

pass to Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of New Brunswick, for the purpose of holding Lands in perpetuity, for religious purposes connected with that Church; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Mr. Boyd, by leave, presented a Petition from William H. Mowat, Robert Stevenson, J. H. Whitlock, and William Whitlock, Commissioners of Highways, together with sixteen others, inhabitants of Saint Andrews and Saint Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, praying for an alteration in the line of Great Road between those Parishes, and that a Grant may pass towards making the same; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Mr. S. Earle, by leave, presented a Petition from John Simpson, a licenced Teacher, praying to be remunerated for teaching a School in the Parish of Studholm, in King's County, for a period of four months during the past year; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and referred to the Committee on School Petitions to report thereon.

Mr. Boyd, by leave, presented a Petition from the Reverend William M'Donald, Pastor of the Roman Catholic Church at Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, and sixty five others, praying that an Act may pass to Incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of New Brunswick, for the purpose of holding Lands in perpetuity, for religious and other purposes connected with that Church; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

Mr. Fisher moved for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the election of Church Wardens and Vestrymen in the several Parishes in this Province, where the Sittings in the Churches are free and open.

Leave granted.

The said Bill being brought in was read a first time.

Mr. Thomson, by leave, presented a Petition from the Reverend William M'Donald, Pastor of the Roman Catholic Church at Saint George, in the County of Charlotte, and fifty eight others, praying that an Act may pass to invest the Roman Catholic Bishop in New Brunswick with power to hold Real Estate belonging to the said Church in this Province, for the benefit thereof; which he read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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## Saturday, 31st January, 1846.

### *Prayers.*

Read a second time—

A Bill to provide for the election of Church Wardens and Vestrymen in the several Parishes in this Province, where the Sittings are free and open.

The Honorable Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, a Letter received from Henry Bliss, Esquire, Province Agent in London; and the same being read at the Clerk's Table, is as follows:—

### LETTER FROM HENRY BLISS, ESQUIRE, PROVINCE AGENT.

#### DECLINING SALARY, &c.

DEAR SIR,—In my last letter to you, I took occasion to allude to the state of the Intercolonial Trade of the B. N. A. Colonies, and suggested the form of an enactment, by which I thought existing inconveniences in that Trade might be obviated, and desired advice upon the subject; I have since addressed letters upon it to the Colonial Department, and to the Board of Trade, and I respectfully beg leave to insert here and refer you to a copy.

“MY LORD,—Her Majesty's Government having announced their intention to introduce, during the present Session of Parliament, a Bill to consolidate the Laws of the Customs, I most respectfully solicit Your Lordship's attention to a great inconvenience in the present condition of the Trade and intercourse of the several British North American Colonies with each other. The Revenues of every