

*Ordered*—That Captain *Steele* have leave to bring in a bill to amend an act of that part of the province formerly called *Upper Canada*, intitled “An act to provide for the making and keeping in repair the *West Gwilliambury* road and bridge; and to authorize the erection of “a toll gate thereon.”

Gwilliambury Road & Bridge bill.

He accordingly presented the said bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time.

A petition of the Reverend *William King*, and others, settlers of the townships of *Bury* and *Lynwick*, was presented to the House by Mr. *Cartwright*, and the same was received and read, setting forth the injury likely to accrue to society in general from the want of adequate schools for the rising generation—The utter impossibility of providing them by private contributions:

Petition of William King and others.

The impropriety of introducing into schools for the education of youth, extracts, only, from the word of God, and praying that the received translation of the bible be recognized as the class book to be universally taught in all public schools and seminaries throughout the province, where protestant children shall receive their education, in its unabridged state.

*Ordered*—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

A petition of *G. Frederick Verhoeff*, *Lewis Davenport*, *Thomas M. Taylor* and *J. Babcock*, was presented to the House by Mr. *Prince*, and the same was received and read, setting forth: that petitioners have lived, for a great many years past, in that part of this province, formerly called *Upper Canada*, and have expended large sums of money in making improvements therein—That petitioners are desirous of spending the remainder of their lives in *Canada*, and of becoming subjects of Her Majesty the Queen of *Great Britain*, and humbly praying that a law may be passed to enable them to hold and dispose of real estate in this province and to entitle them to the rights and privileges of British subjects.

Petition of Verhoeff and others, praying to be naturalized.

*Ordered*—That the said petition do lie upon the table.

A petition of divers freeholders and inhabitants, residing on the river *Ristigouche*, in the county of *Bonaventure*, was presented to the House by Mr. *Christie*, and the same was received and read setting forth:

Petition of inhabitants of Ristigouche on election.

That by law heretofore the elections of the representatives of this county were appointed to be held at *New Carlisle* and *Carleton*.

That at the late election, however, the law was dispensed with, and the election held at *Carlisle* only; the effect of which has been to disfranchise the great majority of electors in the county, who, owing to the distance of their residence, 50 to 120 miles from the Poll, were unable to attend thereat, and to express their sense in the choice of a representative for the county, which has therefore been taken by surprise and defrauded of its franchise, by act of the Executive government.

Petitioners pray this House to cause enquiry to be made into the matter whereof they complain and to adopt measures to prevent a recurrence of the injustice and electoral fraud above mentioned.

Petitioners further submit that it would be conducive to order, morality, and good government, if the Returning Officer for the county were, at future elections, authorised to open a Poll at each of the principal places in the county (a day or two at each place) that is to say, at the mission on the *Ristigouche*, at *Carleton*, at *Richmond*, at *Bonaventure*, at *Carlisle* and at *Port Daniel*, inverting the order at each successive election.

A petition of divers Inhabitants of *Shoolbred*, on the *Ristigouche* and other places, was presented to the House by Mr. *Christie* and the same was received and read setting forth—

Petition from Shoolbred on election.