

We shall willingly give our attention to any suggestion which may be brought under our consideration for a revision of the Election Laws.

Feeling the paramount necessity of continuing Legislative support to the Parochial Schools, we shall be happy to be informed of the result of Your Excellency's enquiries into their condition with the anxious desire of adopting such measures as will add to their usefulness.

We shall not fail to give our early consideration to the Financial Affairs of the Province, with the view of concurring in such arrangements, as will best tend to place the public credit upon a firm and permanent basis.

We are deeply sensible of the great interest Her Majesty's Government has evinced in the advancement of the prosperity of this Province, by the ready acquiescence given to the proposal to ascertain the practicability of opening a Canal to connect the Gulph of Saint Lawrence with the Bay of Fundy, and in the liberality displayed in the Survey now in progress of that Bay and its tributary Rivers. We thank Your Excellency for the assurance that reports of these surveys and other researches shall be laid before us. We anticipate with Your Excellency, that the great natural resources of this Colony will yet engage attention in the Mother Country; and we have every confidence that this Province will long continue an attractive region to all those who are attached to the British Constitution, especially if those principles which have ever actuated its inhabitants be fostered and encouraged.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messieurs Botsford and Street be appointed a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when this House would be received with their Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

The Honorable Mr. Baillie, by leave, presented a Petition from William Napier, Henry W. Baldwin and William End, Commissioners for erecting a Bridge in the County of Gloucester, praying the balance of eleven hundred and forty pounds may be granted by the Legislature, to enable the Commissioners to discharge the balance due the Contractor.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received, and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Saunders, by leave, presented a Petition from Robert Watson, John Marks, Ninian Lindsay and others, Merchants, Ship Owners, and inhabitants of Charlotte County, praying an amendment may be made to the Act incorporating the Marine Assurance Company of Saint Stephen: and

A Petition from the Overseers of Poor for the Parish of Saint Stephen, in Charlotte County, praying the sum of one hundred and thirty seven pounds twelve shillings and seven pence may be allowed them for expenses incurred in support of indigent Emigrants.

ORDERED, That the said Petitions be received, and lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Chandler, by leave, presented a Petition from William Thomas Wishart, Samuel Robinson, Enoch Wood and other inhabitants of Saint John, praying that Declarations may be substituted in place of Oaths in cases where Members of Christian Churches have a conscientious objection to swearing.

ORDERED, That the said Petition be received, and lie on the Table.

*Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.*

*FRIDAY.*