

Five Petitions of the *Municipalité des Escoumains*; praying for a free grant of land to the people living on the *Tadousac* and *Portneuf* Roads,—also praying for the erection of a Light-House at *Portneuf* (en bas),—also praying for aid for the completion of certain roads,—also praying for the appointment of a Coroner for the County of *Saguenay*,—and also praying for certain amendments to the Fishery Laws, so as to allow proprietors to erect fisheries on their properties, free.

Of the Reverend *Julien Rioux* and others, of *St. François Xavier* dite la *Petite Rivière*; and of *Wm. Henderson* and others, of *East Frampton*, in the County of *Dorchester*; severally praying for aid for the completion and opening of certain roads.

Of *George H. Low* and others, of the Parish of *Darlington*; praying against the passing of the Bill for the sale of the Glebe lots of land in *Darlington*.

And of *Rowland Burr*, of the City of *Toronto*; praying for the amendment of the Grammar School Act, so that he may be paid the amount due him for the construction of the Grammar School House at *Weston*.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials for the County of *Montcalm*, for the year 1864.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Sir *E. P. Taché* 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:—

MONCK.

Lord Monck,  
29th Dec., 1864.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Legislative Council, the accompanying copies of Despatches relative to the

Mr. Cardwell. Provincial Volunteer Force lately embodied for service on the Frontier.  
23rd Jan., 1865.

Government House,  
Quebec, 13th February, 1865.

[Copy.]

QUEBEC, December 29th, 1864.

No. 199—Dec. 17th. SIR,—Referring to my Despatches, noted in the margin, I have the  
“ 202— “ 20th. honor to report, that in pursuance of the General Order of the 19th De-  
“ 205— “ 24th. cember, the thirty Companies of Volunteers called out for duty have been embodied in three Administrative Battalions of ten Companies each, the Head-quarters of which are stationed respectively at *Windsor*, *Niagara* and *La Prairie*.

The Companies are all sixty-five strong, exclusive of officers.

You will perceive by the copies of the several General Orders, that the Companies have been so selected as to give all parts of the Province an opportunity of contributing to the force embodied.

I have also so arranged that the Volunteers from Eastern *Canada* should, as much as possible, be stationed in *Canada West*, and *vice versa*.

These modes of proceeding caused some slight delay in getting the force to its destination, but I think it is not a little creditable to the Volunteers and to those who conducted the arrangements, that the first intimation the force received that their services would be required was by the General Order of December 19th, and that the three Battalions are now at their respective stations; some of the Companies of which they are composed having had to travel a distance of nearly seven hundred miles, in order to reach their destinations.