

be imposed on, Quakers, Menonists, and Tunkers, and of substituting other provisions in lieu thereof, reported several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to repeal that part of the Act 9 Vic. c. 28, which relates to the enrolment of, and fines to be imposed on, Quakers, Menonists, and Tunkers, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof.
2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to revive the provisions contained in the Act 4 and 5 Vic. c. 2, relating to the mode of collecting and appropriating Militia Fines.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Merritt have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal part of and to amend the Act regulating the Militia of this Province, in so far as regards the enrolment of and fines imposed upon Quakers, Menonists, and Tunkers.

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 Tuesday next.

Militia Act Amendment Bill.

Mr. Dumas, from the Committee on the subject of making an appropriation for Common School purposes, reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is desirable that an annual sum of One hundred thousand pounds should be raised from the Public Lands of this Province, for the maintenance and support of Common Schools therein, and that so much of the first monies to be raised by the sale of such Lands as shall be sufficient to create a Capital which shall produce the said annual sum of One hundred thousand pounds, at the rate of six per cent per annum, shall be set apart for that purpose.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Price have leave to bring in a Bill to raise an income of One hundred thousand pounds out of the Public Lands of Canada, for Common School Education.

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.

Common Schools.

Common School Education Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Laws regulating Inland Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, and the protesting thereof, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. Holmes, the Honorable Mr. Badgley, the Honorable Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Chabot, and Mr. DeWitt, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Thompson's Relief Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the relief of Joseph Richard Thompson, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, on Monday, the twelfth of March next.

Bill to abolish imprisonment for Debt.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to abolish Imprisonment for Debt, and to punish fraudulent debtors, being read;

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Badgley, seconded by Sir Allan N. MacNab,

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to relieve from Arrest for Debt in Lower Canada persons residing in Upper Canada, being read;

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Badgley, seconded by Mr. Gagy,

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Bill to relieve certain persons from Arrest for Debt.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate Actions against persons associated for Commercial purposes, and against unincorporated Societies and Companies, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. Chauveau, Mr. Chabot, the Honorable Mr. Badgley, Mr. Lemieux, and Mr. Cartier, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Bill to facilitate Actions against unincorporated Bodies.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

Orders deferred.

Then, on motion of Mr. Gagy, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Badgley,
The House adjourned.

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ANNO 12^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1849.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, Returns of the Clerks of the Circuit Courts in Lower Canada, shewing:—1st. The number of Actions brought.—2d. The number of Cases decided.—3rd. The number of Cases under Six pounds five shillings:—and 4th. The amount of Fees allowed to Bailiffs, Clerks, and Advocates, during the year 1847, received in conformity to an Order of this House, of the 30th January last.

Circuit Courts.

For the said Returns, see Appendix (C.C.C.)

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

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. Smith, of Frontenac,—The Petition of John M^cGill Chambers, of the Township of Montague, District of Bathurst.

By Mr. Méthot,—The Petition of Jesse Joseph, of Montreal.

By Mr. Holmes,—The Petition of James Scott, Esquire, and others, of the Lake St. Louis and Province Line Railway Company.

By Mr. Watts,—The Petition of Patrick Daly, of Drummondville, in the District of Three Rivers.

By Mr. Solicitor General Blake,—The Petition of A. Farewell and others, of the Township of Whitby, Home District.

By Mr. Morrison,—The Petition of John Grubb, President of the Albion Plank Road Company; and the Petition of E. Fisher, President, on behalf of the Etobicoke and Mono Sixth Line Road Company.

By the Honorable Mr. Badgley,—The Petition of J. W. Eaton and others, of the Municipality of the Village of Philipsburgh and the remaining part of the School District, number One, in the Parish of St. Armand West, County of Missisquoi.

By Mr. DeWitt,—The Petition of Robert Cross and others, of the Seigniorie of Beauharnois; and the Petition of Robert Lovell and others, of the County of Beauharnois.

By Sir Allan N. MacNab,—The Petition of E. C. Thomas, Esquire, Chairman, and A. Logie, Secretary, in behalf of a public meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of Gore.