

Committee on
Petition of
Municipal
Council of
Niagara, re-
ports.

Mr. Cummings, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of Niagara, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to repeal the Act therein mentioned, authorizing the raising of a sum of money in the District of Niagara, for the purpose of relieving the said District from debt; which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Committee on
Petition of
Marie Hono-
rine Pinso-
neault, et al.,
reports.

Mr. Boutillier from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of Marie Honorine Pinsonneault, (dite St. Joseph,) and others, the Religious Sisters of Charity of the Hôtel Dieu of the Parish of St. Hyacinthe, in the County of St. Hyacinthe, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee having examined the Petition to them referred, are of opinion that the prayer therein contained be granted.

La Commu-
nauté des Filles
de la Charité,
Incorporation
Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Boutillier have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate "La Communauté des Filles de la Charité," of the Parish of St. Hyacinthe, in the District of Montreal, for the care of infirm and sick persons, and for other purposes.

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 Wednesday next.

Home District
Municipal
Council.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Home District be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Simcoe Regis-
try Office Bill.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Robinson have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the District of Simcoe from its present site to Barrie, the District Town.

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 Thursday next.

Great Western
Railroad Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. Cameron have leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the Charter of the Great Western Railroad Company.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Cameron have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company to extend the Great Western Railroad from Hamilton to Toronto.

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 Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Chabot,

Address rela-
tive to Com-
mutations.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, praying that he will be pleased to direct the proper officer to lay before this House, a Return of the number of Commutations which have taken place under the 8th Victoria, cap. 42, intituled "An Act the better to facilitate optional Commutation of the tenure of Lands en roture in the Seigniories and Fiefs in Lower Canada into that of franc alleu roturiers."

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government, by such Members of this House as are of the Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Christie, the Honourable Mr. Moffatt, the Honourable Mr. Aylwin, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Laurier, and Mr. Taché, be appointed to enquire into and report upon the expenses usually incurred in effecting Commutations of the tenure of Land held en Fief or à titre de cens of the Crown in Lower Canada into that of Free and Common Socage, under the Imperial Act 3rd Geo. IV., ch. 119, and their legality, and whether such expenses have contributed to prevent commutations, or have proved an obstacle thereto, and to report upon the expedience of making provision by law for modifying those expenses or charges, with a view to facilitate the operations of the said Act, and to render commutations under it less expensive; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Committee on
subject of
Commutations
appointed.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Cauchon, the Honourable Mr. Morin, Mr. Christie, Mr. Solicitor-General Taschereau, and the Honourable Mr. Aylwin, be appointed to inquire into the causes of fires by steam engines on land or by water, within the limits of this Province, and into the most efficient means for preventing them for the future, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Committee on
causes of fires
by Steam En-
gines, appoint-
ed.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney-General Draper, have leave to bring in a Bill to remove certain doubts as to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Court of Chancery in Upper Canada, in matters relating to lunatics, idiots, and persons of unsound mind, and their estates, and to amend and extend the laws in force in Upper Canada, relating to lunatics, idiots, and persons of unsound mind, and their estates.

Court of
Chancery.

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 Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Laurin, seconded by Mr. Chabot,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government, praying that he will be pleased to acquaint this House with the reasons why the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads have not caused the road from the Côte de Champigny, including the said Côte, to the bridge commonly called the "Red Bridge," or "Commissioner's Bridge," to be macadamized, in conformity with the Act of the 8th Victoria, cap. 55, and if the said Trustees have the intention of conforming themselves to the said law, and of macadamizing the said road in the course of the next summer.

Quebec Turn-
pike Roads.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government, by such Members of this House as are of the Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney-General Draper, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Solicitor-General Sherwood,

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the (U.C.) School Law of Upper Canada.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.