound Vols. Sess. Papers.	
	E.	F.	E.	F.
His Honor the Lieut. Governor.....	1	.....	1	.....
The Executive Council Office.....	2	.....	1	.....
The Members of the Legislative Council, 21, each one copy.....	.....	.....	21	.....
The Members of the Legislative Assembly, 38, each one copy.....	.....	.....	38	.....
The Clerk of the Legislative Council.....	1	.....	.....	.....
The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.....	1	.....	.....	.....
The Legislative Library.....	1	.....	3	1
The Judges.....	8	.....	8	.....
The Admiral on the Station, Halifax.....	.....	.....	1	.....
The Commander of the Forces, Halifax.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Dalhousie College, Halifax.....	.....	.....	1	.....
St. Francois Xavier College, Antigonish.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Acadia College, Wolfville.....	.....	.....	1	.....
St. Mary's College, Halifax.....	.....	.....	1	.....
King's College, Windsor.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Education Office, Halifax.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Normal School, Truro.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Law Society, Windsor.....	1	.....	1	.....
The Halifax Library, do.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Finance Department of Canada, Auditor's Office.....	1	.....	1	.....
Total.....	16	.....	84	1

LIST No. 6.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.	Votes and Docts.		Bound Vols. Sess. Papers.	
	E.	F.	E.	F.
His Honor the Lieutenant Governor.....	1	.....	1	.....
The Executive Council Office	2	.....	1	.....
The Members of the Legislative Council, 18, each one copy .....	.....	.....	18	.....
The Members of the Legislative Assembly, 41, each one copy .....	.....	.....	41	.....
The Clerk of the Legislative Council.....	1	.....	.....	.....
The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.....	1	.....	.....	.....
The Legislative Library	1	.....	3	1
The Judges.....	6	.....	6	.....
Education Office .....	.....	.....	1	.....
Exchange Reading Room	1	.....	.....	.....
University of New Brunswick .....	.....	.....	1	.....
Baptist Seminary .....	.....	.....	1	.....
Methodist Academy, Sackville.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Presbyterian College, Woodstock.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Memramcook College, Memramcook .....	.....	.....	.....	1
Roman Catholic College, Chatham .....	.....	.....	1	.....
Law Society, Fredericton	1	.....	1	.....
Total	14	.....	77	2

LIST No. 7.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.				
His Honor the Lieut.-Governor.....	1	.....	1	.....
The Executive Council Office.....	2	.....	1	.....
The Members of the Legislative Assembly.....	.....	.....	25	.....
The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.....	1	.....	.....	.....
The Legislative Library.....	1	.....	3	.....
The Judges.....	3	.....	3	.....
	8	.....	33	.....

LIST No. 8.

MANITOBA.	Votes and Docts.		Bound Vols. Sess. Papers.	
	E.	F.	E.	F.
His Honor the Lieut.-Governor.....	1	.....	1	.....
The Executive Council.....	2	2	1	1
The Members of the Legislative Assembly.....	.....	.....	17	7
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.....	1	1	.....	.....
The Legislative Library.....	1	1	3	3
The Judges.....	3	.....	3	.....
Total.....	8	4	25	11

LIST No. 9.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.				
His Honor the Lieut.-Governor.....	1	.....	1	.....
The Executive Council.....	2	.....	1	.....
The Members of the Legislative Council.....	.....	.....	16	.....
do do Assembly.....	.....	.....	37	.....
The Clerk Legislative Council.....	1	.....	.....	.....
do do Assembly.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Legislative Library.....	1	3
Judges.....	4	4
Total.....	10	62

LIST No. 10.

NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.				
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His Honor the Lieut.-Governor.....	1	1
Executive Council.....	2	1
Total.....	3	2

LIST No. 11.

THE COLONIES OF	Votes and Docts.		Bound Vols. Sess. Papers.	
	E.	F.	E.	F.
<i>Newfoundland</i> :—His Honor the Lieutenant Governor...	1	.....
<i>Melbourne, Australia</i> :—His Excellency the Governor General	1	.....
<i>Sydney, New South Wales, Australia</i> :—His Excellency the Governor General	1	.....
<i>Adelaide, South Australia</i> :—His Excellency the Governor General	1	.....
<i>Hobart Town, Tasmania, Australia</i> :—His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief.....	1	.....
<i>Auckland, New Zealand, Australia</i> :—His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief	1	.....
<i>Queensland, Australia</i> :—His Excellency the Governor...	1	.....
<i>Cape of Good Hope</i> :—His Excellency the Governor General	1	.....
<i>Bermuda Island</i> :—His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor	1	.....
<i>Island of Barbadoes</i> :—His Excellency the Governor-in- Chief	1	.....
<i>Jamaica</i> :—His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief	1	.....
<i>India</i> :—His Excellency the Governor General.....	1	.....
The Council of State	1	.....
Total	13	.....

LIST No. 12.

	Votes and Docts.		Bound Vols. Sess. Papers.	
	E.	F.	E.	F.
SUMMARY OF OUTSIDE DISTRIBUTION.				
England and Exchanges.....	8	.....	51	.....
Departments of Seat of Government.....	52	8	23	16
Ontario	20	.....	120	1
Quebec	29	20	61	97
Nova Scotia	16	.....	84	1
New Brunswick.....	14	.....	77	2
British Columbia.....	8	.....	33	.....
Manitoba.....	8	4	25	11
Prince Edward Island	10	.....	62	.....
North-West Territories	3	.....	2	.....
Colonies.....	.....	.....	13	.....
Newspapers.....	490	50	.....	.....
Total distributions.....	658	82	551	128
RECAPITULATION.				
The Members of the Local Legislatures.....	.....	.....	327	70
Department and Outside	168	32	224	58
Newspapers	490	50	.....	.....
Total as above.....	658	82	551	128

LIST No. 13.
METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION.

MINUTES OF THE SENATE.		ENG.	FR.
<i>The Senate.</i> —60 Members, English, 1 copy each.....		60	.....
17 " French, 1 English copy and 1 French copy.....		17	17
<i>The Commons.</i> —159 Members, English, 1 copy each.....		159	.....
47 " French, 1 English copy and 1 French copy.....		47	47
Departments and outside.....		1 8	32
Newspapers.....		490	50
Remainder.....		159	79
Total, Minutes.....		1,100	225
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VOTES, HOUSE OF COMMONS.			
<i>The Senate.</i> —60 Members, English, 1 copy each.....		60
17 " French, 1 English and 1 French copy.....		17	17
<i>The Commons.</i> —159 Members, English, 1 copy each.....		159	.....
47 " French, 1 English and 1 French copy.....		47	47
Departments and outside.....		168	32
For Binding.....		175	50
Newspapers.....		490	50
Remainder.....		200	50
Total, Votes and Proceedings.....		1,316	246
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ORDERS OF THE DAY,—HOUSE OF COMMONS.			
<i>The Senate.</i> —60 Members, English, 1 copy.....		60
17 " French, 1 English and 1 French.....		17	17
<i>The Commons.</i> —159 Members, English, 1 copy each.....		159	.....
47 " French, ".....		47	47
Departments, Officers, &c., &c.....		117	86
Total, Orders of the Day.....		400	150
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PUBLIC BILLS AND DOCUMENTS.			
<i>The Senate.</i> —60 Members, English, 1 copy each.....		60
17 " French, 1 English copy and 1 French.....		17	17
<i>The Commons.</i> —159 Members, English, 1 copy each.....		159	.....
47 " French, 1 English copy and 1 French.....		47	47
Departments and outside.....		168	32
Newspapers.....		490	50
Remainder.....		175	100
Total, Public Bills and Documents....		1,116	246

LIST No. 13.—Continued.

METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION.—Continued.

PRIVATE BILLS.		Ang.	Fr.
<i>The Senate.</i> —60 Members, English, 1 copy each.....		60	.....
17 " French, 1 English copy and 1 French.			17
<i>The Commons.</i> —159 Members, English, 1 copy each.....		159	.....
47 " French, 1 English and 1 French....		47	47
Remainder (Committees, &c.).....		317	136
Total, Private Bills.....		600	200
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THIRD READING OF BILLS.—THE SENATE.			
<i>The Senate.</i> —For Officers, &c.....		25	15
<i>The Commons.</i> —159 Members, English, 1 copy each.....		159
47 " French, 1 English copy and 1 French copy		47	47
Remainder (Committees, &c.).....		119	68
Total, Third Readings, Senate.....		350	130
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THIRD READING OF BILLS.—HOUSE OF COMMONS.			
<i>The Senate.</i> —60 Members, English, 1 copy each.....		60
17 " French, 1 English copy and 1 French copy.....		17	17
For Committees, Officers, &c.....		65	40
<i>The Commons.</i> —Remainder		108	43
Total, Third Reading of Bills, Commons.....		250	100
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DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS.			
<i>The Senate.</i> — 60 Members, English, 2 copies each.....		120
17 " French, 1 English copy and 1 French copy.....		17	17
<i>The Commons.</i> —159 Members, English, 2 copies each.....		318	.....
47 " French, 1 English copy and 1 French copy.....		47	47
Departments and outside.....		168	33
Newspapers		490	50
Remainder		190	54
Total, Departmental Reports		1,350	200

LIST No. 13.—*Continued*
METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION—*Continued.*

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS— <i>Continued.</i>	A.	F.
<i>Brought forward</i>	1,350	200
<i>The Commons.</i> —And of the Public Accounts, 100 English extra, for use of the Committee	100	.....
—	1,450	200
THE BOUND VOLUMES.		
<i>The Senate, Journals.</i> —60 Members, Senate, English, 1 copy each.	60	.....
17 " " French, "		17
159 " Commons, English, 1 copy each	159	.....
47 Members, Commons, French, 1 copy each		47
The Members of Local Legislatures.....	327	70
Outside distribution, as per List.....	224	58
Remainder.....	75	50
Total, Senate Journals.....	845	242
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<i>The Commons, Journals.</i> —60 Members, Senate, English, 1 copy each	60
17 Members, Senate, French, 1 copy each		17
159 Members, Commons, English, 1 copy each	159	.....
47 Members, Commons, French, 1 copy each		47
The Members of the Local Legislatures..	327	70
Outside distribution, as per List.....	224	58
Remainder.....	100	50
Total Journals, Commons.....	870	242
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<i>The Sessional Papers.</i> —60 Members, Senate, English, 1 copy each.	60
17 " " French, "		17
159 " Commons, English, 1 copy each	159	.....
47 Members, Commons, French, 1 copy each		47
The Members of the Local Legislatures....	327	70
Outside distribution, as per List.	224	58
Remainder	100	50
Total, Sessional Papers	870	242

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Reesor*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House on Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. *Read's* motion—To *Resolve*, That this House regrets that the mode adopted by the Government in relation to the construction of the *Pacific Railway* involves the expenditure of enormous sums of public money without any corresponding beneficial results.

After Debate,

The Honorable Mr. *Read* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Girard*, That the said Resolution be adopted.

The question of concurrence being put thereon; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Flett,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Gudremont,</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McLelan (Londonderry)</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Wilmot.—36.</i>

NON-CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Christie (Speaker),</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>McClelan (Hopewell),</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>	<i>Wark.—20.</i>

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Law relating to Stamps on Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act for the amendment of the Law of Evidence in certain Cases of Misdemeanor, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Allan*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Message from the House of Commons, disagreeing to the amendment made by the Senate to the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend an Act respecting conflicting claims to lands of occupants in Manitoba,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Scott, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Pelletier, it was

Resolved, That this House doth not insist on their amendment to the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend an Act respecting conflicting claims to lands of occupants in Manitoba," to which the Commons disagree.

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the House of Commons by one of the Masters in Chancery.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Sixth Report of the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, and

The same being again read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Aikins, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Reesor, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act to provide for the better auditing of the Public Accounts,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Scott, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Pelletier, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until Monday next.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act to make provision for the winding up of Insolvent incorporated Fire or Marine Insurance Companies."

In the Committee.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. Haviland, from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Scott, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Pelletier, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read a third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was then put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act further securing the Independence of Parliament,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Scott, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Pelletier, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Canadian Pacific Railway Act, 1874,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 11th April, 1878, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a detailed statement of the quantities of Plaister of Paris or Gypsum, ground or calcined, imported from the *United States* during the past fiscal year, shewing quantity received at each Port and valuation of same for duty. Also, quantity entered at each Port, of Gypsum and Plaister of Paris, not ground or calcined, and of Gypsum not calcined for Agricultural purposes.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 122.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 12th April, 1878, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a statement setting forth the names of the foreign Mutual Life and Stock Companies, that have not complied with the Consolidated Insurance Act of last Session in respect of deposits for future business, the amount insured by such Companies respectively in *Canada* at last returns made by them; also the names of those Companies which, in the year immediately preceding such Session, had ceased to do business in *Canada*; and, also, any correspondence which may have taken place between any of such Companies and the Government, in respect of such business, since the 1st of July, 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 14.*)

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Alexander*,

The House adjourned until Monday next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday, 29th April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Fozer,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Glaster,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Pdquet,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cornwall,</i>			

PRAYERS :

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour*, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the contingent accounts of the Senate for the present Session, presented their Second Report,

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

THE SENATE,
COMMITTEE ROOM,
April 26th, 1878.

The Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the contingent accounts of the Senate for the present Session, beg leave to make their Second Report.

Your Committee have examined the Clerk's accounts with the Senate from 1st January to 31st December, 1877.

The balance in his hands at the first mentioned date was \$2,271.80, and the amount received by him on account of the Senate during the year was \$137,404.32 being in all \$139,676.12 to be accounted for.

The vouchers produced and examined account to the satisfaction of Your Committee for the expenditure of \$136,358.21 leaving a balance in the Clerk's hands on the 1st of January last of \$3,317.91.

All which is respectfully submitted.

B. SEYMOUR,
Chairman.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Seymour*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Benson*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Miller* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bourinot*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House a copy of the Pilotage rules and regulations made by the Commissioners of Pilots for the Port of *Arichat* in the Island of *Cape Breton*.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Wark* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McClellan* (*Hopewell*),

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a Return of the land taken for the purpose of the Intercolonial Railway and its branches, in the Counties of *Restigouche*, *Gloucester*, *Northumberland*, *Kent* and *Westmoreland*, specifying the place where situated, the names of the respective owners, the quantity of land taken from each, the dates at which the respective appraisements were made, the value put on the respective lots by the appraisers, the price subsequently paid for such lots respectively, the value put on buildings or for removing buildings, the amount subsequently paid for such buildings or their removal, together with the names of the appraisers.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was adjourned during pleasure and put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act to provide for the better auditing of the Public Accounts."

In the Committee.

The Title read and postponed.

The Preamble read and postponed.

And the Bill being again read, clause by clause, was amended as follows:—

Page 1, line 20.—Leave out from "department" to "And" in line 28.

Page 2, line 20.—Leave out "General."

Page 2, line 32.—

Page 2, line 45.—

Page 3, line 26.—

Page 3, line 27.—

Page 4, line 20.—

Page 5, line 10.—

Page 5, line 13.—

Page 5, line 14.—

Page 5, line 23.—

"Receiver General."

Page 6, line 22.—

Page 6, line 22.—

} After "Governor" insert "General."

Page 4, line 20.—After "Successors" insert "and any other statutory holiday."

Page 5, line 10.—After "such" insert "rules."

Page 5, line 13.—Leave out "and."

Page 5, line 14.—After "Revenue" insert "and the Receiver General."

Page 5, line 23.—After "Board" insert "and shall also be the Deputy of the

"Receiver General."

Page 6, line 22.—Leave out "General."

Page 7, line 41.—Leave out “his” and insert “the,” and leave out “as” and “insert “of the.”

Page 8, line 41.—Leave out “of the Minister of Finance” and insert “for public “money.”

Page 9, line 13.—After “Governor” insert “General.”

Page 11, line 6.—Leave out “General.”

Page 16, line 2.—After “Subpœna” insert “any reasonable travelling expenses “shall be paid to any witness so subpoenaed at the time of such service.”

Page 17, line 38.— } Leave out “for” and insert “of.”

Page 18, line 19.— }

Page 22, line 16.— } After “Governor” insert “General.”

Page 24, line 18.— }

Page 24, line 25.—Leave out “for” and insert “of.”

The Title again read and agreed to.

The Preamble again read and agreed to.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Montgomery* from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain amendments.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: “An Act further securing “the Independence of Parliament,” was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The House according to Order proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: “An Act to amend ‘The Canadian *Pacific Railway Act, 1874,*’”

After Debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That further Debate on the said motion be postponed until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 30th April, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>

PRAYERS :

The Honorable Mr. *Macpherson*, from the Select Committee on the *Fort Frances Lock*, presented their Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows:—

(*Extract from the Minutes of the Committee.*)

The Chairman submitted the following Report:—

THE SENATE,

COMMITTEE ROOM,

Tuesday 30th April, 1878.

The Select Committee of the Senate appointed to enquire:—

“1st. Whether the *Fort Frances Lock* when completed can be used for the purposes of commerce, in connection with the Canadian *Pacific Railway*, so as to form part of the through communication from *Lake Superior* to *Manitoba*, and if not, what improvements will be indispensable (in addition to the said *Fort Frances Lock*) to afford unbroken communication for Steamers between the Railway Stations of *Port Savanne (Lac des Mille Lacs)* and *Keewatin (Rat Portage)* and the probable cost of such improvements?”

"2nd. What will be the use to the Dominion of the said *Fort Frances* Lock if it cannot be used for the purposes of Commerce, in connection with the *Canada Pacific* Railway, so as to form part of the said through communication ?

"3rd. What is the distance between the said Lock and the point nearest to it on the *Canada Pacific* Railway ?

"4th. What are the dimensions of the said Lock, its estimated and probable cost, the amount expended upon it and upon works connected with it, or in any way incidental to it, so far as is known; the appropriation from which the money expended upon it has been taken; whether such application of the money has been in all cases according to law, and whether the said Lock is being built by contract or otherwise ?

"5th. And generally to inquire into all matters relating to the *Fort Frances* Lock, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report from time to time to this Honorable House." has examined into the subject referred to, and beg leave to submit the following Report :—

That the evidence annexed hereto shows that the *Fort Frances* Lock is situated on *Rainy River*, about a mile and a half below where the river debouches from the Lake of the same name; that it is intended to overcome a fall of about twenty-three feet, now passed by a portage; that when the lock is completed and the obstructions at the *Manitou* and *Long Sault Rapids* on *Rainy River* are removed, there will be unbroken water communication from *Rainy Lake* to *Lake of the Woods*;

That the evidence also shows that *Port Savanne*, where the Canadian *Pacific* Railway connects with the water stretches, is separated from *Rainy Lake* by nine portages, and that the difference in level between those two points is four hundred feet;

That the evidence has satisfied your Committee that the *Fort Frances* Lock, when completed, will not be used for the purposes of commerce in connection with the Canadian *Pacific* Railway, so as to form part of the through communication from *Lake Superior* to *Manitoba*.

That, although the *Fort Frances* Lock would have been very useful pending the completion of the all-rail route had that by *Sturgeon Falls* been adhered to, your Committee considers it a subject for regret that the lock should have been commenced before the location of the Railway was definitely fixed, and when it was determined to change the route from that *vid Sturgeon Falls* to the present one *vid Port Savanne*, which is so far north as to render impossible the utilization of the water stretches in connection with the railway, your Committee is of opinion that the work upon the Lock should have been stopped.

The evidence shows that the Railway was placed under contract from *Fort William* (*Lake Superior*) to *Lake Shebandowan* on the way to *Sturgeon Falls* (on an arm of *Rainy Lake*) on the 13th of April, 1875; that the work thereon was stopped, and the contract cancelled on the 19th of January, 1876, and the location changed to that by *Port Savanne*;

That when the line of Railway was changed in January, 1876, the expenditure did not exceed \$73,940, and your Committee is of opinion that the work should have been discontinued then, especially as what had been done—being excavation in solid rock—would not deteriorate, and the work might be resumed at any future time should the public interests require its completion.

In November, 1875, which must have been about the time when it was determined to change the location of the Railway, the Department of Public Works telegraphed to the Superintendent of the Lock in the following words:—

"Close all Canal works at *Fort Frances*; suspend all proceedings."

It might be inferred from this order that the Government, in consequence of the change of the location of the Railway, had seen the expediency of permanently discontinuing the works at *Fort Frances*; but unfortunately, in the opinion of your Committee, in April, 1876, the Department instructed the Superintendent to resume work upon the lock, by day labor. (*Vide* Return No. 88 to House of Commons, 1877.)

Mr. Mortimer, one of the Engineers examined by your Committee, stated in evidence that it was at one time contemplated by the Government to improve the Dawson Route; that in 1874 he was instructed to survey the portages and water stretches between *Lake Shebandowan* and the *Lake of the Woods*; that he had done so, and reported to the Department of Public Works on the improvements which he considered necessary. He estimated their cost—including those on *Rainy River*—at \$341,000. Mr. Mortimer understood that the Chief Engineer, Mr. Sandford Fleming, was of opinion that the advantages—necessarily only temporary—which would be derived from the proposed improvements would not be commensurate with their cost, and the project was abandoned.

Mr. Sutherland the Superintendent of the work at *Fort Frances*, detailed to the Committee a plan of his for improving the communication between *Port Savanne* and *Rainy Lake*. It is somewhat similar in design to that reported on by Mr. Mortimer, but much more temporary in character. His estimate of the cost was \$150,000. Mr. Sutherland is not an engineer, and did not make a minute examination of the route for the improvement of which he ventured to submit an estimate.

Mr. Mortimer's plan did not include a lock at *Fort Frances*, and the substitution of a lock for a portage at that point would be of no appreciable value as part of any scheme which did not provide—as a railway from *Lake Superior* to *Sturgeon Falls* alone would do—for avoiding the portages, and the ascent and descent of the 400 feet between *Rainy Lake* and *Port Savanne*.

Your Committee does not suppose that it can be intended, pending the construction of the central district of the *Lake Superior* section of the Canadian Pacific Railway, to connect the two ends of that section, now far advanced towards completion, viz: 114 miles from *Lake Superior* westward to *English River*, and 114 miles from *Red River* eastward to *Rat Portage*, over the short and steep portages, and in some cases rapid water stretches which lie between *Port Savanne* and *Rainy Lake*. If the Government had contemplated the adaptation of this route to the purposes of commerce, your Committee submit that the improvements should have been completed in time to have been available for the transport of rails and other railway materials to *Manitoba*, the freight of which, from *Duluth*, has cost the country, already—according to the Public Accounts, upwards of two hundred thousand dollars.

Your Committee, moreover, is of opinion that the many transshipments which would be unavoidable between *Port Savanne* and *Rainy Lake*, whether made in bulk or in detail, would prevent the route from competing successfully, in cost of transportation and in expedition, with lines of communication which are open through the *United States*, especially now that railways appear to be on the eve of completion to *Manitoba* *via* *Pembina*.

Your Committee may state that it is in evidence that when Messrs. Carpenter & Co. were contractors for transport over the Dawson Route, and received a bonus of \$75,000 a year from the Government, the charge for freight from *Lake Superior* to *Fort Frances* was \$40 a ton.

Your Committee ascertained that it is not the intention of the Government to propose the construction of the improvements necessary—in addition to the *Fort Frances Lock*—to afford unbroken communication for steamers between the railway stations of *Port Savanne* and *Rat Portage*, and, therefore, did not procure estimates of the cost of the great works which would be indispensable to attain that object.

Your Committee has failed to discover that the *Fort Frances Lock* can be of use to the Dominion. The evidence shows that it will not be of appreciable advantage even to the locality in which it is situated. The trade of the fertile Canadian bank of *Rainy River*, and of the whole country west of the lock, will seek the Railway at *Rat Portage*, and little or no portion of it will ascend through the lock and go eastwards, as, at the east end of *Rainy Lake* it will be confronted with the nine portages and the ascent of 400 feet which separates *Port Savanne* from *Rainy Lake*. The country on the Canadian shore of *Rainy Lake* is unsuitable for agriculture; a moderate trade in timber and saw-logs is all that can be expected to flow from that

region. For the accommodation of such a trade when it springs up, a lock at *Fort Frances* will not be required; an inexpensive slide would answer every purpose, and even that would not have been needed for years. It has been suggested that the lock may be of service as a military work, but evidence was not taken on that point, as, in the opinion of your Committee, while the lock will be unused for commerce, it cannot be seriously contended that an isolated lock on the frontier of *Minnesota* may become a serviceable military work of this Dominion.

It was stated in evidence before your Committee that the distance between *Fort Frances* Lock and the nearest point of the Canadian *Pacific* Railway is between ninety and one hundred miles. The dimensions of the lock are: length, 200 feet; width in the clear, 38 feet; depth of water on the mitre sill at low water, according to Mr. *Rowan*, 4½ feet, and according to Mr. *Sutherland*, 5½ feet. The depth originally proposed was seven feet. It was stated by Mr. *Sutherland* in evidence that the expenditure upon the works, to the 30th June next, will amount to \$210,389; that the cost of the work, when completed, including the cost of removing the obstructions to the navigation at the *Manitou* and *Long Sault Rapids* on *Rainy River*, will not exceed \$250,000. Your Committee hopes that this sum will not be exceeded, as, in its opinion, the expenditure upon the *Fort Francis* Lock, whatever the amount may be, will prove to have been injudicious and altogether unprofitable to the Dominion.

The money expended upon *Fort Frances* Lock and the works incidental to it, was taken out of the appropriations made from time to time for the survey and construction of the *Pacific* Railway, and improvements on navigable waters in interior, in connection therewith. The works have been executed under the Government, by day labor, and not by contract, as required by the *Pacific* Railway Act of 1874.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. L. MACPHERSON,
Chairman.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macfarlane*, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Haythorne*,

That all after the words "*Lake of the Woods*" on the second page be struck out, and the following substituted:—

"From the printed reports of Mr. *S. J. Dawson*, who had charge of the *Red River* route lying between *Lake Superior* and *Winnipeg*, from the year 1868 to the year 1874, and from other authentic sources, it was generally believed that the shortest and most feasible line for the Railway from *Lake Superior* westward, was to be found *vid Lake Shebandowan, Sturgeon Falls* and the North-West Angle of the *Lake of the Woods*, on the general line of the *Dawson* route; that the Engineer did succeed in finding a line as far as *Sturgeon Falls*, and for a distance of fourteen miles north west of that point; that exhaustive surveys were made extending over a period of two seasons with the hope of finding a line thence onward either by *Rat Portage* or by way of the crossing near the North-West Angle; that the evidence fully confirms the opinion arrived at by the Engineering Staff of the *Pacific* Railway, that a practicable line could not be found *vid Sturgeon Falls* by either of the routes indicated, and it had, therefore, to be abandoned, and the route deflected by *Lac des Mille Lacs*, and the contract, for work on the portion of the line abandoned had to be cancelled;

"That the *Fort Frances* Lock and improvements on the *Rainy River* were commenced on the well grounded assumption that the route *vid Sturgeon Falls* was feasible and would be ultimately constructed; and so large an expenditure had been made on the works before that line had to be abandoned that the Committee are of opinion it would not have been prudent to have discontinued the work after an expenditure of nearly \$78,940;

"That the improvements now nearly completed will not involve a larger expenditure than \$250,000, by which uninterrupted water communication will be obtained from *Kettle Falls* to *Rat Portage*, a distance of between 180 and 200 miles. That by the evidence it appears that the total distances of the several portages from *Port Savanne*, the point to which the Railway from *Lake Superior* will shortly be completed, and *Kettle Falls*, will not exceed twelve miles; that by the construction of narrow gauge tramways, with horse cars, traffic can be carried to *Kettle Falls* and thence by water to *Rat Portage*, where communication will be made with the Railway to *Red River*, at a cost, in money and time, that will enable it to compete with the present route *via Duluth*; that the expenditure involved in this proposition would not exceed \$150,000, making a total for the improvements between *Savanne* and *Rat Portage* of \$400,000, thus utilizing the two ends of the Railway which will shortly be completed between *Lake Superior* and *Red River*.

"In view of those facts your Committee are of opinion that the Government acted wisely and prudently in not abandoning the *Fort Frances* works after so large an expenditure had been made upon them."

The question being put thereon; the Committee divided, and the names were taken down as follow:—

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The Honorable Messieurs

Brown,
Haythorne,

Scott.—3.

NON-CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

Botsford,
Campbell,

Macfarlane,
Macpherson.—4.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and

The Report was then adopted, without amendment, on the same division.

The Honorable Mr. *Botsford* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macfarlane*,

That the motions, proceedings and votes of the Committee on this reference be reported to the House.

The question being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative.

(For Evidence, Vide Appendix No. 5.)

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Macpherson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Dever* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McLelan* (*Londonderry*),

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a Return of all duties of Excise for this Dominion, for the months of July, August, September, October, November, December, 1877, and the months of January, February and March of 1878.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Dever* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McLelan* (*Londonderry*),

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a Return of all duties for Stamps for this Dominion, for the months of July, August, September, October, November, December, 1877, and the months of January, February and March of 1878.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Dever* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McLelan* (*Londonderry*),

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a Return of all duties of Customs for this Dominion, for the months of July, August, September, October, November, December, 1877, and the months of January, February and March of 1878.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Dever* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McLelan* (*Londonderry*),

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Dever* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McLelan* (*Londonderry*),

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a Return of all duties of Customs for the Dominion for the months of July, August, September, October, November, December, 1876, and the months of January, February and March, 1877.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Dever* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McLelan* (*Londonderry*),

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a Return of all duties for Stamps for this Dominion for the months of July, August, September, October, November, December, 1876, and the months of January, February and March, 1877.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Dever* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McLelan* (*Londonderry*),

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a Return of all duties of Customs for the City of *Saint John, New Brunswick*, for the months of July, August, September, October, November, December, 1877, and the months of January, February and March of 1878.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Dever* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McLelan* (*Londonderry*),

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a Return of all duties Customs for the City of *Saint John, New Brunswick*, for the months of July, August, September, October, November, December, 1876, and the months of January, February and March, 1877.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Dever* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McLelan* (*Londonderry*),

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a Return of all duties of Excise for the City of *Saint John, New Brunswick*, for the months of July, August, September, October, November, December, 1876, and the months of January, February and March, 1877.

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

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

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That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a Return of all duties of Excise for this Dominion for the months of July, August, September, October, November, December, 1877, and the months of January, February and March, 1878.

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

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

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, to return the Bill intituled: "An Act to confer certain powers on the *Montreal Building Association* by the name of 'The *Montreal Investment and Building Company*,'"

and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Page 2, line 2.—After “exercise” insert the following as Clause A:—

Clause A.

“The Company may stipulate for, receive and exact any rate of interest or discount, not exceeding eight per centum per annum, that may be lawfully stipulated for, and received by any individual or corporation in the place where the contract for the same shall be made and be executory; and may stipulate for and receive the same half yearly in advance; and may also receive a semi-annual payment on any loan by way of a sinking fund, for the gradual extinction of such loan, upon such terms, and in such manner as shall be regulated by the By-laws of the Company.”

“The powers hereby granted to the said Corporation shall be exercised by it, under the said name of ‘The Montreal Investment and Building Company.’”

The same being again read,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Penny, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Campbell, it was

Ordered, That the said amendment be agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate doth agree to the amendment made to the last mentioned Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk to return the Bill intituled: “An Act to authorize the *Stadacona* Fire and Life Insurance Company to reduce its Capital Stock, and for other purposes,” and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: “An Act to amend the Act respecting the Elections of Members of the “House of Commons,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Pelletier, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Scott, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: “An Act to amend the law respecting Building Societies,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Allan, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Campbell, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Scott, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Report addressed to the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, Canada, by *Sandford Fleming*, C.M.G., Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to the location of the line, and a Western Terminal Harbour, of the Canadian *Pacific* Railway.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 20.*)

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend 'The Canadian Pacific Railway Act, 1874,'"

The Honorable Mr. *Pelletier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, That the Order of the Day be discharged, and the said Bill, as reported from the said Committee, be again referred to a Committee of the Whole House presently, with instructions that the words struck out of the 1st Clause of the said Bill in Committee of the Whole House, be restored, and that the words inserted in the said Clause be struck out.

The question of concurrence being put thereon; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Christie, (Speaker),</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>McClelan (Hopewell),</i>	<i>Power,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>	<i>Wark.—20.</i>

NON-CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>Kaubach,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Flotsford,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McLelan (Londonderry),</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Victoria),</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Fünt,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Wilmot.—39.</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	

So it passed in the negative.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, That the amendments made by the Committee of the Whole House to the said Bill intituled: "An Act to amend The Canadian Pacific Railway Act, 1874," be agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Law relating to Stamps on Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled : "An Act for the amendment of the Law of Evidence in certain cases of misde-
"meanour,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Seventh Report of the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Reesor*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until Friday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Second Report of the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Senate for the present Session, and

The same being again read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Seymour*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Benson*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Committee of the Whole to the Bill intituled : "An Act to provide for
"the better Auditing of the Public Accounts."

The said amendments being again read,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said amendments be agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, from the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, presented their Eighth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

COMMITTEE ROOM,
29th April, 1878.

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, beg. leave to present the following as their Eighth Report :

The Committee carefully examined the following documents and recommend that they be printed, viz :—

Return to Address (Senate),—Correspondence with the Government or Superintendent of Railways, relating to shipment of grain, &c., by way of Intercolonial Railway at *Halifax* for *Europe*.

Return to Address,—Correspondence between the *Hudson's Bay* Company and the Dominion Government relative to alleged losses at the *Red River* Settlements connected with the insurrection of 1869-70.

Return to Order,—Tenders for the supply of Railway Spikes for the *Canada Pacific Railway* from 1st January, 1876, to 31st December, 1877, and also similar return for the *Intercolonial Railway*.

Return to Address,—Report of surveys made of *Lakes Manitoba, Winnipegosis, the Waterhen River, and Little Saskatchewan River*.

Return to Order,—Reports of Engineers relating to the survey and location of the line of the *Pacific Railway* between *Red River* and *Battleford, &c.*

The Committee also recommend that the following documents be not printed, viz :—

Return to Address (Senate),—Correspondence, &c., relative to the fixing of the headquarters of the *Intercolonial Railway* at *Moncton*.

Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Government and *T. M. Boggs*, relative to the dismissal from office of Train Despatcher at *Truro*, on the *Intercolonial Railway*.

Return to Address,—Correspondence connected with the removal from office of *George Taylor* from the office as Assistant Railway Superintendent of the *Intercolonial Railway*.

Return to Order,—Correspondence between *Mrs. Edward Murphy* and officers of the *Intercolonial Railway*, in relation to the killing of a cow.

Return to Address (Senate),—Respecting a Railway Bridge across the Falls at *St. John, N.B.*, to connect the *Intercolonial Railway* with that of *Western Extension* at said Falls.

Return to Address,—Return of all appeals instituted before the Supreme Court of *Canada* since its creation, with names of parties, and the Court from whose judgment such appeal has been brought.

Return to Address,—Return of all Petitions of Right transmitted to the Secretary of State since the passing of the "Petition of Right Act, 1876," with names of Suppliants, &c.

Return to Address,—Return of all cases instituted in the Exchequer Court of *Canada* since its creation, shewing the names of parties, &c.

Return to Order,—Correspondence respecting the removal of the Post Office at *South Gut of Ste. Ann's, County of Victoria, N.S.*

Return to Order,—Correspondence regarding the conveyance of the Mails between *Port Hastings* and *Grand Narrows*, in *Nova Scotia*.

Return to Order,—Correspondence between the Superintendent of the *Prince Edward Island Railway* and Department of Public Works, showing how many miles of Wire Fence have been taken down and replaced by Post and Batten Fence.

Return to Order,—Papers, &c., relating to the dismissal of *D. McDonald*, Postmaster at *Little Glace Bay, C.B.*

Return to Address,—Petitions from inhabitants of the Parish of *Perth*, in the County of *Victoria, N.B.*, praying for the establishment of new Way or Post Offices in that Parish.

Return to Order,—Correspondence touching the resignation of *J. Cadigan*, as Postmaster at *Little Glace Bay, Cape Breton County*.

Return to Order,—Correspondence relating to the dismissal of *James Corbett*, Postmaster at *Lorway Mines, Cape Breton County*.

Return to Order,—Correspondence touching the Postmaster and Post Office affairs at *Victoria Mines, Cape Breton County*.

Return to Order,—Report for the year 1877, of *J. P. Gauvreau, Esq.*, Collector of Customs for the Port of *Rimouski*.

Return to Order,—Correspondence respecting the establishing of Bonded Warehouses at the Village of *Carron Brook* and Town of *Clinton, County of Huron*.

Return to Order,—Amount of Tubing imported into *Canada* during the year immediately preceding the imposition of duty on Tubing by the Tariff of last Session.

Return to Order,—Correspondence relating to the removal of the Postmaster at *Cow Bay, C.B.*

Return to Order.—Correspondence about the carrying of the Mails by water from Quebec to Murray Bay, in the County of Charlevoix, for the year 1877.

Return to Address.—Tenders received in 1877, for the carrying by land of the Mails from Quebec to Murray Bay.

Return to Address (Senate).—Detailed Statement of the quantities of Plaster of Paris or Gypsum imported from the United States during the past fiscal year.

Return to Order.—Correspondence respecting the use of Trawls or Bultows by Foreigners off the coasts of Nova Scotia.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON,
Chairman, Senate.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Simpson, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Reesor, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House on Friday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Botsford, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Dickey,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 1st May, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable DAVID CHRISTIE, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

Aikins,	Cornwall,	Howlan,	Power,
Alexander,	Dever,	Kaulbach,	Pozer,
Allan,	Dickey,	Leonard,	Read,
Armand,	Dickson,	McClelan,	Reesor,
Baillargeon,	Dumouchel,	McLelan,	Ryan,
Bellerose,	Fabre,	McMaster,	Scott,
Benson,	Ferguson,	Macdonald,	Seymour,
Botsford,	Ferrier,	Macfarlane,	Simpson,
Bourinot,	Flint,	Macpherson,	Skead,
Brown,	Girard,	Miller,	Smith,
Bureau,	Glasier,	Montgomery,	Stevens,
Campbell,	Hamilton (Inkerman),	Muirhead,	Sutherland,
Carrall,	Hamilton (Kingston),	Odell,	Trudel,
Chaffers,	Haviland,	Piquet,	Vidal,
Chapais,	Haythorne,	Pelletier,	Wark,
Cochrane,	Hope,	Penny,	Wilnot.
Cormier,			

PRAYERS:

The Honorable Mr. Girard, from the Select Committee appointed to continue the investigation and to inquire into all the questions relating to the purchase of property at Fort William, for a terminus to the Canadian Pacific Railway, presented their Second Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

(Extract from the Minutes of the Committee.)

The Chairman submitted the following Report:—

THE SENATE,

COMMITTEE ROOM,

Tuesday, 30th April, 1878.

The Select Committee of the Senate appointed to continue the investigation and to inquire into all the questions relating to the purchase of the property at Fort William, for a terminus to the Canadian Pacific Railway, and to send for persons, papers and records, and examine witnesses under oath, and to report thereon with all convenient speed this Session, beg leave to present the following as their Second Report:—

That, although not strictly within the order of reference, your Committee received much evidence bearing upon the respective merits of the *Kaministiquia River* and *Prince Arthur's Landing* as harbours. In the opinion of your Committee, either may be made an excellent harbour—the *Kaministiquia* by dredging, *Prince Arthur's Landing* by a moderate expenditure on permanent works. The harbour of *Prince Arthur's Landing* is only exposed to easterly winds, a quarter from whence gales or squalls rarely blow on *Lake Superior*. The safety of this harbour was proved in evidence given by Mr. Marks before your Committee, that, of 1,500 vessels which reported at the Custom House at *Prince Arthur's Landing* since 1869, not one of them had sustained damage, to his knowledge, from storm in the harbour, or had to leave it for shelter. Mr. Kingsford, an Engineer of the Department of Public Works, gave clear and very intelligent evidence before your Committee, and submitted plans for a pier or breakwater, which, for a comparatively moderate sum, would provide the shelter needed to make *Prince Arthur's Landing* one of the most commodious harbours on the great lakes, and, in point of safety, a perfect harbour of refuge.

The *Kaministiquia River* when once entered, is completely land locked, and can be made a commodious harbour. In the opinion of your Committee, the chief objection to placing the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway upon its banks, apart, from the large periodical outlay for dredging, is the early closing of the river in autumn. The length of the season during which the Canadian Pacific Railway can be used to bring the products of the *North-West* to the marts and shipping ports of the Dominion, will depend upon the navigation of the waters with which the railway will connect. If it is made to terminate upon the bank of the *Kaministiquia*, its business season will be governed by the navigation—not of the great lakes, but of a sluggish stream of about 350 feet in width. As a rule, the *Kaministiquia River* closes, according to the evidence given before your Committee, about eight days earlier than *Thunder-Bay* at *Prince Arthur's Landing*, and the placing of the terminus of the railway on

the bank of the river will shorten, by the same number of days, the season during which the harvest of *Manitoba* can be transported through *Canada* to the seaboard.

If, notwithstanding this, the Government decided that the *Kaministiquia* afforded the best site for the terminus of the Canadian *Pacific* Railway, your Committee submit that the best point on the bank of the river has not been selected, whether either the cost or the convenience of the terminal grounds be considered. The height of the banks was considered by the Engineer in charge of the Surveys, Mr. *Murdoch*, a serious objection to the present site; and he, in his Report to the Government, suggested that a place farther down the river "towards its mouth should be selected for the terminus, to obtain lower levels and longer navigation in the fall of the year." No notice, however, appears to have been taken of his recommendation. Your Committee is of opinion that had the suggestion of the Local Engineer been acted upon, a better terminus would have been obtained below the town plot, and at a much smaller cost. The line of railway could have been made to terminate on the river bank at the *McKellar* farm without increasing its length or passing through the town plot, while the river navigation would have been shortened; and the locality named possesses all the requisites for an important railway terminus. The obtaining of the necessary land would also have been greatly facilitated, as only one or two lot-owners would have had to be dealt with, whereas, at the town plot there were fifty-five, the arranging with whom occupied two Valuators, and a Solicitor, for months at a large expense to the country.

The evidence did not disclose any reason which, in the opinion of your Committee, can be accepted as satisfactory, for deflecting the railway in order to make it enter the town plot of *Fort William* at the western limit, and then to pass through all the front lots to the eastern limit. From the *McKellar* farm towards the mouth of the river, the bank is of a convenient height for docks, and the land is favorable for terminal grounds; the river flows in a straight course to the lake, making the navigation safe and easy, whereas between the point named and that adopted for the terminus, there is a sharp elbow in the river which necessarily increases the awkwardness of navigating it. The distance from *Murillo* Station—the first station west of *Fort William*—is as nearly as possible the same to the river at the *McKellar* farm, as to the terminus at the town plot. For these reasons, your Committee is of opinion, that the terminus was not judiciously chosen. Your Committee is further of opinion, that it is to be regretted, that in purchasing land at *Fort William*, the Government should have departed from the course usually followed in acquiring land for railway purposes. Instead of resorting to arbitration—first tendering to the owners of the land, the prices which the Government considered just, as provided for by law—the Government employed valuers, whose duty it appears to have been, to endeavour to agree with the land-owners, as to the value of their lots and report to the Government. The following is an extract from their instructions:—"You will understand that you are not authorized to close any agreements; all you can do is to settle on a reasonable amount, subject to the approval of the Minister."

This shows that the Government reserved full power to deal with parties as might be deemed best, after receiving advice from the Valuers, so that the responsibility of the transactions rested entirely upon the Government.

The Valuers were directed to negotiate for land at the price which it commanded in December, 1874, when the plan of the railway reserve was filed.

It was, no doubt, difficult to determine what had been the value of lots in the town plot in 1874, as the transactions then were few, and restricted chiefly to parties who speculated on the chances of the railway going there. "The Government had fixed the terminus of the railway in the town plot in June, 1874, at which time, in the opinion of your Committee, the plan should have been filed, and so have prevented the speculation that subsequently took place. The Valuers, however, were not appointed until 1876. In December, 1875, the Chief Engineer, Mr. *Sandford Fleming*, addressed a letter to the Department of Public Works, of which the following is a copy:—

" CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY,
 " OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF,
 " OTTAWA, 11th December, 1875.

" F. BRAUN, Esq.,
 " Secretary Public Works Department.

" SIR,—This time last year, the Minister instructed you to take the necessary action, under the Statute, with regard to obtaining a sufficient quantity of land for the railway purposes at the town plot of *Fort William* on *Lake Superior*. On the 10th December last year, I prepared and furnished you with a plan of all the lands required at that place, and which it was proposed to take immediate possession of. I am under the impression you placed the matter in the hands of the Minister of Justice, in order that proper legal steps should be taken to acquire the land.

" The land referred to consists of a number of small town lots, and I have recently been informed that these lots are still being bought and sold by private persons. It becomes my duty, therefore, to draw the attention of the Department to this subject, so that, if legal possession of the land has not been fully taken, no time may now be lost in the matter.

" I am, &c., &c.,

" SANDFORD FLEMING,
 " Engineer-in-Chief."

This shows that, in the opinion of the Chief Engineer, the Government had been remiss, and that the public interests might suffer in consequence.

Your Committee submit that the apprehensions of Mr. *Fleming* were too well founded, as it is in evidence, that subsequently to June, 1874, many lots were bought and sold at from sixty to ninety dollars each by speculators, and re-sold to the Government at from two hundred and fifty, to three hundred dollars a lot. In 1876 when the Valuers visited the town plot for the first time officially, the firm of Messrs. *Oliver, Davidson & Co.* and their connections were the principal owners of the lots which were taken for the Railway terminus. Notwithstanding this fact, the Government appointed a member of that firm, Mr. *P. J. Brown*, a lawyer, to act with the Valuers. His duty, it has been stated, was to advise upon titles, but his instructions did not restrict him to that special duty. The evidence of the Valuers shows that he did advise them, and that his advice when given was, perhaps, not unnaturally, in favor of the lot-owners, and against the Government. He gave it as his opinion that the Railway Act of 1868 did not apply to the Canadian Pacific Railway. So far did he go in advising adversely to the Government, that the Prime Minister testified before your Committee that, when his attention was called to the subject, he "was very much surprised," and that he "wrote a somewhat angry letter to Mr. *Brown*." It has been clearly proved, that Mr. *Brown* was an interested party, and your Committee submit that he, therefore, ought not to have been employed in any capacity in association with the Valuers. In the opinion of your Committee, the prices paid for land taken for the railway in the town plot of *Fort William*, and in the adjoining lot, number six of the Township of *Needing*, were exceedingly, and unaccountably extravagant. The town plot was a town only on paper when it was selected for the railway terminus. Previous to that, the regular price at which the Ontario Government sold half-acre lots was four dollars, and, but for the Railway, these lots would be of but little more value to-day than they were then. For the land taken from *Oliver, Davidson & Co.*, and others, the Government paid at the rate of \$500 to \$600 per acre. In 1872 or 1873, *Oliver, Davidson & Co.* purchased lot six in the Township of *Needing*, adjoining the town plot, containing 136 acres, for about five dollars per acre. Your Committee submit that the enhanced value of this property was due to the placing of the terminus where it is. Yet for eight acres of it, the Government, advised by the Valuers, paid about five hundred dollars per acre, being about four thousand dollars for eight acres, or over three thousand more for the eight acres than *Oliver, Davidson & Co.*, paid for the entire lot of one hundred and thirty-six acres.

The Valuators testified that in valuing this land they had applied the Railway Act of 1868, which had the effect of reducing the price twenty per cent.

The clause of the Act which relates to arbitrations for land, is as follows:—

“The Arbitrators, in deciding on such value or compensation, are authorized and required to take into consideration the increased value that would be given to any lands or grounds through or over which the railway will pass, by reason of the passage of the railway through or over the same, or by reason of the construction of the railway, and to set off the increased value that will attach to the said lands or grounds against the inconvenience, loss or damage that might be suffered or sustained by reason of the Company taking possession of or using the said lands or grounds as aforesaid.”

One of the Valuators further testified that, had they not applied the above section, they would have valued the land taken at \$500, instead of at \$400 per acre; and this, be it remembered, was for land, that had been bought some three or four years before, for about five dollars per acre, and which, but for the railway, would probably be worth no more to-day.

If the public were made to pay extravagant prices for the terminal grounds, they were, in the opinion of your Committee, made to pay more than an extravagant price for the building known as the *Needing* Hotel (of which a photograph has been filed in evidence), which was erected after the owners—the *Needing* Hotel Company—knew that they were placing it on the railway reserve. The builder stated in evidence that soon after he had commenced work in August, 1875, he had been warned by a Government Engineer that he was trespassing on the railway reserve; that he mentioned this fact to the confidential clerk of Messrs. *Oliver, Davidson & Co.*, and was told by him to go on. Messrs. *Davidson & Brown*, partners in that firm, were aware long before the hotel was commenced—as their evidence shows—that the land on which it was placed was part of that which was required by the Government. *Oliver, Davidson & Co.* were shareholders in the Hotel Company; Mr. *Oliver* was the President. If the hotel was built after the owners knew, that the land on which they placed it, was in the railway reserve, they were not entitled to payment or compensation of any kind, but the Government did pay them, through *Oliver, Davidson & Co.*, \$5,029 for it. In the case of the *Hendrick* Hotel, which was erected in the summer of 1875, and when *Hendrick* knew of the reservation, as testified to by Mr. *Marks* the Valuators based their valuation of the building on its actual cost, and that was established by affidavit; but in respect to the *Needing* Hotel, there was no affidavit of the labor employed, nor of the materials used. Mr. *Oliver* promised to transmit such an affidavit, but none was received by the Valuators. They reported the claim presented by the *Needing* Hotel Company as excessive, and they disclaim having valued it, but made a special report to the Government, in which they question the validity of the claim. It is as follows:—

“In the claim of the *Needing* Hotel Company, we are not prepared to recognize the erection of this hotel, commenced in July, 1875, about six months after the reservation of the property had been made.”

Notwithstanding the clearly expressed opinions of the Valuators, and without requiring proof of the correctness of the accounts, or even subjecting them to an examination, the amount claimed was paid in full to *Oliver, Davidson & Co.* Had any examination been made, it would at once have been discovered that an item of \$500 was twice charged for the two lots on which the hotel stands. (This sum was refunded to the Government by Mr. *Brown* immediately after the double payment was discovered by your Committee.) It would also have revealed a discrepancy of \$82 in the account for hardware, between the amount of the account and the vouchers attached thereto. Your Committee also found, included in the \$5,029 paid the *Needing* Hotel Company, the sum of \$500 charged for damages, but it has not been shown to the satisfaction of your Committee that any damage had been sustained by the Company. Mr. *Reid*, one of the Valuators, in his evidence said that, if interest had been allowed on the expenditure, the Company would have been willing to forego the claim for damages. An amount of one hundred dollars was charged in the account for interest, as well as the \$500 for damages, and both were paid.

Your Committee is of opinion that the Government was grossly over-charged in this transaction, as it was understood by the Valuers that the *Needing Hotel Company* only asked to be re-imbursed the cost of the building and of the land.

Your Committee directs attention to the large discrepancy between the quantity of material charged in the account of *Oliver, Davidson & Co.*, and which was paid by the Government, and that which *Henderson*, the builder, admitted having received. His statement of the materials which were used in the building, was confirmed by *Mr. Taylor*, an Engineer, who carefully measured them last year. *Mr. Law*, a builder, gave substantially the same evidence as to the quantity of material. The lumber and other material received by *Henderson* for the building from *Oliver, Davidson & Co.*, but not used by him, as well as a quantity of hardware, have not been accounted for to the satisfaction of your Committee.

After having heard and weighed the evidence which has been adduced during the enquiry, your Committee find it difficult to believe that the persons who enriched themselves at the expense of the people of *Canada* had not in some way ascertained, in advance of the public, that the Government had determined to locate the terminus of the *Canadian Pacific Railway* on the town plot of *Fort William*, and in this connection your Committee call attention to the following evidence:—

Messrs. Clark and Savigny, of *Toronto*, testified before your Committee that in the fall of 1874, *Mr. Davidson*, of *Oliver, Davidson & Co.*, had told each of them that he had been informed on very high authority that the terminus would be in the town plot, and that he had shown to each of them a plan or tracing, on which the lots required for the railway were "colored in lake or pink;" that this coloring delineated with strict accuracy the lots which were afterwards taken by the Government; that *Messrs. Clark and Savigny* related to your Committee the circumstances which had impressed upon their memories, beyond the possibility of error, the date of *Mr. Davidson's* conversation, and that it could not have been held later in the season than the time named by them. *Mr. Davidson* stated that the conversations referred to by *Messrs. Clark and Savigny* took place in the early part of 1875, and that he had obtained his information from his Solicitor, *Mr. Leys*, who, he believed, had got it in the Crown Lands Department at *Toronto*, and where, he believed, he also had got the plan of the town plot whereon the railway reserve was colored.

Mr. Leys testified substantially to the same effect. *Mr. Mackenzie* (the Prime Minister) in his evidence before your Committee stated that, in the autumn of 1874, he had written to *Mr. Pardee*, the Commissioner of Crown Lands of *Ontario*, informing him that the railway would probably go in the direction of the town plot, and requesting him to prevent, as far as possible, the taking up of lands there for speculative purposes.

Mr. Mackenzie also stated in his evidence that, when he requested the Department of Justice to appoint *Mr. Brown* to act with the Valuers, he was not aware that *Mr. Brown* was one of the firm of *Oliver, Davidson, & Co.*, but your Committee submits that he might have been aware of it, for in the return (No. 52) to an Address of the Senate, which has been laid upon the tables of both Houses of Parliament during the present Session, will be found: "Articles of agreement (entered into on the 9th day of February, 1875), made in duplicate between *Adam Oliver*, of the Town of *Ingersoll*, County of *Oxford*, Province of *Ontario*, lumber merchant; *Joseph Davidson* of the City of *Toronto*, County of *York*, Province of *Ontario*, lumberer; and *Peter Johnson Brown*, of the said town of *Ingersoll*, Esq., carrying on together the business of contractors, as partners under the name, style and firm of '*Oliver, Davidson & Company*,' of the first part, and Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, represented herein by the Minister of Public Works of the Dominion of *Canada*, of the second part, etc." These articles of agreement were for the construction of the *Canadian Pacific Telegraph* from *Lake Superior* to the *Red River*, and were signed first by *Messrs. Oliver, Davidson and Brown*, and, underneath, on behalf of the Queen, by *Mr. Mackenzie*, the Minister of Public Works, and countersigned by *F. Brown*, the Secretary of the Department.

All which is respectfully submitted.

M. A. GIRARD,
Chairman.

The Honorable Mr. *Macpherson* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Haythorne* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*,

That all the words after "Report" be struck out and the following substituted:—

"That they have made diligent enquiries into all the matters submitted to them, have held 29 sittings, examined 29 witnesses on oath; inspected numerous maps, plans and documents, and have arrived at the following conclusions:—

"1st. That the selection of the *Kaministiquia River* as the western harbour of the *Canada Pacific Railway* on *Lake Superior* was most judicious; inasmuch as the said river affords ample space for wharfage, where vessels may lie in deep water, protected from all winds, and discharge or load alongside the rails.

"2nd. That access to the said river in its present state is neither difficult nor dangerous for ordinary lake steam vessels, drawing ten feet, or even more, and that it may be rendered both easy and safe for vessels drawing 13 feet, by the expenditure of a comparatively small sum in dredging.

"3rd. That the dredging operations already effected on the bar have proved successful, and demonstrate beyond doubt the practicability of obtaining 13 feet of water there, with a channel 66 feet wide, by the expenditure of \$18,050, and that any additional width of channel which may be deemed necessary, may be obtained by a proportionate outlay. On this and other points connected therewith, your Committee may be allowed to refer to the valuable evidence of Colonel *Kingsford*, who was specially employed to report on the capabilities respectively of the *Kaministiquia* and *Prince Arthur's Landing*.

"4th. That, in view of the prospective increase in the size and draft of vessels navigating the lakes, the *Kaministiquia* may, without difficulty, be adapted to such increase, its bed being composed of alluvial deposits easily removed by dredging.

"5th. That several Master Mariners and Engineers of large experience have given in evidence their opinions, and agree as to the unrivalled capabilities of the *Kaministiquia*, and its special adaptation for the purposes contemplated.

Captain *James B. Symes* gave his experience as to the periods when he had entered or left the river and harbour of *Thunder Bay*, and confirmed it by extracts from his ships' log books extending over nine years, from 1869 to 1877 inclusive.

"6th. That an ample area for station grounds, conveniently situated on the river's bank, has been secured on favourable terms, and that in the opinion of your Committee the Valutors appointed by Government performed the difficult duty of treating with the owners of a number of town plots for the purchase thereof, with discretion, firmness and integrity.

"7th. That the rival Port at *Prince Arthur's Landing*, though it undoubtedly possesses many advantages for ordinary traffic, is not so well adapted for a harbour and terminus as the *River Kaministiquia* and grounds adjacent; and in this opinion your Committee consider they are fully sustained by the valuable and independent testimony of Colonel *Kingsford*.

"All which is respectfully submitted."

The question being put thereon; the Committee divided; and the names were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

Haythorne,
Scott,

Simpson.—3.

NON-CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

Aikins,
Girard,
Macpherson,

Sutherland,
Vidal,
Wilmot.—6.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and

The Report was then adopted, without amendment, on the same division.

The Honorable Mr. Macpherson moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Sutherland,

That the motions, proceedings and votes of the Committee on this reference be reported to the House.

The question being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative.

M. A. GIRARD,

Chairman of the Committee.

(For Proceedings of Committee, Vide Appendix No. 4.)

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Girard, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Dickey, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House on Friday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act to provide for the better auditing of the Public Accounts," as amended,

The Honorable Mr. Scott moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Pelletier,

That the said Bill, as amended, be now read a third time.

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

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act further securing the Independence of Parliament."

In the Committee.

The Title read and postponed.

The Preamble read and postponed.

The first Clause was read and amended as follows:

It was moved to leave out Sub-Section B, which was agreed to on the following division:

CONTENTS,—38.

NON-CONTENTS,—20.

It was moved to leave out,—

Page 1, line 13.—"Clerk of the Peace," which was agreed to on the following division:—

CONTENTS,—37.

NON-CONTENTS,—18.

The following eight Clauses were read and agreed to:—

The tenth Clause was read and, on a division, amended as follows:—
 Page 3, line 37.—Leave out from “Senate” to “shall” in line 41, and after
 “contract” insert “or.”
 Page 3, line 42.—Leave out “matter or thing.”
 Page 3, line 46.—Leave out “employment” and after “contract” insert “or.”
 Page 3, line 47.—Leave out “matter or thing.”
 It was then moved that the following Clause be added as Clause A:—
 Page 4, line ult.—After “subject” insert

Clause A.

“No member of the Senate or of the House of Commons of *Canada*, shall be
 “appointed to any office, commission or employment, permanent or temporary, in the
 “service of *Canada*, to which any salary, fee, wages, allowances or emolument or
 “profit of any kind is attached, unless he has ceased for twelve months previous to
 “hold a seat in the said Senate or House of Commons of *Canada*.”

Which was negatived.

The Title again read and agreed to.

The Preamble again read and agreed to.

After some time the House was resumed, and
 The Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, from the said Committee, reported that they had
 gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain
 amendments.

Ordered, That the said amendments be now received.

And the same being read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,
 it was

Ordered, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House
 to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the
 Select Committee of the Senate appointed to enquire:—

“1st. Whether the *Fort Frances* Lock when completed can be used for the
 purposes of commerce, in connection with the Canadian *Pacific* Railway, so as to form
 part of the through communication from *Lake Superior* to *Manitoba*, and if not,
 what improvements will be indispensable (in addition to the said *Fort Frances* Lock)
 to afford unbroken communication for Steamers between the Railway Stations of *Port*
Savanne (*Lac des Mille Lacs*) and *Keewatin* (*Rat Portage*) and the probable cost of
 such improvements?

“2nd. What will be the use to the Dominion of the said *Fort Frances* Lock if it
 cannot be used for the purposes of Commerce, in connection with the *Canada Pacific*
 Railway, so as to form part of the said through communication?

“3rd. What is the distance between the said Lock and the point nearest to it on
 the *Canada Pacific* Railway?

“4th. What are the dimensions of the said Lock, its estimated and probable cost,
 the amount expended upon it and upon works connected with it, or in any way
 incidental to it, so far as is known; the appropriation from which the money
 expended upon it has been taken; whether such application of the money has been
 in all cases according to law, and whether the said Lock is being built by contract
 or otherwise?

“5th. And generally to inquire into all matters relating to the *Fort Frances* Lock.”
 On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Macpherson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr.
Campbell, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled :
 "An Act to amend the Act respecting the Election of Members of the House of
 Commons."

The Honorable Mr. *Ryan*, with leave of the House, presented a Petition from
 His Honor Chief Justice *Meredith* and their Honors Judges *Stuart*, *Bossé*, *Casault*,
McCord, *Caron*, *Johnson*, *MacKay*, *Torrance*, *Dorion*, *Rainville*, and *Papineau* of the
 Superior Court for the Province of *Quebec*, praying against certain provisions of the
 Bill intituled : "An Act to amend the Act respecting the elections of Members of the House
 of Commons," imposing certain duties on Judges.

Ordered, That the said Petition be now read and received.

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Pelletier* then moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*,
 That the said Bill intituled : "An Act to amend the Act respecting the Elections
 of Members of the House of Commons," be now read a second time.

After Debate,

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

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*,
 it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House
 to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled : "An Act to amend the Law
 respecting Building Societies," was read a second time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Allan*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*,
 it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Committee on Banking, Commerce
 and Railways.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a
 Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled : "An Act to amend the Law relating
 to Stamps on Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange."

In the Committee.

The Title read and postponed.

The Preamble read and postponed.

The five first Clauses read and agreed to.

It was then moved that the following Clauses be added as Clauses A and B.

Page 2, line 9.—After "thereto" insert Clause A and Clause B.

Clause A.

"After a note or instrument requiring to be stamped under this Act has been
 settled or paid, no penalty shall be enforced against any party thereto, or against
 any person or corporation who had been the holder thereof, by reason of such note
 or instrument having been insufficiently stamped, or the stamps thereon insufficiently
 effaced; unless it be proved, that the party from whom a penalty is demanded, was
 aware before, or at the date, of the maturity of such note or instrument, of the
 defect in the stamping thereof, or in the effacing of the stamps thereon, and did not
 thereupon affix double stamps thereto, in the manner provided by this Act. And
 the reception of such note or instrument by any party to such note or instrument,
 or by the holder thereof, whether such holder be a Corporation or not, or by any
 employer or agent of such party or holder, shall not be evidence sufficient to justify
 a conviction or such penalty."

Clause B.

"7. Neither the said Act nor any Act amending the same nor this Act shall be construed to require that any stamp be impressed on or affixed to any instrument executed *en brevet* or otherwise before a Notary in his official capacity."

The sixth Clause was read and agreed to.

Title again read and agreed to.

Preamble again read and agreed to.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Ryan* from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the said amendments be now received.

And the same being read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act for the amendment of the Law of Evidence in certain cases of misde-meanour,"

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, 2nd May, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker;

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Botford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Shead,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Witnot.</i>

PRAYERS:

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Wilmot*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bellerose*, it was

Ordered, That owing to his illness, the Honorable Mr. *Ferguson* have leave of absence during the remainder of the Session.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act further securing the "Independence of Parliament,"

The Honorable Mr. *Pelletier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*,

That the amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole, and which is as follows, viz:—"Page 1, line 10.—Leave out from 'attached' to 'No' in line 12," be rescinded.

The question of concurrence being put thereon; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hop,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wark.—18.</i>
<i>Christie, (Speaker),</i>	<i>McClelan (Hopewell),</i>		

NON-CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Glazier,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Potsford,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McLelan (Londonderry),</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Wilmot.—36.</i>

So it passed in the negative.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,

That the amendment made in the Committee of the Whole, and which is as follows:—"Page 1, line 13.—Leave out 'Clerk of the Peace,'" be rescinded.

The question of concurrence being put thereon; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Power,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hop,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wark.—18.</i>
<i>Christie (Speaker),</i>	<i>McClelan (Hopewell),</i>		

NON-CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>
<i>Alexander</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Kuulbach,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McLelan (Londonderry),</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Wilmot.—36.</i>

So it passed in the negative.

The Honorable Mr. *Dickey* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Girard*, That Clause ten of the Bill, as amended, in Committee, be *re-considered* and struck out.

After Debate,

The Honorable Mr. *Allan* moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macpherson*,

To leave out all the words after "That" and insert "the debate on the said motion be postponed until to-morrow."

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, on a division, resolved in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, the same was, on a division, resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee of the Senate appointed to enquire:—

"1st. Whether the *Fort Frances Lock* when completed can be used for the purposes of commerce, in connection with the Canadian *Pacific Railway*, so as to form part of the through communication from *Lake Superior* to *Manitoba*, and if not, what improvements will be indispensable (in addition to the said *Fort Frances Lock*) to afford unbroken communication for Steamers between the Railway Stations of *Port Savanne (Lac des Mille Lacs)* and *Keewatin (Rat Portage)* and the probable cost of such improvements?

"2nd. What will be the use to the Dominion of the said *Fort Frances Lock* if it cannot be used for the purposes of Commerce, in connection with the *Canada Pacific Railway*, so as to form part of the said communication?

"3rd. What is the distance between the said *Lock* and the point nearest to it on the *Canada Pacific Railway*?

"4th. What are the dimensions of the said *Lock*, its estimated and probable cost, the amount expended upon it and upon works connected with it, or in any way incidental to it, so far as is known; the appropriation from which the money expended upon it has been taken; whether such application of the money has been in all cases according to law, and whether the said *Lock* is being built by contract or otherwise?

"5th. And generally to inquire into all matters relating to the *Fort Frances Lock*."

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Macpherson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macfarlane*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Act respecting the Elections of Members of the House of Commons."

In the Committee.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Dickey*, from the said Committee, reported that they had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General under his sign manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

Dufferin.

The Governor General transmits to the Senate copies of a correspondence which has passed with Her Majesty's Government, respecting the inclusion within the Boundaries of the Dominion of Territories on the North American Continent.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Ottawa, 2nd May, 1878.

(*For Correspondence, Vide Sessional Papers, No. 127.*)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House "Reports "Railway Statistics of *Canada*, and Capital, Traffic and Working Expenditure of the "Railways of the Dominion, 1866-7."

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 96.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 12th March, 1878, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, any correspondence that the Government may have had respecting the sale of Canadian built ships in *France*, on the same favorable terms as are enjoyed by vessels of British construction; also, any information that the Government may be able to give to this House relative to the admission of French products into this country on more favourable terms than at present.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 70.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 8th March, 1878, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House,

copies of all Orders in Council, on the subject of the lands at the place known by the name of *Rat River Settlement*, and on the *Red River*, in the County of *Provencher*, as well as in the settlement of *La Petite Pointe de Chénes*, in the Parish of *Lorette*, in the County of *Selkirk*, in the Province of *Manitoba*, taken possession of by actual settlement before or after the admission of the North-Western Territory into the Dominion, without regard to the improvements made upon those lands.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 128.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House, a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 26th March, 1878; praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a copy of all Contracts, Telegrams and agreements made in and about, and relating to the Service of the Marine and Fishery Department at *Prince Edward Island*, since the entry of said Island into the Dominion, in July, 1873.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 129.*)

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Wark*,

The House adjourned.

Friday, 3rd May, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Cornwall,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bowinot,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Glazier,</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Gutvremont,</i>	<i>Odell,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	

PRAYERS

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), from the Committee on Banking Commerce and Railways, to whom was referred the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Law respecting Building Societies," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 1, line ult.—After "Societies" insert "carrying on business in the Province of Ontario."

In the Title of the Bill.

After "Societies" insert "carrying on business in the Province of Ontario."

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Allan*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill with two amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House, a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 25th April, 1878; praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, the Report made to the Government by the Honorable *A. Morris*, Commissioner under the Act 38 *Victoria*, Chapter 53, on the putting into execution of that law and its operation in the Province of *Manitoba*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 132.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House, a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 14th March, 1878, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all contracts, specifications, advertisements, notices or information on which tenders were invited for the construction of Houses for the Engineers on the Branch of the *Canada Pacific Railway* from *Fort William* to *Selkirk*—giving the names of the papers in which such advertisements or notices appeared, the number of insertions given, the cost of each House and the distance of each from the eastern terminus, the names of the contractors or persons negotiating for such contracts, the number of Houses built to the present time, with the amount paid the contractor or contractors on each contract and the number of those Houses destroyed by fire, if any.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 20 k.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House, "Supplement No. 3 to the Tenth Annual Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, being for the Fiscal year ended 30th June, 1877; Reports of the Chairmen of the Boards of Steamboat Inspection and Examiners of Masters and Mates; The *Toronto*, *Montreal*, *Quebec* and *Pictou* Harbour Commissioners; The Pilotage Authorities; The

Harbour and Shipping Masters; The Port Wardens, and on the Harbour Police of *Montreal* and *Quebec*; together with statement of Wrecks and Casualties, and list of rewards for saving Life chiefly up to the 31st December, 1877."

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 1.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Penny* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a Return giving copies of the Bill of Complaint and the Decree in the suit of Her Majesty's Attorney General for *Canada*, versus *Hawes*, now pending in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice in *England*, and of the Reports or Letters from the Solicitors in *England*, in charge of the case, to the Department of Justice, shewing the result so far of the proceedings in the suit.

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

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

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made in Committee of the Whole House to the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Law relating to Stamps on Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange," and

The same being again read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act for the amendment of the Law of Evidence in certain cases of misdemeanour,"

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Allan*,

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

After Debate,

The Honorable Mr. *Bellerose* moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*,

To leave out the word "now," and after "time" to insert "*this day three months.*"

The question of concurrence being put thereon; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

Armand,
Baillargeon,
Bellerose,
Botford,
Brown,
Bureau,
Chaffers,
Chapais,
Cormier,

Dever,
Dickey,
Dumouchel,
Fabre,
Ferrier,
Flint,
Girard,
Guvremont.

Hamilton (Inkerman),
Haviland,
Haythorne,
Hope,
Leonard,
McLelan (Londonderry),
Muirhead,
Paquet,

Penny,
Pozer,
Read,
Reesor,
Ryan,
Simpson,
Trudel,
Wark.—33.

NON-CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>McClelan (Hopewell),</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Stevens.—23.</i>
<i>Christie (Speaker),</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, *as amended*, the same was also resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Seventh Report of the Joint Committee of the Senat and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, and

The same being again read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Reesor*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Eighth Report of the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, and

The same being again read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Second Report of the Select Committee appointed to continue the investigation and to inquire into all the questions relating to the purchase of the property at *Fort William* for a terminus of the Canadian *Pacific* Railway,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Girard*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Alexander*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendment made by the Committee of the Whole House to the Bill intituled: "An Act further securing the Independence of Parliament,"

The Honorable Mr. *Dickey* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Girard*,

That Clause ten of the Bill, as amended in Committee, be reconsidered and struck out.

The question of concurrence being put thereon; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken as follow:—

CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Pdquet,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dumonchel,</i>	<i>McLelan (Londonderry),</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Botford,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Wilmot.—37.</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>			

NON-CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>J'abre,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Felletier,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Christie (Speaker),</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	<i>Wark.—19.</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>McClelan (Hopewell),</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>	

So it was resolved in the affirmative, and
Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Allan* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*,

That the following be substituted for the 10th Clause of the said Bill, intituled :
 " An Act further securing the Independence of Parliament."

" No person being a member of the Senate, shall directly or indirectly, knowingly and wilfully be a party to, or concerned in, any contract under which the public money of *Canada* is to be paid, and if any person, being a member of the Senate, shall knowingly and wilfully become a party to or concerned in any such contract, he shall thereby forfeit the sum of two hundred dollars for each and every day during which he continues to be such party or so concerned, and such sum may be recovered from him by any person who will sue for the same, by action of debt, bill, plaint or information, in any Court of competent civil jurisdiction in *Canada* ; provided always, this section shall not prevent any Senator, who, at the passing of this Act, has any contract for which the public money of *Canada* is to be paid, from completing such contract, or render him liable to the penalties imposed by this section, nor shall it render any Senator liable for such penalties, by reason of his being a shareholder in any incorporated Company, having a contract or agreement with the Government of *Canada*, except Companies undertaking contracts for the building of public works, and any Company incorporated for the construction or working of any part of the *Pacific Railway*."

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was on a division, resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,

That the remainder of the amendments made in Committee of the Whole be agreed to.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, on a division, resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Then on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for again putting the House into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled : " An Act to amend the Act respecting the Elections of Members of the House of Commons,"

The Honorable Mr. *Ryan* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*,

That it be an instruction to the said Committee to amend the said Bill as follows :—

Page 6, line 3.—Leave out from “a” to “ordinarily” on line 4, and insert “Prothonotary.”

Page 6, line 14.—

“ line 28.—

“ line 31.—

“ line 38.—

“ line 44.—

“ line 49.—

Page 7, line 11.—

“ line 13.—

“ line 18.—

“ line 22.—

} After “Judge” insert “or Prothonotary.”

The question of concurrence being put thereon; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Inkerman),</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Muirhead,</i>	<i>Vidal.—16.</i>

NON-CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McMaster</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Piquet,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Christie (Speaker),</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Stevens,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>McClelan (Hopewell),</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>	<i>Wilnot.—38.</i>
<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McLelan (Londonderry),</i>		

So it passed in the negative, and

The House was then, according to Order, adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the said Bill intituled: “An Act to amend the Act respecting the Elections of Members of the House of Commons.

In the Committee.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Pelletier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*,

That the said Bill be now read a third time.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, on a division, resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was, on a division, resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk to return the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the *Ontario Express and Transportation Company*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk in the following words:—

HOUSE OF COMMONS,
Friday, 3rd May, 1878.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate, informing their Honors that this House hath passed an Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the North-Easterly, Northerly and North-Westerly Boundaries of *Canada*, and declaring it desirable that an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland* should be passed defining the same, and requesting their Honors to unite with this House in the said Address.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message to the Senate.

Attest.

ALFRED PATRICK,
Clerk of the Commons.

The said Address to Her Majesty, was then read by the Clerk as follows:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,—

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to approach Your Majesty for the purpose of representing:

That doubts exist regarding the Northerly and North-Easterly Boundaries of the *North-West Territories* and *Rupert's Land*, transferred to *Canada* by Order of Your Majesty in Council, of the 23rd June, 1870, incorporating the Territories of the *Hudson's Bay Company* and the *North-West Territories* with *Canada*.

That the discovery and working of minerals, in the vicinity of *Cumberland Sound*, have recently been reported, and other matters have transpired which make it important that all doubt respecting the jurisdiction of *Canada* over those parts of *British North America* should be removed with as little delay as possible.

That correspondence has taken place on the subject, between the Government of *Canada* and the Government of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, which, through the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has intimated its willingness to transfer, to the Dominion of *Canada*, all the Territories in question, and has invited an expression of the views of the Government of *Canada* respecting the propriety of Legislation for that purpose.

That it is expedient that the right of *Canada* to all of *British North America*, and the Islands adjacent thereto (not including the Province of *Newfoundland*) should be placed beyond question, and that the offer of Your Majesty's Government to transfer the said Territories to *Canada* be accepted.

That to avoid all doubt in the matter, it is desirable that an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland* should be passed defining the North-Easterly, Northerly and North-Westerly Boundaries of *Canada*, as follows, that is to say: On the East by the *Atlantic Ocean*, which boundary shall extend towards the North by *Davis Straits, Baffin's Bay, Smith's Straits and Kennedy Channel*, including all the Islands in and adjacent thereto, which belong to *Great Britain* by right of discovery or otherwise; on the North the Boundary shall be so extended as to include the entire continent to the *Arctic Ocean*, and all the Islands in the same Westward to the one hundred and forty-first meridian West of Greenwich; and on the North-West by the *United States Territory of Alaska*.

That it is desirable that the Parliament of *Canada*, on the transfer of the before mentioned Territories being completed, should have authority to legislate for their future welfare and good government, and the power to make all needful rules and regulations respecting them, the same as in the case of the other Territories; and the Parliament of *Canada* expresses its willingness to assume the duties and obligations consequent thereon.

TIMOTHY WARREN ANGLIN,
Speaker,

HOUSE OF COMMONS,
Friday, 3rd May, 1878.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, To agree with the House of Commons by filling up the blank with "*Senate and.*" The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, That His Honor the Speaker do sign the said Address on behalf of this House. The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was also resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly,

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the House of Commons, and acquaint that House that the Senate have agreed to the said Address to Her Majesty the Queen, by filling up the blank with the words "*Senate and.*"

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, in the following words:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir *Frederick Temple*, Earl of *Dufferin* Viscount and Baron *Clandeboye*, of *Clandeboye*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron *Dufferin* and *Clandeboye*, of *Ballyleidy* and *Killeleagh*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*, and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of *Saint Patrick*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of *Saint Michael* and *Saint George*, and Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of *Canada*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We the Senate of *Canada* in Parliament assembled have agreed to an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the North-Easterly, Northerly, and North-Westerly Boundaries of *Canada* declaring it desirable that an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland* should be passed defining the same and respectfully to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit the said Address in such a way as to Your Excellency may seem fit, in order that it may be laid at the Foot of the Throne.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, That His Honor the Speaker do sign the last mentioned Address on behalf of this House.

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

Ordered accordingly.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Address, to which they desire their concurrence.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*,

The House adjourned until Monday next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday, 6th May, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cochrane,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Fozer,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickey,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	

PRAYERS :

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 29th April, 1878, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House a copy of the Pilotage Rules and Regulations made by the Commissioners of Pilots for the Port of *Arichat*, in the Island of *Cape Breton*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 139.*)

The Honorable Mr. Scott, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 13th February, 1878, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, all surveys and Reports made by any Government Engineer within the last six years, in relation to the breakwater at *West Arichat*, in the Island of *Cape Breton*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 138.*)

The Honorable Mr. Bureau, from the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, presented their Ninth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows:—

COMMITTEE ROOM,
3rd May, 1878.

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament beg leave to present the following as their Ninth Report:—

The Committee carefully examined the following documents and recommend that they be printed:—

Two Returns to Addresses of last Session, Nos. 67,—Relating to the construction and building of *Ingonish Harbor, Nova Scotia* (being a reference to the Committee by the House of Commons.) (*For distribution only and without the map.*)

Return to Address,—Shewing amounts of six lowest tenders received in September or October, 1873, for Sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14 of the new *Welland Canal*, with names of tenderers; also same for 1874, &c. (*Condensed.*)

Return to Order,—Shewing receipts for Customs and Excise, *British Columbia*, for the six months ending on December 31st last; also, Customs and Excise collected on *Stickine River* for same period, &c.

Return to Address,—Report, with map, on the probable boundary line between *British Columbia* and *Alaska*, with copy of Treaty between *Great Britain* and *Russia* respecting said boundary. (*In Sessional Papers only, with Maps.*)

The Committee also recommend that the following documents be not printed:—

Report by Sandford Fleming, C.M.G., Engineer-in-Chief, in reference to the location of the line, and a Western Terminal Harbor of the Canadian *Pacific Railway*.

Return to Address.—Orders in Council relating to the recent seizure of *Mr J. K. Boswell's Brewery* in the City of *Quebec*, &c.

Return to Order,—Statement of the names of Railway Companies who entered in Bond, since 1st July, 1867, Locomotives, Engines, Cars, or other Railway Stock, &c.

Return to Order,—Correspondence relating to the dismissal of *R. McNeil, Esq.*, as Shipping Officer at *Little Glace Bay, Cape Breton County*.

Report Progress of the Geological Survey of Canada, by *A. R. C. Selwyn, F.R.S., F.G.S.*, Director, for the year 1876-7.

Message,—Transmitting correspondence with Her Majesty's Government respecting the inclusion within the boundaries of the Dominion of territories on the North American Continent.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON,
Chairman.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Bureau, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Pease, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee of the Senate appointed to enquire:—

“1st. Whether the *Fort Frances* Lock when completed can be used for the purposes of commerce, in connection with the *Canadian Pacific* Railway, so as to form part of the through communication from *Lake Superior* to *Manitoba*, and if not, what improvements will be indispensable (in addition to the said *Fort Frances* Lock) to afford unbroken communication for Steamers between the Railway Stations of *Port Savanne (Lac des Mille Lacs)* and *Keewatin (Rat Portage)* and the probable cost of such improvements?

“2nd. What will be the use to the Dominion of the said *Fort Frances* Lock if it cannot be used for the purposes of Commerce, in connection with the *Canada Pacific* Railway, so as to form part of the said communication?

“3rd. What is the distance between the said Lock and the point nearest to it on the *Canada Pacific* Railway?

“4th. What are the dimensions of the said Lock, its estimated and probable cost, the amount expended upon it and upon works connected with it, or in any way incidental to it, so far as is known; the appropriation from which the money expended upon it has been taken; whether such application of the money has been in all cases according to law, and whether the said Lock is being built by contract or otherwise?

“5th. And generally to inquire into all matters relating to the *Fort Frances* Lock.”

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Macpherson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McLelan*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow, and that it do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that Day.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Second Report of the Select Committee appointed to continue the investigation and to inquire into all the questions relating to the purchase of the property at *Fort William* for a terminus of the *Canadian Pacific* Railway,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Girard*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Read*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill “intituled: “An Act to amend the Act Chapter Eleven, Thirty-eighth *Victoria*, “intituled: ‘An Act to establish a Supreme Court and a Court of Exchequer for the “Dominion of *Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk to return the Bill intituled: “An Act to amend the law respecting Building Societies,” and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the said Bill, without any amendment.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 7th May, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Paquet,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>			

PRAYERS :

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee of the Senate appointed to enquire :—

"1st. Whether the *Fort Frances* Lock when completed can be used for the purposes of commerce, in connection with the Canadian *Pacific* Railway, so as to form part of the through communication from *Lake Superior* to *Manitoba*, and if not, what improvements will be indispensable (in addition to the said *Fort Frances* Lock) to afford unbroken communication for Steamers between the Railway Stations of *Port Savanne (Lac des Mille Lacs)* and *Kewatin (Rat Portage)* and the probable cost of such improvements ?

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"4th. What are the dimensions of the said Lock, its estimated and probable cost, the amount expended upon it and upon works connected with it, or in any way incidental to it, so far as is known; the appropriation from which the money expended upon it has been taken; whether such application of the money has been in all cases according to law, and whether the said Lock is being built by contract or otherwise ?

"5th. And generally to inquire into all matters relating to the *Fort Frances* Lock."

And the same being again read by the Clerk,

The Honorable Mr. *Macpherson* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, That the said Report be adopted.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was, *on a division*, resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Second Report of the Select Committee appointed to continue the investigation and to inquire into all the questions relating to the purchase of the property at *Fort William* for a terminus of the Canadian *Pacific* Railway,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Girard*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Read*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow, and that it do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that Day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Ninth Report of the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, and

The same being read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Act Chapter Eleven, Thirty-eighth *Victoria*, intituled: 'An Act to establish a Supreme Court and a Court of Exchequer for the Dominion of *Canada*,'"

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

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

The said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 11th April, 1878, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a Return of all duties of Excise for this Dominion for the months of July, August, September, October, November, December, 1877, and the months of January, February and March of 1878, as well as the months of April, May and June of 1877.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 141*)

The Honorable Mr. *Scott*, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 8th March, 1878, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House the following Return:—

1st. The total quantities and their value of the Square White Pine, Pine Board Timber, Pine Masts and Spars, Square Timber of Oak, Elm, Ash, Whitewood, Walnut, Hickory, Red Pine or any other Hewn Timber.

2nd. The total quantities, description and the value of the Red and White Oak Staves.

3rd. The total quantities and their value of Sawed Lumber, in White and Red Pine, Walnut, Whitewood, Oak, Elm, Ash or any other sawed lumber, imported into Canada by water or by rail between the 1st April, 1877, and 1st January, 1878, from the United States of America, and at what Port or Station they were delivered for landing or for shipment from Canada.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 139*)

The Honorable Mr. Scott, Secretary of State, presented to the House a Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 3rd May, 1878, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a Return giving copies of the Bill of Complaint and the Decree in the suit of Her Majesty's Attorney General for Canada, versus *Hawes*, now pending in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice in England and of the Reports or Letters from the Solicitors in England in charge of the case, to the Department of Justice, shewing the result so far of the proceedings in the suit.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 143*)

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk in the following words:—

HOUSE OF COMMONS,
Monday, 6th May, 1878.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their Honors that this House disagrees to their amendments to the Bill (No. 52) intituled: "An Act to amend 'The Canadian Pacific Railway Act, 1874,'" for the following reasons:—

Because it is contrary to the uniform practice of Parliament that contracts into which the Executive is authorized to enter should be made subject to the approval of the Upper Chamber.

Because in recognition of the practice the Executive was authorized by the Canadian Pacific Railway Act of 1874, to make all contracts for the construction of that great work subject to the approval of the House of Commons only.

Because in further recognition of the practice the Executive was by the same Act authorized to make contracts for leasing or working one of the Branch Railways in connection with any other Railway subject to the approval of the House of Commons only.

Because on the principle on which the approval of the Senate was not required to such contracts, it ought not to be required to a contract for leasing or working another of the Branch Railways.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message to the Senate.

Attest.

ALFRED PATRICK,
Clerk of the Commons.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons, and carry back the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend The Canadian *Pacific* Railway Act, 1874," and acquaint them that the Senate doth insist on their amendments made to the said Bill to which the Commons disagree, and for the following reasons, *viz* :—

1. That the Senate doth insist on the said amendment for the reason that without it the Bill would provide for the disposal of public property for a term of years without obtaining the sanction of both Houses to the terms of the transfer.

2. And for the reason that the terms of the lease of a railway running to a foreign country, and forming the only outlet for the Province of *Manitoba* and the *North-West Territories*, until the completion of the *Pacific* Railway easterly from *Red River*, involve questions of public policy likely materially to affect the course of traffic and the prosperity of the Dominion, and is one of those agreements which should be laid on the Table of the Senate as well as on that of the Commons before becoming operative.

3. And for the reason that the practice of Parliament referred to in the first reason given in the *Message* from the House of Commons has never extended beyond contracts for the completion of Public Works, for which money voted by the Commons is in the course of being expended, other contracts having been constantly submitted for the approval of both Houses,—for example :—

(a.) The transfer of the *Windsor* Branch Railway, *Nova Scotia*, to the *Western Counties Railway Company*, and for the working it in the meantime. Resolution of the Commons, 23rd May, 1873, and of the Senate of the same day, Chap. 16 of the Statutes of 1874.

(b.) The transfer of the *Pictou* and *Truro* Railway authorized to be made to any Company constructing a Railway to the Gut of *Canso*, and to provide for its temporary disposition in the meantime. Resolution of the House of Commons, 19th May, 1874, Chap. 46 of the Statutes of 1877.

(c.) Contract for the *Ocean Mail* service in 1869 (32 and 33 *Vic.*, Chap. 5), and that in 1873 (36 *Vic.*, Chap. 33) on account of their general bearing on the trade and business of the Dominion, were made subject to ratification by both Houses of Parliament.

4. The *Pacific* Railway Act of 1874 was only submitted to the Senate towards the very close of the Sessions, and was in Committee the day before the prorogation; the Bill was not considered clause by clause, and the provision for leasing a Branch Railway to connect the Eastern terminus of the *Pacific* Railway with existing or proposed lines of Railway escaped observation, or it would not have been sanctioned.

The question of concurrence being put thereon; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow :—

CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

Aikins,
Alexander,
Allan,
Armand,
Bellerose,
Benson,
Botsford,
Bourinot,
Campbell,

Carrall,
Chapais,
Dever,
Dickson,
Dumouchel,
Ferrier,
Flint,
Girard,
Glasier,

Hamilton (Kingston),
Haviland,
Howlan,
Kaulbach,
McLelan (Londonderry),
Macfarlane,
Macpherson,
Mills,
Montgomery,

Read,
Ryan,
Seymour,
Skead,
Smith,
Trudel,
Vidal,
Wilmot.—35.

NON-CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Christie (Speaker),</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>McClelan (Hopewell),</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>	<i>Wark.—20.</i>

So it was resolved in the affirmative, and
Ordered accordingly.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk in the following words :—

HOUSE OF COMMONS,
Monday, 6th May, 1878.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Address to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to transmit the Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty, on the subject of the North-Easterly, Northorly and North Westorly Boundaries of *Canada*, and declaring it desirable that an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland* should be passed defining the same in such a way as to His Excellency may seem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne, by filling up the blank with the words "and Commons."

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message to the Senate.

Attest.

ALFRED PATRICK,
Clerk of the Commons.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, That the said Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty, and also the Joint Address to His Excellency the Governor General, be presented to His Excellency by such Members of this House as are Members of the Privy Council.

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

Ordered accordingly.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk to return the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors," and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Senate.

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

Page 5, line 40.—Leave out from "papers" to "all."

Page 6, line 12.—Leave out "of" where it occurs the second time and insert "or."

Page 6, line 27.—Leave out from "ballot" to "shall" and insert "of each voter shall be a printed paper in this Act called a ballot paper, with a counterfoil, and the ballot paper and counterfoil."

Page 6, line 45.—After "officer" insert "or any Deputy Returning officer."

Page 9, line 3.—After "on" insert "on the back of."

Page 9, line 4.—Leave out from “initials” to “Provided” in line 5, and insert “so placed that when the ballot is folded they can be seen without opening it; and on the counterfoil to which he shall have placed a number-corresponding to that opposite the voter’s name on the voters’ list.”

Page 9, line 7.—Leave out from “paper” to “take” in line 8.

Page 9, line 32.—Leave out from “paper” to “shall” in line 33.

Page 9, line 37.—Leave out from “up” to “every” in line 43, and insert “so that the initials on the back can be seen without opening it, and hand it to the Deputy Returning Officer, who shall, without unfolding it, ascertain by examining his initials and the number upon the counterfoil, that it is the same that he furnished to the elector, and shall first detach and destroy the counterfoil, and shall then immediately, and in the presence of the elector, place the ballot paper in the ballot box.”

Page 9, line 46.—Leave out from “paper” to “out” in line 47.

Page 10, line 7.—Leave out from “paper” to “in” in line 8.

Page 11, line 15.—Leave out from “paper” to “given” and leave out from “that” to “cannot” in line 16 and insert “it.”

Page 11, line 18.—Leave out from “paper” to “in.”

Page 11, line 25.—Leave out from “officer” to “and” in line 29.

Page 11, line 29.—Leave out “finally.”

Page 13, line 44.—Leave out from “papers” to “and” in line 45.

Page 15, line 2.—Leave out from “paper” to “or.”

Page 23, line 10.—After “annual” insert “or semi-annual.”

Page 25, line 32.—Leave out “lager” and insert “ale or.”

Page 25, line 39.—Leave out “lager” and insert “ale or.”

Page 28, line 11.—After “Justices” insert “of the Peace.”

Page 32, line 8.—Leave out from “kegs” to “or” where it occurs the first time on line 9.

Page 36, line 22.—Leave out from “ballots” to “voters.”

Page 37.—At the end of Schedule E insert the following:—



The dotted line will be a line of perforation for easily detaching the counterfoil.

Page 38, line 9.—Leave out from “only” to “and” in line 10 and insert “with the number and the initials of the Deputy Returning Officer.”

Page 38, line 10.—After “deliver” insert “it.”

Page 38, line 13.—Leave out from “papers” to “he” in line 14.

Page 38, line 16.—After “the” where it occurs the second time insert “Ballot.”

Page 38, line 17.—Leave out from “on” to “by” and insert “it.”

Page 38, line 20.—Leave out from “paper” to “out.”

Page 40, line 2.—Leave out from “paper” to “after” in line 3.

The same being again read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Scott, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Pelletier, it was

Ordered, That the said amendments be agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate doth agree to the amendments made to the last mentioned Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. Scott moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Pelletier, That when this House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at half-past eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

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

Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Macpherson*, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the best means to be adopted to obtain correct Reports of the Debates and Proceedings of the Senate, and for the publication of the same, and to report from time to time their views to the House, presented their Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows:—

THE SENATE,

COMMITTEE ROOM,

7th May, 1878.

The Select Committee appointed to inquire into the means to be adopted to obtain correct reports of the Debates and Proceedings of the Senate, and for the publication of the same, and to report from time to time their views to the House, beg leave to report that they have considered the question of reporting the Debates of the Senate during the next Session of Parliament, and recommend that additional information be procured by the Chairman and the Honorable Messrs. *Brown* and *Campbell*.

All which is respectfully submitted.

D. I. MACPHERSON,

Chairman.

And the same being again read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Macpherson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Allan*, it was,

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, from the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, presented their Tenth Report:

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows:—

COMMITTEE ROOM,

6th May, 1878.

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament beg leave to present the following as their Tenth Report:

The Committee carefully examined the following documents and recommend that they be printed:—

Return to Address (Senate).—Copies of all documents and pleadings relating to the questions decided by the award rendered at *Halifax* on the subject of the indemnity of five million five hundred thousand dollars, under the Treaty of *Washington*, particularly the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Articles of that Treaty and all copies of all letters and despatches between Her Majesty's Government and those of the *United States of America* and of *Canada* on the same subject since the rendering of the award. (500 copies in *English* and 200 copies in the *French language*).

Return to Address (Senate).—Copies of all contracts, &c., on which tenders were invited for the construction of Houses for the Engineers on the Branch of the *Canada Pacific Railway* from *Fort William* to *Selkirk*. (*Condensed*.)

Return to Address (Senate).—Statement setting forth names of the Foreign Mutual Life and Stock Companies that have not complied with the Consolidated Insurance Act of last Session in respect of deposits for future business, &c.

*Return to Address (Senate).—*Report made by Honorable A. Morris, Commissioner under the Act 38 Vic., Cap. 53, on the putting into execution of that law and its operation in *Manitoba*.

*Report of the Select Standing Committee (House of Commons).—*On Immigration and Colonization. (20,000 copies in English and 10,000 copies in French.)

The Committee also respectfully recommend that the following documents be not printed:—

*Return to Address (Senate).—*Reports, &c., made within the last two years in connection with the enlargement of *St. Peter's Canal*, in the Island of *Cape Breton*.

Return.—Shewing the average number of Dominion Police employed during each month of the year ended 31st December, 1877, &c.

*Return to Address (Senate).—*Correspondence respecting the sale of Canadian-built ships in *France* on the same favorable terms as are enjoyed by vessels of British construction.

*Return to Address (Senate).—*On the subject of the lands at *Rat River Settlement*, and on the *Red River*, in the County of *Provencher*, &c., taken possession of for actual settlement before or after the admission of the *North-West Territory* into the Dominion.

*Return to Address (Senate).—*Contracts, &c., relating to the service of the Marine and Fishery Department at *Prince Edward Island* since July, 1873.

Return to Order.—Shewing the several sums of money paid out of the \$39,256.01 deposited in the Bank of *Montreal*, to pay certain parties for land taken for Canal purposes.

Return to Address.—Correspondence respecting the pensions for public officers who were in the service of *British Columbia* at the date of Union, 1871.

*Return to Address (Senate).—*Reports, &c., connected with the improvement of the navigation of the River *St. John*, at the *Oromocto Shoals*.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON,

Chairman.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Reesor* it was

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton (Kingston)*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*,

The House adjourned until to-morrow at half past eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Wednesday, 8th May, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Ressor,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Macfarlane,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bourinot,</i>	<i>Glasier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Sutherland,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>			

PRAYERS :

The Honorable Mr. *Miller* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Pilotage Rules and Regulations made by the Commissioners of Pilots for the Ports of *Pictou*, *Sydney* and *North Sydney*, and approved by the Governor in Council.

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

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Bellerose*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Fabre*, it was

Ordered, That the Fourteenth Rule of this House be suspended.

Then, the Honorable Mr. *Bellerose* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Fabre*, That copies of all documents and pleadings relating to the questions decided by the award rendered at *Halifax* on the subject of the indemnity of five million five hundred thousand dollars, under the Treaty of *Washington*, particularly the Twenty-second and Twenty-third Articles of that Treaty, and copies of all letters and despatches between Her Majesty's Government and those of the *United States of America* and of *Canada* on the same subject, since the rendering of the award laid before this House, in Return to an Address on the Twenty-fourth day of April last, be translated into French under the superintendence of the Clerk of the Senate, by persons to be selected for that purpose by the Honorable Messieurs *Chapais* and *Bureau*.

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

Ordered accordingly.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Second Report of the Select Committee appointed to continue the investigation and to inquire into all the questions relating to the purchase of the property at *Fort William* for a terminus of the Canadian *Pacific* Railway.

And the same being again read by the Clerk,
The Honorable Mr. *Girard* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Atkins*,
That the said Second Report be adopted.

After Debate,

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The question of concurrence being put on the Honorable Mr. *Girard's* motion, viz. :—

That the Second Report of the Select Committee appointed to continue the inquiry into the purchase of property at *Fort William* be adopted ;

The House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow :—

CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McLelan (Londonderry),</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Rotsford,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Wilmot.—30.</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>		

NON-CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Christie, (Speaker),</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	<i>Wark.—18.</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>McClelan (Hopewell),</i>		

So it was resolved in the affirmative, and
Ordered accordingly.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to authorize the advance of certain sums to the Province of "*Manitoba*, in aid of the Public Schools therein," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the Forty-first Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it relates to the said Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

Then on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,

That when this adjourns at six o'clock this afternoon, it do stand adjourned until eight o'clock this evening,—the same to be a distinct sitting.

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

Ordered accordingly.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act for the better prevention of crimes of violence in certain parts of "Canada, until the end of the next Session of Parliament," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk with a Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Act Thirty-seventh *Victoria*, Chapter eight, intituled: "An Act to impose License Duties on Compounders of Spirits; to amend the Act "respecting the Inland Revenue, and to prevent the adulteration of Food, Drink and "Drugs," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* (*Kingston*), seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*,

The House adjourned until eight o'clock this evening.

At Eight o'clock in the evening the House met.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Howlan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Benson,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	<i>Wilmot,</i>

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Act Chapter "Eleven, Thirty-eighth *Victoria*, intituled: 'An Act to establish a Supreme Court "and a Court of Exchequer for the Dominion of *Canada*.'"

(In Committee.)

Title read and postponed.

Preamble read and postponed.

The first Clause was read and agreed to.

On the second Clause being read, it was moved to amend the same as follows:—
Page 1, line 20.—After "the" insert "Highest," which being objected to, and the Contents and Non-Contents being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS, 16.

NON-CONTENTS, 15.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Clause being again read as amended,

It was moved further to amend the same as follows:—

Page 1, line 34.—Leave out from "Majesty" to "Provided" in line 37.

Which being objected to, and the Contents and Non-Contents being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS, 16.

NON-CONTENTS, 15.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Clause being again read as amended,

It was moved further to amend the same as follows:—

Page 2, line 15.—After "by-laws" insert "for the passing of which the vote of "the freeholders or of the ratepayers is required."

Which being objected to, was, on a division resolved in the negative.

The third Clause was read and agreed to.
 Title read and agreed to.
 Preamble read and agreed to.

After some time the House was resumed, and
 The Honorable Mr. *Ryan*, from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the said amendments be now received.

And the said amendments being read a second time were agreed to.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,

That the said Bill, as amended, be now read a third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Bellerose* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Armand*,

That all the words after "be" in the main motion be left out and to insert in lieu thereof, "amended by inserting in page 2, line 14, after "by-laws" the words "for the passing of which the vote of the freeholders or of the ratepayers is required."

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Tenth Report of the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, and

The same being again read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act for the better prevention of crimes of violence in certain parts of Canada until the end of the next Session of Parliament,"

The Honorable Mr. *Pelletier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Penny*,

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

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

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

The House was then, according to Order, adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the said Bill.

In Committee.

Title read and postponed.

Preamble read and postponed.

The first five Clauses read and agreed to.

The sixth Clause read and amended, as follows:—

Page 2, line 15.—Leave out from “arms” to “are” in line 16.

Page 2, line 22.—Leave out “more than five” and insert “arms.”

The three following Clauses were read and agreed to.

The following amendment was then read and agreed to on a division:—

Page 2, line 45.—Leave out from “determine” to “The,” where it occurs the first time in page 3 line 7, and insert

“10. Whosoever is charged with having committed any offence against the provisions of the third section of this Act may be tried and dealt with by three Justices of the Peace, or by any functionary or tribunal invested by the proper Legislative Authority, with power to do alone such acts as are usually required to be done by two or more Justices of the Peace in pursuance of the Act passed in the Session held in the thirty-second and thirty-third years of Her Majesty's reign, Chapter Thirty-one, intituled: ‘An Act respecting the duties of Justices of the Peace out of Sessions, in relation to summary convictions and orders.’”

Title again read and agreed to.

Preamble again read and agreed to.

After some time the House was resumed, and The Honorable Mr. *Bellerose*, from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the said amendments be now received.

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the Forty-first Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same, as amended, be read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day, being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: “An Act to amend the Act Thirty-seventh *Victoria*, Chapter Eight intituled: ‘An Act to impose License Duties on Compounders of Spirits; to amend the Act respecting the Inland Revenue, and to prevent the adulteration of Food, Drink and Drugs.’”

The Honorable Mr. *Pelletier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*,

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

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

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly,

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the said Bill.

In Committee.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr *Haviland*, from the said Committee, reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, it was

Ordered, That the Forty-first Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Sonate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,

That when this House adjourns this evening, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at half-past eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

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

Ordered accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Botsford*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Wark*,

The House adjourned until to-morrow at half-past eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Thursday, 9th May, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McClelan,</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Miler,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Montgomery,</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Wark,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>

PRAYERS :

The Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, from the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Printing of Parliament, presented their Eleventh Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows:—

COMMITTEE ROOM,
8th May, 1878.

The Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, beg leave to present the following as their Eleventh Report:—

The Committee carefully considered the following documents, and recommend that they be printed, viz.:—

Return to Address,—Papers connected with the *Windsor and Annapolis Railway*; the *Windsor Branch and Western Counties Railway*.

Return to Order,—Report of exploration made by Mr. *Bell*, C.E., on the proposed route of the *Canada Pacific Railway*, from *Nipigon to Thunder Bay, &c.*

Return to Address (Senate),—Return of all Duties of Excise for the Dominion for July, August, September, October, November and December, 1877, &c.

Return to Address (Senate),—Bill of Complaint and the Decree in the suit of Her Majesty's Attorney-General for *Canada vs. Hawes*, now pending in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice in *England*.

The Committee would also respectfully recommend that their recommendation as contained in their Ninth Report that, "The Reports and documents in reference to the location of the line and a Western Terminal Harbor, *Canadian Pacific Railway*" be not printed, be rescinded, and would now, on re-consideration, respectfully recommend that they be printed.

The Committee also recommend that the following documents be not printed, viz.:—

Return to Address,—Orders in Council relating to the balances of appropriations of 1876-7, which may have lapsed and been carried over to the following year.

Return to Order,—Return of ranks and names of all officers who have attended and taken long or short course certificates at the "A" or "B" Battery Schools of Gunnery.

Return to Order,—Statement of all sales or leases of the Islands in the River *St. Lawrence*, lying between *Brockville and Kingston*.

Return to Address,—Correspondence with the Creditors of one *Olivier Latour* in relation to alleged forfeiture of Charter by *La Banque Nationale* by reason of its illegally trading in Lumber, &c.

Return to Address,—Order in Council fixing the rate of Tolls to be collected by the Upper *Ottawa Improvement Company* on Sawlogs and Timber.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. SIMPSON,
Chairman.

And the same being again read by the Clerk,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*,
it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by the Clerk to return the Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Law relating to Stamps on Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange."

And also the Bill intituled: "An Act to provide for the better auditing of the Public Accounts," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the said Bills without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk in the following words:—

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

Wednesday, 8th May, 1878.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their Honors that this House agrees to their third amendment to the Bill (No. 14) intituled: "An Act further securing the Independence of Parliament," and disagrees to the first and second of their amendments, for the following reasons:—

Because the independence of this House (which it is the object of the first clause amended to secure) might be impaired if persons entitled to superannuation or retiring allowances were eligible for seats in this House, as some of such recipients might be called into active service by the Administration of the day under the penalty of abandoning their pensions or allowances.

Because it might lead to the superannuation of civil servants in order to make them eligible for Election to this House whereby the public service would be injured and the independence of the House affected.

Because another class, viz: Judges, are entitled to retiring allowances only when suffering from bodily or mental infirmity disabling them from work or are retired under the discretionary power of the Government for reasons alleged to affect the administration of Justice. It would therefore tend to affect the independence of the Bench as well as interfere with the independence of this House.

As to the second amendment:—

Because it is contrary to sound policy to allow the Clerks of the Peace who are in several Provinces the custodians of the Lists of Voters which must be used at the Elections of Members of the House of Commons to become Candidates.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message to the Senate.

Attest.

ALFRED PATRICK,

Clerk of the Commons.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, That this House does not insist on the first amendment to which the Commons disagree.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Allan*,

To *Resolve*, That the said Bill intituled: "An Act further securing the Independence of Parliament" be returned to the House of Commons with a Message to the effect that the Senate doth insist on their first amendment to the said Bill, for the following reasons:—

1. Because in view of our system of Government, under which the people of the different Provinces are represented in Local Legislatures and in general Parliament, a large number of suitable representatives is needed as compared to the educated population and it is unwise to restrict the choice of the people by declaring ineligible a class likely to present from education and knowledge of affairs, persons with strong claims to the confidence of an electorate.

2. Because when once a superannuation allowance is granted under the Statutes to retired Public Officers, it becomes an indefeasable right and cannot be withheld at the discretion of Ministers of the Crown, or except for cause defined in the Statute.

3. Because the Superannuation Act is administered under the responsibility of Ministers of the Crown to Parliament, and they would be amenable to the censure of Parliament for any infringement of public or private rights in connection therewith.

4. Because the tenor of Imperial Legislation of late years has been to justify the presence of retired Civil Servants in both Houses of Parliament on account of the great public advantage to be derived from their knowledge and experience in public affairs, and no inconvenience has resulted from their liability (under any circumstances very remote) of being recalled to the Public Service.

The question of concurrence being put thereon; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Ryan,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dever,</i>	<i>Haviland,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Kaulbach,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>McLelan (Londonderry),</i>	<i>Trudel,</i>
<i>Botsford,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Wilmot.—28.</i>

NON-CONTENTS :

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Haythorne,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Christie (Speaker),</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cormier,</i>	<i>McClelan (Hopewell),</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>	<i>Wark.—18.</i>
<i>Fabre,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, the same was also resolved in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered, That the said Resolution and Reasons be communicated to the House of Commons by the Clerk of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*.

To *Resolve,* That this House does not insist on their second amendment to the said Bill, intituled: "An Act further securing the Independence of Parliament," to which the Commons disagree.

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

Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated to the House of Commons by the Clerk of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*,

That when this House adjourns this afternoon, it do stand adjourned until Eight o'clock this evening,—the same to be a distinct sitting.

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

Ordered accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *McClelan (Hopewell)*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Wark*,

The House adjourned until Eight o'clock this evening.

At Eight o'clock in the Evening the House met.

The Members convened were

The Honorable *DAVID CHRISTIE*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>McLelan,</i>	<i>Read,</i>
<i>Alexander,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McMaster,</i>	<i>Roesor,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Scott.</i>
<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hamilton (Kingston),</i>	<i>Power,</i>	<i>Vidal,</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Pozer,</i>	<i>Wilmot.</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>		

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House that he had received the following communication :—

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Ottawa, 9th May, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber to prorogue the Session of the Dominion Parliament, on Friday, the 10th instant, at 3 o'clock.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E. G. P. LITTLETON,

Governor General's Secretary.

The Honorable The Speaker of the Senate.

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The said Bill was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the Forty-first Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to the said Bill, and that the same be now read a second time.

The said Bill was then read a second time.

Then on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Scott*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk in the following words:—

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

Thursday, 9th May, 1878.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their Honors that this House disagrees to their amendments to the Bill No. 68, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act, 38 Victoria, Chapter 11, intituled: "An Act to establish a Supreme Court and a Court of Exchequer for the Dominion of *Canada*," for the following reasons:—

Because the first amendment by inserting the word "highest" will in effect destroy this Section which was intended to remove doubts as to the provisions of the Law as it exists respecting the right to appeal from the Court of final resort;

Because the second amendment would deprive parties of a right of appeal to the Supreme Court, in matters wherein an appeal lies to the Privy Council, and because

there seems to be no reason why an appeal should be refused in matters relating to titles to land, annual rents, or such like matters or things where the rights in future might be bound.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message to the Senate.

Attest.

ALFRED PATRICK,

Clerk of the Commons.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, That this House does not insist on their amendments to the said Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Act 38th *Victoria*, Chapter 11, intituled: 'An Act to establish a Supreme Court and a Court of Exchequer for the Dominion of *Canada*.'"

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Armand*,

To leave out all the words after "That" and insert "it be *Resolved*, That the said Bill be returned to the House of Commons with a Message informing that House that the Senate doth insist on their said amendments, for the following reasons:

"As to the first amendment:—

"That it is unwise to allow an appeal, save from the Highest Court of final resort in each Province, and that the word "Highest" was inserted by the Senate's first amendment to prevent doubt on that point, and maintain the right of appeal as it now exists.

"As to the second amendment:—

"That the words struck out apply to cases involving the title to, or questions relating to, the laws of immovables in the Province of *Quebec*, laws derived from *France* which are not familiar to the majority of the members of the Supreme Court, nor is the French language, and that an appeal to Her Majesty's Privy Council from the Courts of their own Province affords in both respects a satisfactory tribunal to the people of *Lower Canada*; and that it is unwise to deprive them of the right they now enjoy in this respect."

The question of concurrence being put thereon; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Armand,</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Girard,</i>	<i>Miller,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>McLelan (Londonderry),</i>	<i>Skead,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Dumouchel,</i>	<i>Macpherson,</i>	<i>Wilmot.—14.</i>
<i>Carrall,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>		

NON-CONTENTS:

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Baillargeon,</i>	<i>Hope,</i>	<i>Penny,</i>	<i>Scott,</i>
<i>Chaffers,</i>	<i>Leonard,</i>	<i>Power,</i>	<i>Simpson —11.</i>
<i>Christie (Speaker),</i>	<i>Pelletier,</i>	<i>Reesor,</i>	

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being put on the main motion, as amended, the same was also resolved in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered, That the last mentioned Resolution be communicated to the House of Commons by the Clerk of this House.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk in the following words:—

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

Thursday, 9th May, 1878.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their Honors that this House doth not insist on its disagreement to the first amendment made by the Senate to the Bill No. 14, intituled: "An Act further securing the Independence of Parliament," and that it now agrees to the said first amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the said Message to the Senate.

Attest.

ALFRED PATRICK,

Clerk of the Commons.

The Honorable Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Pelletier*, That when this House adjourns this evening, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Flint*,

The House adjourned until to-morrow at half-past Two o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday, 10th May, 1878.

The Members convened were

The Honorable DAVID CHRISTIE, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

Carrall,
Dickson,
Dumouchel,
Girard,

Leonard,
McDonald,
Macpherson,
Miller,

Pelletier,
Power,
Pozer,

Scott,
Skead,
Wilmot.

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A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk to return the Bill intituled: "An Act for the better prevention of crimes of violence in certain parts of Canada, until the end of the next Session of Parliament," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the said Bill, without any amendment.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir *Frederick Temple*, Earl of *Dufferin*, Viscount and Baron *Clandeboye*, of *Clandeboye*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron *Dufferin* and *Clandeboye*, of *Ballyleidy* and *Killeleagh*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*. and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of *Saint Patrick*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of *Saint Michael* and *Saint George*, and Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of *Canada*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c., being seated in the Chair on the Throne,

The Honorable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House—"It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House,"

Who being come with their Speaker,

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the titles of the Bills to be passed severally, as follows:—

An Act to incorporate the *Fishwick's Express and Merchants' Forwarding Company* (Limited.)

An Act further to amend the Act intituled "An Act respecting the Public Works of *Canada*."

An Act to incorporate "La Société de Construction du Comté d'*Hochelaga*" as a Permanent Building Society, and for other purposes.

An Act respecting the *Port Whitby Harbour Company*.

An Act to provide that persons charged with common assault shall be competent as witnesses.

An Act to grant relief to the *Canada Agricultural Insurance Company*.

An Act to incorporate the Missionary Society of The Bible Christian Church in *Canada*.

An Act to amend the Law respecting Deck Loads.

An Act respecting the Duty on Malt.

An Act to provide for the creation and registration of Homestead Exemption Estates in the Territories of *Canada*.

An Act to amend section sixty-eight of "The Penitentiary Act of 1875."

An Act respecting persons imprisoned in default of giving securities to keep the peace.

An Act to make provisions for the winding up of insolvent incorporated Fire or Marine Insurance Companies.

An Act to amend "An Act respecting conflicting claims to lands of occupants in *Manitoba*."

An Act to grant certain powers to the Agricultural Mutual Assurance Association of *Canada*, and to change its name.

An Act to amend the Acts incorporating the *Brockville* and *Ottawa Railway Company*, and the *Canada Central Railway Company*, and to provide for the amalgamation of the said Companies.

An Act to confer certain powers on the *Montreal Building Association* by the name of "The *Montreal Investment and Building Company*."

An Act to authorize the *Stadacona Fire and Life Insurance Company* to reduce its Capital Stock, and for other purposes.

An Act to amend the Act thirty-seventh *Victoria*, Chapter eight, intituled: "An Act to impose license duties on compounders of spirits; to amend the Act respecting the Inland Revenue, and to prevent the adulteration of Food, Drink and Drugs."

An Act to authorize the advance of certain sums to the Province of *Manitoba*, in aid of the Public Schools therein.

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Election of Members of the House of Commons.

An Act respecting the *Ontario* Express and Transportation Company.

An Act to amend the Law respecting Building Societies carrying on business in the Province of *Ontario*.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Stamps on Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange.

An Act to provide for the better auditing of Public Accounts.

An Act respecting the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors.

An Act further securing the Independence of Parliament.

An Act for the better prevention of crimes of violence in certain parts of *Canada*, until the end of the next Session of Parliament.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of this House, in the words following :—

“ In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to these Bills.”

Then the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed His Excellency the Governor General as follows :—

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

“ The Commons of *Canada* have voted the Supplies required to enable the Government to defray the expenses of the Public Service.

“ In the name of the Commons, I present to Your Excellency a Bill intituled : ‘ An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service, for the financial years ending respectively the 30th June, 1878, and the 30th of June, 1879, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service,’ to which I humbly request Your Excellency's assent.”

To this Bill the Clerk of this House, by His Excellency's command, did thereupon say :—

“ In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General thanks Her loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill.”

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the titles of Bills to be passed as follows, *viz.* :—

An Act to repeal Section twenty-three of “The Merchant Shipping Act, 1876,” as to Ships in Canadian Waters.

An Act for the relief of *Hugh Hunter*.

An Act for the relief of *Victoria Elizabeth Lyon*.

An Act for the relief of *George Frothingham Johnston*.

To these Bills the Clerk of this House, by His Excellency's command, did thereupon say :—

“ His Excellency the Governor General doth reserve these Bills for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.”

His Excellency the Governor General was then pleased to deliver the following Speech :—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I am glad to be able to relieve you from further attendance in Parliament after a somewhat long and laborious Session.

I shall take the necessary steps, at an early day after the close of the financial year, to give effect to the measure you have passed for the better auditing of the Public Accounts.

I shall call the attention of Her Majesty's Government to your Address praying that all of *British America*, except *Newfoundland*, shall be, by imperial action, declared to be within the Dominion of *Canada*.

I rejoice that during the term of my administration this final step to consolidate British interests on the Continent of *America* has been taken with so much unanimity, and that henceforth the Dominion Government will, under Her Majesty, exercise undisputed sway over the northerly half of this Continent.

I am happy to be able to state that, pending the final settlement of the question of boundary, a conventional line has been adopted by my Government and the Government of the *United States*, between *Alaska* and *British Columbia* on the *Stickine River*.

The large sums you have appropriated for the great works of internal improvement will be expended with the most rigid regard to economy, and in the expectation that the principal canals under construction may be nearly completed within the next financial year.

The settlement of *Manitoba* and the *North-West Territories* has been proceeding this year with unexampled rapidity, and if the efforts of my Government to obtain a railway connection with *Winnipeg* at a very early day should be successful, I anticipate, next year, a still larger increase to the population.

It is specially gratifying to find so many Canadians who had in former years emigrated to the *United States* now returning to the newly organized territories of their native land.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I thank you for the supplies which you have granted for the various public services.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

Nothing could have given me more gratification than the joint Address with which you have honored me on the eve of my departure.

My interest in *Canada* shall not cease when my mission as Her Majesty's Viceroy shall have terminated, and I am glad to know that you have taken so favourable a view of my efforts to fittingly represent our Most Gracious Queen in this the most important of Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions.

I now bid you farewell, and earnestly trust you may find in the future the manifold blessings which I shall ever pray may be continually showered upon you.

Then the Honorable the Speaker of the Senate said:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate :

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

It is His Excellency the Governor General's will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued until Wednesday, the nineteenth day of June next, to be here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Wednesday, the nineteenth day of June next.

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16.—Grand Trunk Railway Company Bill :

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35.—Montreal Building Association Bill :

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36.—National Insurance Company's Stock Bill :

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37.—Northern Railway Company Bill :

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38.—Ontario Express and Transportation Company Bill :

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46.—*Quebec Société de Prêts et Placements Incorporation Bill :*

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