

Bill, to revive and amend the Act 20th Vic., chapter 156, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Toronto and Owen Sound Central Railway Company*," and would recommend that the fees and expenses be refunded on the said Bills.

Ordered, That the fee paid on the Bill to revive and amend the Act 20 Vic., cap. 156, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Toronto and Owen Sound Central Railway Company*," be refunded.

The amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and extend the provisions of the Act incorporating the *Port Hope, Lindsay and Beaverton Railway Company*, and the Acts amending the same," were read a second time, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors, that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

Ordered, That the fee paid on the Bill to resolve the terms on which the Great Western Railway Company was authorized to complete the Railway from *Galt to Guelph*, be refunded.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morris* have leave to bring in a Bill for the establishment of Free Libraries.

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, to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker reported to the House that, in pursuance of the 140th section of the Act respecting Controverted Parliamentary Elections, he had, in the matter of the Contested Election for the County of *St. Hyacinthe*, taxed the costs and expenses incurred by the Petitioners, *George Casimir Dessaulles*, Esquire, *Camille Papineau*, Esquire, *Raphael Ernest Fontaine*, Esquire, and *Jean Baptiste Bourgeois*, Esquire, as due and payable by them to the following witnesses:—To *Jules Richard*, \$13.50; to *Daines Bourdages*, \$11.75; to *Alexis Millet*, \$17.00; to *J. B. N. Lamoureux*, \$19.50; to *L. Lapaline*, \$17.50; to *J. L. Sanguinet*, \$16.50; to *Henry Barbeau*, \$9.50; to *E. B. Dufort*, \$10.85; and to *L. G. Gladu*, \$20.00.

The Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House, reported, that, in obedience to Mr Speaker's Warrant, he had taken *Elzéar Gérin Lajoie* into his custody.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

Ordered, That Mr. *Gérin Lajoie* be now called in, and that the Complaint of the Honorable Member for the Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska* be read to him.

And Mr. *Gérin Lajoie* being called to the Bar, and the Complaint against him being read; he addressed the House, and said:—

"Feeling myself grossly insulted by an article published in *Le Défricheur*, a newspaper edited by the Honorable Member for *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, I was desirous of meeting with him, in order that I might ask him for explanations upon the subject. I was, yesterday evening, in the Library, engaged in making some researches, when I saw the Honorable Member a few paces distant from me. I arose from the seat of the Assistant Librarian, where I was working, and asked the Honorable Member for *Drummond* and *Arthabaska* if I might say a few words to him. He came towards the seat which I was occupying, and I offered him that seat; he preferred to seat himself on the stool beside it. I then asked what reason he considered himself to have for insulting me in his newspaper in so odious a manner, I caused him to observe that his attack was directed against actions in my private life, a course which I had never allowed myself to adopt in respect of him. He told me that there was a misunderstanding; that if I had not attacked him in his private life—and he acknowledged that I had not attacked him in his private life—I had treated him very unjustly in respect of his actions in his public life. I replied to him, that if I had attacked his public life, if I had judged them more or less severely, it amounted to a matter of opinion. He quoted to me a fact lately pub-