

commensurate with the wants of the Roman Catholic population of the Province.

Of *J. P. Pacaud* and others, of *Arthabaska* and other Townships; praying aid to complete the Road from the Church of *Arthabaska* to that of *Somerset*.

Of *Jean Gaulette* and others, of *Stanford* and other Townships; praying aid to improve the Route commonly called *La Grande Route de Blandford*.

Of *Joseph Richard Thompson*, of the Township of *Brock*, Home District; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Courts of Chancery and Queen's Bench, in their discretion, to admit him to practise as a Solicitor and Attorney.

Of *Archibald Thompson* and others, of the Township of *Stanford*, District of *Niagara*; praying that a Charter may not be granted to any local Company for constructing a Railway from the Suspension Bridge on the *Niagara* River, to *Table Rock* at the Falls of *Niagara*.

Of *Robert Hobson* and others, District Councillors and Magistrates of the District of *Niagara*; praying that the District Town of the said District may be removed to a more convenient site, at the option of the District Council.

Of *Charles Park* and others, of the District of *Niagara*; praying that the District Town of the said District may be removed to a more convenient site.

Of *Solomon Doan* and others, of the Township of *Crowland*, District of *Niagara*; praying that the District Town of the said District may be removed to a more central site, to be chosen by the District Council.

Of the Reverend Messire *Charland* and others, of *St. Clément* and other Parishes, County of *Beauharnois*; praying that the Registry Office and the Circuit Court of the said County may be established and held in the Village of *Beauharnois*.

Of *William Bagshaw* and others, of the Township of *Brock*, Home District; praying that the division of the said District, intended to be proposed, may not be granted.

Of *Patrick Finn* and others, Trustees of the Roman Catholic separate School of the Town of *Niagara*; praying that the Common School Act may be amended by providing for a more equitable apportionment of the School Fund.

Of *L. Duvernay* and others, Proprietors of Newspapers in the City of *Montreal*; praying the House to take means to facilitate the publication of its daily Proceedings.

Of *Joseph Meagher*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *La Nouvelle*, County of *Bonaventure*; praying that the said Township may be laid out and subdivided, in order that its boundaries may be clearly defined for facilitating purchases and securing possession therein.

Of *J. Douglas*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying that the commutation of lands held *en roture* in that City into free and common socage, may be rendered compulsory upon the *Seigneur*, at the option of the *Censitaire*.

Of *James Cormier* and others, of the *Magdalen* Islands; praying the abolition of the Custom House and Circuit Courts on the said Islands, and for certain alterations in their Rents.

Of *Archibald Norman* and others, of the District of *Gaspé*; praying that free grants of land be made ten miles apart on the *Metis* or *Kempt* Road, with an annual allowance, to encourage persons to settle on the same, for the purpose of keeping the said Road open; and recommending to the consideration of the House *Thomas Evans*, of *Assemetquagan* River, and *John Low*, of *Lake Matapedia*, for their zeal and benevolence upon the said Road.

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

Ordered, That the Petition of *Adam J. Fergusson*, Esquire, and others, Electors of the County of *Waterloo*, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *James Webster*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the said County of *Waterloo* in the present Parliament, be taken into consideration by this House, on Monday, the fifth day of February next, at the hour of four o'clock, P. M.; and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given by Mr. Speaker, to the Petitioners, their Counsel or Agent, and to the sitting Member, according to the provisions of the second clause of an Act passed by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, during the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, *George* the Fourth, chapter four.

Waterloo Election.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Robert Hobson* and others, District Councillors and Magistrates of the District of *Niagara*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *McFarland*, Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *Cauchon*, Mr. *Hall*, Mr. *Notman*, Mr. *Armstrong*, Mr. *Smith*, of *Wentworth*, and Mr. *Morrison*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Petition of R. Hobson and others;

Ordered, That the Petition of *Charles Park* and others, of the District of *Niagara*; and the Petition of *Solomon Doan* and others, of the Township of *Crowland*, District of *Niagara*, be referred to the said Committee.

Of C. Park and others, referred.

Mr. *Richards*, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town of *Cornwall*, reported, That pursuant to adjournment, the Committee met on Saturday last at twelve o'clock, noon, and having waited for one hour, they were unable to proceed to business in consequence of the absence of Mr. *Egan*, Mr. *Dumas*, Mr. *McConnell*, Mr. *Chauveau*, Mr. *Marquis*, Mr. *Stevenson*, Mr. *Sauvageau*, and Mr. *Mongenais*, members of the Committee; also, that the Committee met this day at the same hour, and were unable to proceed to business, in consequence of the continued absence of Mr. *Chauveau*, Mr. *Egan*, Mr. *Mongenais*, Mr. *Marquis*, Mr. *Sauvageau*, and Mr. *Stevenson*, members of the Committee.

Cornwall Election.

Ordered, That Mr. *Egan*, Mr. *Dumas*, Mr. *McConnell*, Mr. *Chauveau*, Mr. *Marquis*, Mr. *Stevenson*, Mr. *Sauvageau*, and Mr. *Mongenais*, do severally attend in their places in this House, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws of Patents for Inventions in this Province.

Laws of Patents Bill.

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, on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to improve the Law of Evidence, and to abolish unnecessary Oaths.

Law of Evidence Bill.

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, on Monday next.

Resolved, That Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

Standing Committees to be appointed.