

L. Comte's
Relief Bill.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to enable *Louis Comte* to recover a certain amount due to him by the Parish of *St. Edouard*, in the District of *Montreal*, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Primeaux and
Trotter's
Bridge Bill.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to authorize *Marc Antoine Primeaux* and *Antoine A. Trotter* to erect a Toll Bridge over the River *Chateauguay*, in the Parish of *Ste. Martine*, and to make a Plank Road from the River *St. Lawrence* to the River *Chateauguay*, in the said Parish, and to fix the Tolls to be taken upon the said Bridge and Road, and to make further provision in that behalf, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Richards* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Waterloo
Election.

The House proceeded, according to Order, to take into further consideration the case of *John Miller*, late Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Holland*, at the last General Election for the County of *Waterloo*.

And Mr. *Miller* was again brought to the Bar.

Mr. *Notman* moved, seconded by Mr. *Burritt*, and the Question being proposed, That at the last General Election for the County of *Waterloo*, *John Miller*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Holland*, received the votes of ninety-seven persons, of whom ninety-six voted for *James Webster*, Esquire, and one for *A. J. Fergusson*, Esquire; that seven of the votes for Mr. *Webster*, and the vote for Mr. *Fergusson*, were good, while the remaining eighty-nine were invalid, being given on Lands for which no Patents from the Crown had ever issued; that Mr. *Fergusson's* Agent demanded that these persons should be sworn and questioned before voting, as to whether they possessed the requisite freehold qualification, but that the said *John Miller* refused to allow any of them to be so sworn or questioned; that the said *John Miller*, on the first day of voting, closed the Poll at the said Township of *Holland*, at or about the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon, and proceeded to the Township of *Derby*, where he recorded his own vote in favour of Mr. *Webster*; that the above mentioned proceedings of the said *John Miller* were inconsistent with his duty as such Deputy Returning Officer, prejudicial to the just rights of the said *A. J. Fergusson* as a Candidate, and of the Electors of the County of *Waterloo* generally, and a breach of the privileges of this House; that a Summons having been issued by this House, during the present Session, requiring the attendance of the said *John Miller* at the Bar of this House, to answer for his conduct as such Deputy Returning Officer, the said *John Miller* wilfully evaded the service thereof, in contempt of this House;

Mr. *Richards* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*, That all the words after "That" be left out, and the words "the papers" and evidence upon which the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Waterloo*, proceeded in reporting that "the conduct of the Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Holland* required the serious consideration of this House, having been destroyed in the late outrage, the said Mr. *Miller* be heard at the Bar, if he desire it, on the subject of such conduct, and also on his alleged contempt in evading the service of the Summons of this House for his attendance at the Bar," added instead thereof; And the Question being put on the Amendment;—It was unanimously resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put; Resolved, That the papers and evidence upon which the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Waterloo*, proceeded in reporting that the conduct of the Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Holland* required the serious consideration of this House, having been destroyed in the late outrage, the said Mr. *Miller* be heard at the Bar, if he desire it, on the subject of such conduct, and also on his alleged contempt in evading the service of the Summons of this House for his attendance at the Bar.

Mr. *Miller* accordingly addressed the House.

On motion of Mr. *Wetenhall*, seconded by Mr. *Christie*,

Ordered, That *John Miller* be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

Mr. *Miller* was then directed to withdraw.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the style of "The *Huron Copper Bay Company*," being read; Huron Copper Bay Company Bill.

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

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Méthot* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Méthot* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders be postponed until Monday next. Orders deferred.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Christie*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*,

The House adjourned.

Veneris, 11^o die Maii;

ANNO 12^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1849.

ON motion of Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by Mr. *Méthot*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee to which were referred the Bill to amend and consolidate

Quebec Incorporation, and Quebec Health Bills.