

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Steam Vessels. A Bill to regulate Steam Vessels in this Province, was, according to order, read a second time.

Resolved, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. Hale, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Quesnel, the Honourable Mr. Sherwood and Mr. Cameron, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Lying-in Hospital, Montreal. A Bill to Incorporate the Ladies of the Committee of Management of the *Montreal* Lying-in Hospital, was, according to order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Illegitimate Children. The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to make provision for the support of illegitimate children, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Registry Laws. A Bill to alter and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province which was formerly *Upper Canada*, was, according to order, read a second time.

Resolved, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Sherwood, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Baldwin, and Mr. Prince, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Niagara & Gore District Boundary Line. A Bill to amend the Act relating to the Boundary Line between the *Niagara* and *Gore* Districts, was, according to order, read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Debtors Detention. The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to provide for the detention and conveyance to Gaol of Debtors, in certain cases, within *Canada West*, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Resolved, That the said Bill be referred to a Special Committee of five Members, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. Thompson, Mr. Cartwright, the Honourable Mr. Boulton, Mr. Boswell, and Mr. Thorburn, do compose the said Committee.

Religious Societies' lands. The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to enable Religious Societies of all denominations of Christians (in that part of the Province formerly called *Upper Canada*) to hold the Lands requisite for certain purposes therein mentioned, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Gilchrist reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Petition of A. Simpson and others. The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of A. Simpson and other Agriculturists, of *Quebec*; praying that the *Quebec* Turnpike Act may be so amended as to allow Vehicles laden with manure to pass free of Toll, with an Instruction to consider the propriety

of extending the same exemption to the whole Province, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

And Mr. Leslie reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution: which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Special Committee in their Report.

Then on motion of the Honourable Mr. Viger, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Neilson, The House adjourned.

Mercurii 25^o die Octobris.

Anno 7^o Victoriae Reginae, 1843.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House a General Statement of the affairs of the *Montreal* Assurance Company, received in conformity to an order of this House of the 6th Instant.

Montreal Assurance Company.

(For the said General Statement see Appendix I.)

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

9 Petitions brought up

By Mr. Simpson—The Petition of the Very Reverend P. S. Archambault and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de Soulanges* and other places, in the District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. Foster—The Petition of H. Robinson and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Shefford*.

By the Honourable Mr. Hincks—The Petition of Robert Currie and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *East Oxford*.

By Mr. McLean—The Petition of John Montgomery, Senior, and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Rocherbourg*, in the County of *Stormont*.

By the Honourable Mr. Moffatt—The Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade (relating to the measurement of Lumber); and the Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade (relating to the *Montreal* Harbour.)

By Mr. Powell—The Petition of the Reverend Francis Evans and others, of the Town of *Simcoe*, in the District of *Talbot*.

By Mr. Prince—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the *Western* District (relating to Assessors); and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the *Western* District (relating to the Municipal Council Act.)

An Engrossed Bill, to Incorporate the Ladies of the Committee of Management of the *Montreal* Lying-in-Hospital, was read for the third time.

Montreal Lying-in Hospital Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

An Engrossed Bill to amend the Act relating to the Boundary Line between the *Niagara* and *Gore* Districts, was read for the third time.

Niagara and Gore Boundary Line.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

An Engrossed Bill to impose Duties on Agricultural Produce and Live Stock imported into this Province, was read for the third time.

Duties Bill.

The Honourable Mr. Hincks moved, seconded by Mr. Child, that the Bill do pass, and the title be "An Act to impose Duties on Agricultural Produce and Live Stock imported into this Province."