

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Christie* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Plurality of
Offices Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the undue accumulation and plurality of offices.

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, the seventh of April next.

Assessment
Laws, (U. C.)

Mr. *Gowan*, from the Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the propriety of amending the Assessment Laws, in force in *Upper Canada*, reported, according to order, the Resolution of the said Committee, which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient that a more equal system of valuation of lands in *Upper Canada*, for the purposes of Assessment, be adopted, and that new provision of Law be made for the purpose of obtaining such valuation, and to impose and collect Rates and Assessments in that part of this Province.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate Assessments and the appointment of Collectors and Assessors in *Upper Canada*.

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, the seventh of April next.

Member called
and did not
appear.

Mr. *Bertrand*, Member for the County of *Rimouski*, having been called, according to order, did not appear.

Magdalen
Islands Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill relating to the *Magdalen* Islands, in the Gulf of *St. Laurence*, and to enable the inhabitants, householders thereof, to establish a Municipal Council in the said Islands, being read,

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

District of
Gaspé Mar-
riage, &c. Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to make provision for the legal proof, and preservation thereof, of certain informal marriages had, anterior to a certain date therein mentioned, before Justices of the Peace and others in the Inferior District of *Gaspé*, as ratified by Act of the Legislature of *Lower Canada*, but whereof no Register or Records have been kept, and for recording the same, including certain births or baptisms and burials in the said District; being read,

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Gaspé Muni-
cipalities Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill relating to certain Municipalities in *Gaspé* not regularly established according to law, and to remedy the defect, and for other purposes, being read,

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Gaspé Admini-
stration of Jus-
tice Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the better administration of Justice in the General Sessions of the Peace for *Gaspé*, and to prevent charges upon the Treasury of the Province for unnecessarily summoning Jurors thereto; being read,

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the annual visitation of certain Institutions in this Province, maintained in whole or in part at the public expense, and for causing reports of the state and condition thereof to be annually laid before the Legislature, and for preventing abuses therein, being read,

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the propriety of amending the Schedule to the Act passed last Session, intituled "An Act to amend, consolidate, and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in force, establishing or regulating the practice of District Courts in the several Districts of that part of this Province, formerly *Upper Canada*," being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee,

Mr. *Boulton* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. *Boulton* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the Second Reading of the Bill to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, and of Chancery, in *Upper Canada*, in their discretion, to admit *John W. Dempsey* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein, being read,

The said Bill was read accordingly.

The Order of the Day for the Second Reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Trafalgar Road* Bill.
falgar, Esquesing, and *Erin Road Company*, being read,

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration a motion made on the twenty-fourth instant, viz:—"That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of the Honourable *Francis Hincks*, of the City of *Montreal*, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, Sitting Member for the County of *Oxford*, having been unavoidably reduced to less than nine Members, and having so continued for the space of three sitting days, is dissolved," being read,

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said motions into consideration,

And the said motion being again read, and the question being put thereon, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Messieurs *Boulton, Brooks, Cayley, Chalmers, Colville, Cummings, Daly*, Attorney General *Draper, Ernatinger, Foster, Gowan, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald* of *CORNWALL*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *Meyers, Moffatt, Monro, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Robinson, Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, Solicitor General *Sherwood, Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, Attorney General *Smith, Stewart* of *BYTOWN*, *Stewart* of *PRESCOTT*, *Viger, Webster*, and *Woods*.—(33.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Boutillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Desamier, DeWitt, Dickson, Drummond, Duggan, Guillet, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, La-*