

Sister Colonies, the efforts which are being made to replace the valuable Library of which this House has been deprived, with the view of affording opportunity to those who might be disposed to assist in a work of so much interest and importance to the people of this Colony.

The recommendation of Your Committee, in their Second Report, for the permanent employment of a Messenger in connection with the Library, they do not desire to repeat, feeling that there is no longer any necessity for the same.

With regard to the recommendations in the Third Report, the total loss of the Maps and Books therein proposed to be distributed, disposes, of course, of Your Committee's suggestions on this head. Upon the question of pecuniary aid recommended in this Report to certain literary undertakings, Your Committee, notwithstanding the increased necessity which now exists for economy in the public expenditure, are not disposed to alter their former opinions as to the propriety and expediency of affording to the parties before mentioned, some encouragement in their useful and meritorious labours; and they trust that Your Honorable House will sanction their recommendations on behalf of those gentlemen. The procuring copies of the papers on *Canadian* affairs in the *Harvard* University, they also consider to be highly advisable, more particularly now that so many of the Historical Records of the Province have been wholly destroyed; but as there is a probability that these documents may be printed by the State Government, they defer for the present their recommendations concerning them.

As respects the manuscript work of Mr. *Gorrie*, which, as already stated, was consumed at the fire, Your Committee, in expressing their deep concern for the loss incurred by Mr. *Gorrie*, would suggest that a gratuity of £50 should be granted him, as an encouragement to re-commence his commendable labours. The proposed publication by Mr. *Todd* having also been destroyed, together with all his valuable papers, in which were embodied the fruit of his researches into the law and practice of Parliament for several years past, Your Committee recommend that a gratuity of £100 be awarded him, in token of the sympathy felt by Your Honorable House for the losses he has sustained.

The attention of Your Committee has also been directed to a work entitled, "Digest of Precedents" or Decisions by Select Committees appointed to try "the merits of *Upper Canada* Contested Elections," from 1824 to 1849, which has been skilfully compiled by Mr. *Alfred Patrick*, an officer of Your Honorable House, from original documents and other sources, for the guidance and information of parties who may be hereafter concerned in Controverted Elections before Committees under the "*Grenville Act*" of *Upper Canada*. The usefulness of this volume as a work of reference, which, under any circumstances must have been considerable, has been much enhanced by the total loss of the original papers from which it was compiled, and though it does not pretend to the character of an official publication, yet its pages now present the only record in existence of the past proceedings and decisions of Committees on *Upper Canada* Elections; it is, therefore, in the opinion of Your Committee, deserving of the encouragement of Your Honorable House. They accordingly recommend that the sum of £100 be granted to Mr. *Patrick* in aid of his meritorious publication, on condition of his depositing fifty bound copies of the same in the Library, for future reference, and presenting a bound copy to each of the Members of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill to annex certain unsurveyed Lands in the *Bathurst* District, for Judicial purposes, be engrossed. Bathurst District Lands Bill.

On motion of Mr. *Flint*, seconded by Mr. *Bell*, Ordered, That the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to confirm a certain Survey of the Township of *Ameliasburgh*, in *Upper Canada*," be now read the first time. Ameliasburgh Survey Bill.

The Bill was accordingly read the first time. Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, on Monday next.

Ordered, That when this House doth adjourn, it will adjourn until Friday next. Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day, for to-morrow, be postponed until Friday next. Orders deferred.

Mr. Solicitor General *Blake* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Baldwin*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to consider the expediency of making provision out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, and by the funding of certain Fees of Office receivable or to be receivable under any Law for that purpose by different Officers of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity in *Upper Canada*, for such additional Judges and Officers of those Courts as an amended system of Judicature for that section of the Province may require; Salaries of additional Judges, &c. (U. C.)

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Baldwin*, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, acquainted the House that His Excellency having been informed of the subject matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Lemieux* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Lemieux* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Friday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *LaFontaine* have leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for the continuance and completion of proceedings in Bankruptcy now pending in *Lower Canada*. Bankruptcy Bill. (L. C.)

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. *Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Minister and Trustees of *St. Andrew's Church, Montreal*. St. Andrew's Church Bill.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time; and the Rules of this House suspended as to the same.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Writs of Prerogative, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Writs of Prerogative Bill.