

ment or repeal of the Education Law, and the enactment of other provisions in lieu thereof.

Of *Joseph Vachon*, Esquire, and others, of that part of the County of *Dorchester* formerly constituting the County of *Beauce*; praying aid for the improvement of certain roads.

Of *Joseph Vachon*, Esquire, and others, of that part of the County of *Dorchester* formerly constituting the County of *Beauce*; praying for an increased Representation in Parliament, upon the basis of Population.

Of the Honorable *P. M. Gill* and others, Trustees of the *Huron Mining Company*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the Council of the *Toronto Board of Trade*; praying for certain amendments to the Bill for establishing a more equal and just system of Assessment in *Upper Canada*.

Of *John Le Boutillier*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Gaspé*; praying for a grant of money by way of loan, to be placed at the disposal of the Agricultural Societies of the said District, for the purpose of aiding those whose grain and potato crops failed during the last season, by supplying them with seed for the coming spring.

Of *Archibald Young*, Chairman, and *Alexander M. Intosh*, Secretary, on behalf of the *Port Sarnia Temperance Society*; praying for certain amendments to the laws for granting beer and spirit licenses, and for the adoption of certain other measures for the suppression of intemperance.

Of the President, Directors and Company of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District,—of The City Bank,—of *David Thompson*, Esquire, Stockholder and Director of the *Gore Bank*, on behalf thereof,—and of *Joseph Wenham*, Esquire, Manager of the Bank of *Upper Canada* at *Montreal*; praying to be heard by Counsel, at the bar of the House, against certain Resolutions to be proposed by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* for the issuing of Debentures by the Government.

Of Messieurs *Lovell* and *Gibson*, Contractors for the Sessional Printing of the Legislative Assembly; setting forth: That in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Printing, it is recommended that "the work done under the contract for Sessional printing shall be such only as is executed and delivered during the Session, and any printing ordered during the Session, and not so delivered, shall form a portion of the work to be performed by the contractors for the Journals and Appendix,"—this recommendation being made because "the price paid for this printing is invariably higher than for any other class, and that heretofore, in accordance with the present practice, a great proportion of the printing has been done during the recess by the contractors for, and at the price of, Sessional printing." That the printing required for the service of the House is of two classes—the Sessional printing, and the printing of the Journals and Appendix. The former of these, for which the Petitioners tendered at the lowest rate, has by long established custom been made to embrace all work ordered during the Session, although a press of Parliamentary business has rendered it necessary to defer the printing of particular papers ordered, until the Parliament has been prorogued: That the Petitioners, from personal knowledge of this custom during the whole period in which the Parliament has been held in the City of *Montreal*, made their Tender in the faith that no change would be made or contemplated in the established usage, and that the Sessional printing would be interpreted as it always heretofore had been: That the Petitioners have made expensive pecuniary engagements and preparations, with the view of performing satisfactorily the service required by the House; these

engagements being made previous to the announcement of the change recommended for adoption: this change, if carried into effect, will therefore be, to the Petitioners, productive of serious pecuniary loss: That it is recommended to adopt other and further changes, which the Petitioners could not foresee when tendering to perform the work, and which will materially affect their contract; but as these changes will effect a saving of expense to the House, the Petitioners cheerfully submit to their adoption: That the Petitioners are nevertheless willing, rather than that consequences so serious to them should be incurred, to perform such work as may not have been commenced during the Session, at a reduction from the rates mentioned in their Tender equal to that proposed by the contractors for the other class of printing, if to the House it appears desirable, after taking into consideration the circumstances which attend the printing during the Session, when a most expensive establishment must be retained, whether employment be or be not found, in order that when required, the necessary service may be performed; and that the Petitioners have always looked to the work to be done after the Session, as a compensation for the onerous nature of the contract, as to the work to be performed during the Session; and praying that in considering the Report of the Standing Committee of the House, the prayer of the Petitioners may meet with such favorable consideration as to the House in its wisdom and justice it may seem to merit, and that the Sessional printing may, during the present Parliament, be held to be what it has always hitherto been held to be, and what when the several Tenders were made it was believed to be, by all the parties tendering.

Of the Honorable *William Hamilton Merritt* and others; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate them as the *Neepigon Mining Company*.

Of *Thomas Fee* and others, of the County of *Beauharnois*; praying that no division be made of the said County.

Ordered, That the Petition of *James G. Rogers* and others, of *Haldimand, Seymour, and Percy*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders. Petition of J. G. Rogers and others;

Ordered, That the Petition of *W. H. Anderson*, Esquire, and others, Stockholders and Subscribers to the *Quebec Protestant Cemetery Association*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills. Of W. H. Anderson and others, referred.

Mr. *Gugy* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brooks*, and the Question being put, That the Petition of *Matthew Bostwick*, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*, praying for an investigation into the conduct of the Collector of Customs at the Port of *Quebec*, with reference to a certain seizure of cattle made by the Petitioner in the year 1846, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. Solicitor General *Blake*, Mr. Solicitor General *Drummond*, Mr. *Brooks*, Mr. *M. Connell*, and the mover, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records; The House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs *Boulton* of *Toronto*, *Brooks*, *Gugy*, *Malloch*, and *M. Connell*.—(5.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, Attorney General *Baldwin*, *Beaubien*, *Bell*, *Boulton* of *Norfolk*, *Cameron* of *Kent*, *Cartier*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *De Witt*, *Duchasnay*, *Dumas*, *Fergusson*, *Flin*, *Fortier*, *Fournier*, *Fourquin*, *Hall*, *Hincks*, *Holmes*, *Jobin*, *Johnson*, *La Terrière*, *Laurin*, *Lonioux*, *Marquis*, *M. Farland*, *Merritt*, *Méthot*, *Mejers*, *Morrison*, *Not-*