

the taxes charged against the said lands cannot be recovered by law; and praying for the passing of an Act to legalize the said Assessments.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *L'Assomption*,—of *L. St. Roch* and others, of *St. Antoine*, County of *Verchères*,—and of *J. B. Poulin* and others, of the County of *Vaudreuil*; severally praying that any measure having for its object the Confederation of the Provinces of *British North America*, may not become law.

Of *J. Grenier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Maurice* and other places, County of *Champlain*,—of *S. Todd* and others,—of *S. Hoyt* and others, of the Township of *Magog*,—and of *E. Parker* and others, of the Township of *Barnston*; severally praying that no Constitutional change may be adopted until the people shall have been consulted, either by a dissolution of the Legislative Assembly, or by any other mode Parliament may be pleased to adopt, and shall have approved of the project.

Of *John Molson* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying that the Bill to incorporate “*The Mount Royal Railway Company*,” may not become law.

Of *A. Kerr* and others, of *Goderich*,—and of *F. McGee* and others, of the County of *Russell*; severally praying that the Roman Catholic minority of *Upper Canada* may enjoy the same privileges (with respect to education) as may be granted by the General Government to the Protestant minority of *Lower Canada*, in the event of a Confederation of the Provinces of *British North America*.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *London, Canada West*; praying that the Bill to legalize and confirm an agreement made between the Grand Trunk Railway Company and the *Buffalo* and *Lake Huron* Railway Company, may not become law.

*Mr. Smith* (East *Durham*), from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Eighth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to amend chapter 75 of the Consolidated Statutes for *Lower Canada*, respecting the division of *Lower Canada* into Counties, in so far as it relates to the Counties of *Rimouski* and *Gaspé*, and they find that though a Private Bill, it was not introduced as such, not having been founded on a Petition, and consequently not reported on by the Committee on Standing Orders; they therefore beg to recommend that the Bill be not proceeded with.

Your Committee have considered the following Bills, and have prepared amendments to each, which they report for the consideration of Your Honorable House, viz:—

Bill to legalize By-law No. 200 of the Corporation of the Town of *Port Hope*, and for other purposes.

Bill to consolidate the Debt of the Town of *Ingersoll*.

Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Town of *Napanee*, and for other purposes.

Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*.

Bill to incorporate the German Society of *Montreal*.

Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Homœopathic Association.

Bill to incorporate *l'Union St. Joseph* of *Three Rivers*.

Bill to incorporate the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society of *Montreal*.

Bill to facilitate the separation of the County of *Renfrew* from the County of *Lanark*.

Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian College of *Montreal*.

Your Committee have considered the following Bills, and have agreed to report the same, without amendment, viz:—

Bill to amend “An Act to incorporate the High School of *Quebec*,” and for other purposes.

Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Education Society of the District of *Quebec*.”

Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to legalize certain By-Laws and Debentures of the United Counties of *Frontenac* and *Lennox* and *Addington*.”

Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to authorize a re-survey of part of the Township of *Portland*, in the County of *Frontenac*.”

The Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cockburn*, from the Standing Committee on