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And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate "the *Prince Edward* Railway Company," with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* reported from the Select Committee appointed, on Tuesday last, to draw up an humble Address to Her Majesty, That they had drawn up an Address accordingly; and the same was read, as followeth:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to represent to Your Majesty, that under the circumstances in which the Province of *Canada* is placed, in a social, political, and economical point of view, we are humbly of opinion, that the introduction of the Elective principle into the Constitution of the Legislative Council, would not only impart greater weight to that important Branch of the Legislature than it can have under existing arrangements, however judiciously the selection of its Members may be made, but would also ensure greater efficiency in carrying out that system of Government which obtains in the Mother Country, and has been happily introduced into this Province.

That the object in view might, in the opinion of Your faithful Commons, be best attained by dividing each of the Sections of the Province into thirty Territorial Divisions, to be hereafter defined by the Provincial Parliament, and containing each as nearly as possible an equal amount of Population, and by allowing the persons qualified to vote at the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, in each Division, subject to the arrangements hereafter mentioned as to present Members, to elect one person qualified in the manner hereinafter mentioned, to sit in the Legislative Council, which should be composed, after the arrangements as to present Members have had their effect, of sixty persons so elected, one-third of whom shall be required to retire in rotation every two years, so that except as to Members elected after a dissolution, or to fill any occasional vacancies to replace elected Members, the Members shall be elected for the term of six years; and Members retiring by rotation, whose term of service shall expire during a Session of Parliament, may continue to serve until the end of that Session.

That Twenty new Members of the said Legislative Council ought to be first elected; that subject to a dissolution as hereinafter mentioned, the present Members of the Legislative Council ought to continue Members thereof, and to retire in rotation in numbers as equal as may be possible, at the end of two and four years respectively, at each of which respective periods Twenty new Members of the said Council ought to be elected, whatever be the number of the Members then retiring; for which purposes two lists of the present Members, one for each Section of the Province, according to their place of residence at the time they were summoned to the said Council, be prepared, and lots drawn under the direction of the Speaker of the Legislative Council, to determine the time at which they shall retire by rotation as aforesaid;—and to provide for Elections in the first instance, and upon the retirement of the present Members in the manner provided, the said Speaker do also draw lots separately for each Section of the Province, to determine for which Divisions Members are to be first elected, until all Divisions are represented; the said Speaker do apportion also by lot, on the re-assembling of the Legislative Council after a dissolution, for each said Section of the Province respectively, the order in which Members shall retire; Members elected to fill occasional vacancies to be elected