

Mr. Seymour took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. Seymour reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received, on Thursday next.

Then, on motion of Mr. Laurin, seconded by Mr. Richards,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 27<sup>o</sup> die Martii;

ANNO 12<sup>o</sup> VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1849.

Desjardins  
Canal Com-  
pany.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House the following Return to an Order of the sixth instant, viz.: Receipts and Expenditures of the Desjardins Canal Company, from the year 1837 to the year 1848, inclusive.

For the said Return, see Appendix (W.W.W.)

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Clerical  
Visitors of Sick  
Emigrants.

The Honorable Mr. Hincks, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Supplementary Return to so much of an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 29th January, 1849, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, a Return of all sums of money paid during 1848, for the service of 1847, to Clerical Visitors of sick Emigrants at Grosse Isle, Quebec, Montreal, and elsewhere, with the name and claims of each recipient.

For the said Supplementary Return, see Appendix (K.K.K.)

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St. Antoine de  
l'Isle aux Grues  
Municipality  
Bill.

An engrossed Bill to detach the Parish of St. Antoine de l'Isle aux Grues from the Municipality of L'Islet, and to erect the same into a separate Municipality, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Fournier do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Bill relating to  
Causes in  
formâ pauperis.

An engrossed Bill to remove doubts as to the right of suing and defending Causes in formâ pauperis before the Courts of Law in Lower Canada, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Lemieux do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Petitions  
brought up.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By the Honorable Mr. Boulton,—The Petition of I. W. Powell, President, and M. H. Foley, Secretary of the Talbot District Temperance Association, on behalf of the same.

By the Honorable Mr. Cameron, of Kent,—The Petition of George Chaperon, of the Parish of St. Pierre and St. Paul, County of Saguenay; and the Petition of Francis Drake, President of the County of Kent Agricultural Society, on behalf of the said Society.

By Mr. M'Farland,—The Petition of George S. Wilkes and others, of the Districts of Niagara and Gore.

Ordered, That the Return to an Order of this House of the 6th instant, being,—Receipts and Expenditures of the Desjardins Canal Company from 1837 to 1848, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Desjardins  
Canal Com-  
pany.

Ordered, That the Petition of E. Cartier and others, of the Parish of St. Hyacinthe, and the Petition of E. L. R. C. Després, and J. F. Tetu, of the Parish of St. Hyacinthe, be referred to the Select Committee to which is referred the Petition of Joseph Bistodeau and others, of the Village of St. Hyacinthe.

Petition of E.  
Cartier and  
others;  
Of Després and  
Tetu;

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend C. L. Vinet and others, of the Parish of St. Constant, District of Montreal, and the Petition of the Reverend Pierre Bedard and others, of the Parish of St. Rémi, District of Montreal, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to enquire whether any and what Legislative measures can be adopted to repress the evils growing out of Intemperance.

Of the Revd.  
C. L. Vinet  
and others;

Of the Revd.  
P. Bedard and  
others, re-  
ferred.

Mr. M'Farland, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of Henry Smith, Esquire, and others, of Grimsby and other Townships, and another reference, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Report on Pe-  
tition of H.  
Smith and  
others.

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of Henry Smith, Esquire, and others, of the Townships of Grimsby, Gainsborough, and Caistor, in the Niagara District, and of Henry Morgan and others, inhabitants of the Townships of Binbrook and Saltfleet, in the Gore District, referred to them, praying Your Honorable House will be pleased to take into Your favorable consideration the state of the country lying between Hamilton in the Gore District, and Fort Erie in the District of Niagara, which has hitherto been greatly neglected, for want of Roads to open up that line of country; and further praying that Your Honorable House will be pleased to pass a Bill authorizing the formation of a Plank or Macadamized Road, or partly of the one and partly of the other, (as may be found most expedient,) from the City of Hamilton, through Smithville, Pelham, and Fort Robinson, to Waterloo Ferry, in the Niagara District, it being the opinion of the Petitioners that the above-mentioned line of Road would be highly advantageous to the Agricultural and Commercial community, and would form a most desirable Military line of communication with the Niagara Frontier.

Your Committee are of opinion that it would be highly advantageous, to the Agricultural part of the community, to open up that section of the country by the construction of a Road, which might also be advantageous as a Military communication with the Niagara Frontier.

Your Committee consider that the provisions of the Bill, now before Your Honorable House, authorizing the formation of Joint Stock Companies in Upper Canada, for the construction of Plank, Gravelled, or Macadamized Roads therein, are amply sufficient to meet the views of the Petitioners on this subject.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

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

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the Teachers' Association of the District of Quebec, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Quebec Dis-  
trict Teachers  
Association  
Bill.