

Impediments  
to the Naviga-  
tion below  
Quebec

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Chauveau*, Mr. Solicitor General *Blake*, Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Méthot*, the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière*, Mr. *Taché*, and Mr. *Egan*, be appointed to enquire into the impediments to the safe navigation of the River *St. Lawrence* below *Quebec*, and of the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, and into the best means of removing the same, and otherwise improving such navigation, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Public Works.

On motion of Mr. *Christie*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*, *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Return of the office of Public Works, embracing the following items: A specification of all Contracts entered into by the Board of Works since the 10th February, 1841, to the 31st January, 1849; the nature of the work contracted for; the gross amount of the Estimate of the Engineer; the sums paid to the Contractors for work and materials under the contract; the sums paid above the contract price for any work, and the reasons for such overpayment; the amount paid from the expenditure on each work, for the expenses of management and support of the office of the Board of Works, and for salaries and allowances to its *employés*; and the amount paid for Surveys and special services, denoting the nature of each.

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

School of Na-  
vigation.

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, of *Kent*, Mr. *Egan*, Mr. *Armstrong*, Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Chauveau*, and Mr. *Taché*, be appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a Provincial School of Navigation at *Quebec*, in which Pilots' Apprentices and Seamen of all classes should be taught gratuitously, and in the French and English Languages, Mathematics, and the use of Nautical Instruments; such School being provided with Books, Maps, and all other Apparatus necessary for demonstrating, explaining, and practising the science aforesaid.

*Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, to enquire what would be the cost of a Vessel for the use of the Trinity House of *Quebec*, for attending the Light Houses and Dépôts of Provisions in the different ports of the River *St. Lawrence*; whether such Vessel might be placed at the disposal of the Professor in the said School, jointly with the Master commanding the said Vessel, for the purpose of practical demonstration in the science aforesaid, and thus instruct the Pilots' Apprentices and other pupils or seamen of all classes, in the Art of Navigation; whether the pupils serving gratuitously on board such Vessel ought not to be victualled and provided for by the Province, or by the Trinity House, during the period of their so serving; and as to the probable cost of such an Institution for the salary of the Professor, the Lecture-room, Books, Maps, Instruments, and the said Provincial Vessel.

Absconding  
Debtors' Pro-  
perty Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Smith*, of *Durham*, have leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the expenses of proceedings, in *Upper Canada*, against the property of absconding or concealed Debtors.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Thursday, the eighth day of March next.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate "The *Sault Sainte Marie* Mining Company."

Sault Ste. Marie Mining Company Bill.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Wednesday next.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickson* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the construction of, and protect from injury, Electro-Magnetic Telegraphs in this Province.

Electro Magnetic Telegraphs Bill.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Lemieux*, seconded by Mr. *Laurin*, *Resolved*, That the 66th Rule of this House be suspended, so far as it affects the introduction of a Bill to incorporate *Jean Clovis Bélanger* and others, for the construction of a Bridge over the River *Etchemin*, near the Church of the Parish of *St. Anselme*, in the County of *Dorchester*.

St. Anselme Bridge Company Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Lemieux* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize *Jean Clovis Bélanger*, Esquire, and others, to erect a Toll Bridge over the River *Etchemin*, in the Parish of *St. Anselme*, near the Church of the said Parish, in the County of *Dorchester*, and to incorporate the said *Jean Clovis Bélanger* and others, under the name of the "*St. Anselme* Bridge Company," and for other purposes therein mentioned.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Friday next.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Armstrong* have leave to bring in a Bill to divide the County of *Berthier* into two Municipalities, for Municipal purposes.

Berthier Municipalities Bill.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Thursday, the first day of March next.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Chabot* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the trade of Stevedore at the Port of *Quebec*.

Stevedores Regulation Bill.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Thursday, the first day of March next.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Chabot* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the provisions contained in the Ordinances to incorporate the City and Town of *Quebec*, and to vest more ample powers in the Corporation of the said City and Town.

Quebec Incorporation Amendment Bill.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday, the fifth day of March next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment which was, on Tuesday last, proposed to be made to the Question, That the Order of the day for the House in Committee to take into consideration the necessity of establishing the amount of Losses incurred by certain inhabitants in *Lower Canada* during the Politi-

Rebellion Losses.