

Customs and his Deputy, in the year 1815, at *York*, now the City of *Toronto*.

Of the President and Directors of the *Cobourg Harbour Company*; praying for an investigation into the accounts of the said Harbour, and a certain amount exceeding an original contract with the Board of Works placed to the credit of the Government,—and that the said Harbour be purchased and completed by the Government.

Of *R. Hervey*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Bytown*; praying for the rejection of the proposed measure for granting indemnification for Rebellion Losses in *Lower Canada*.

Of *George Tillson* and others, of *Dereham*; praying that measures be adopted for the repeal of the Imperial Act relating to the Clergy Reserves, and for the abolition of the Rectories,—and that certain abuses be removed from the administration and charter of the University of King's College.

Of the Municipal Council of the Western District; praying that a Charter be not granted to the Presbyterian Synod to form a Joint Stock Company to colonize certain Townships in the said District with coloured people.

Of the Municipal Council of the Western District; praying to be authorized to open a Road through the Indian Reservation in the Townships of *Oxford* and *Zone*.

Of the Municipal Council of the Western District; praying that certain Roads therein mentioned may be placed under the control of the said Council.

Petition of J. Scott and others, referred.

Ordered, That the Petition of *James Scott*, Esquire, and others, of the *Lake St. Louis* and *Province Line Railway Company*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Report on Petition of G. B. de Boucherville

The Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière*, from the Select Committee to which was referred that part of the Petition of *George B. de Boucherville*, of *Montreal*, Esquire, praying the House to allow him to exhibit to them a Machine invented by him for the production of a self-renewing motive force, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee, in submitting the information they have obtained, relative to the project of constructing a very ingenious Machine, the motive power whereof would be constantly renewed by the combined action of the motion of the Machine with the weight of the atmospheric air, are of opinion (supposing that such a Machine could readily be made to work) that the result of this motive power applied to objects of public utility, would not justify the expense which it would cost to construct and maintain such an Engine, which the Inventor himself states could only be done in *Europe*.

For these reasons, Your Committee do not think themselves justified in recommending the expense of such an experiment, and consequently cannot accede to the demand of the Inventor.

Your Committee, however, feel bound to concur in the opinion expressed by the Messieurs *Desauniers*, that the plan of the Machine is exceedingly ingenious, and does honor to its Inventor.

Fifteenth Report of Committee on Standing Orders.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Fifteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the Honorable *W. H. Merritt* and others, praying that the exclusive right may be granted to the *Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company*, of erecting any other Bridge across the River *Niagara* above the present Bridge, and they find that the provisions of the

66th Rule have not been complied with, notice having been published in the *Canada Gazette* only.

The Petitions of the *Grand River Navigation Company*, and of the Honorable *Joseph Bowarret* and others, do not, Your Committee conceive, require the publication of notice.

First Report of Committee on the Library.

The Honorable Mr. *Sherwood*, from the Standing Committee appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library, to which shall be referred all matters relating thereto, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Difficulties having been often experienced from the want of proper Rules regulating the admission of persons to the Library, and the procuring of Books therefrom; and the necessity for a revision of the present Orders having become generally apparent, Your Committee take an early opportunity of submitting a new set of Rules on this subject, for the examination and approval of Your Honorable House.

Hitherto there has been a partial non-observance of the existing Rules; upon which Your Committee would observe, that the Rules in question being unsuited to the increased extent and value of the Library, and to the views of Members generally in relation thereto, they had been suffered gradually to fall into disuse. They were copied, it appears, at the time of the Union, from the Book of Rules of the *Lower Canada Assembly*, having been adopted by that body at an early period, when the Library was of inconsiderable extent, and was deposited in one of the Clerks' Offices. Their re-enactment was intended to be merely temporary, until more suitable ones could be framed; wherein regard might be had to the alterations which time had effected in the value and importance of the collection, to the propriety of distinctly recognizing it as a separate Department among the Officers of the Assembly, and to the expediency of permitting it, under certain restrictions, to supply the place of a Public Provincial Library; as well as a collection of Books necessary for the use of Your Honorable House. It was in deference to these views, which have been generally entertained among Honorable Members for several years past, that the old Rules have been permitted to fall into disuse; and the alterations which Your Committee have now the honor to report, are mainly the embodiment of the practice which has prevailed, ever since the Union, in the regulation of this Department. It has, however, been felt to be desirable that no further delay should take place in devising proper and definite Rules, capable of being strictly enforced; accordingly, Your Committee have given their attention to the matter, and beg to submit to Your Honorable House the Orders hereunto appended, as the result of their deliberations.

Rules respecting the Library; proposed to be substituted in lieu of those now in force, and numbered 84 to 88 in the Book of Rules:—

84. That a proper Catalogue of the Books belonging to the Library be kept by the Librarians, in whom the custody and responsibility thereof shall be vested, and who shall be required to report to the House, through Mr. Speaker, at the opening of each Session, the actual state of the Library.

85. That no person whatsoever shall be entitled to resort to the Books, during a Session of Parliament, except the Governor of the Province, the Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, and Legislative Assembly, and the Officers of the two Houses for the time being; and such other persons as may receive a written Order of Admission from any two Members of the House.

86. That during a Session of Parliament, no Books belonging to the Library be permitted to be taken