

*Half-past Seven o'clock, P.M.*

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

By Mr. *Scatcherd*,—The Petition of the West *Middlesex* Electoral Division Agricultural Society; and the Petition of *Marcus Gunn*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Rose*,—The Petition of Messieurs *McDonald*, Brothers and Company, and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Dufresne* (*Montcalm*),—The Petition of *Pierre Millette* and others, of the County of *Richelieu*.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petition was read:—

Of the Reverend *A. D. Lockhart* and others, of the Parish of *St. Bernard de La-celle*; praying that no Act may be passed which would compel non-residents of the Protestant faith to pay their taxes levied for education, to the School Commissioners of the Roman Catholic Churches in *Lower Canada*.

On motion of Mr. *Scatcherd*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald* (*Glengarry*),

*Ordered*, That the fee of Sixty dollars paid on the Bill to remove doubt as to the title of *Leonidas Burwell* to certain lands in the Township of *Bayham*, be refunded.

The House resumed the further consideration of the Amendment which was, this day, proposed to be made to the Question, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, (for the House again in Committee of Supply), and which Amendment was, that all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, representing that in June, 1859, an advance of \$100,000 was made from the Public Chest without the authority of Parliament, for the redemption of Bonds for a like amount of the City of *Montreal*, which Bonds were redeemable by the Grand Trunk Railway Company; that by the terms of the Order in Council of the 1st June, 1859, the Receiver General was authorized to redeem the said Bonds on account of the City of *Montreal*, and to hold the same until the amount so advanced (\$100,000) with interest at six per cent., be re-paid to the Government by the City of *Montreal*, subject to the condition that the said City do immediately levy the necessary rate to meet their indebtedness under the Municipal Loan Fund Act, and that the amount so advanced be repaid within three months;" "that the City of *Montreal* having fulfilled the condition of paying its indebtedness under the Municipal Loan Fund Act, the Bonds in question were delivered by the Receiver General to the City Treasurer on 13th September, 1859, whereby all claims against the City of *Montreal* for the said advance was relinquished; that under the instructions of the then Minister of Finance, conveyed in a letter dated *London*, 28th December, 1859, addressed to Mr. *Reiffenstein*, of the Receiver General's Department, the amount of the said advance was transferred to the debit of the Financial Agents of the Province in *London*, who deny that they ever consented to become liable therefor; that in view of the facts above recited, this House would be failing in its duty if it did not express its disapprobation of an unauthorised advance of a large amount of public money, and of the subsequent departure from the conditions of the Order in Council under which the advance was made," inserted instead thereof.

Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Chapter four of the Consolidated Statutes of *Canada*, called upon Mr. *Joly*, Member for the County of *Lotbinière*, to take the Chair during his temporary absence.

Mr. *Joly* accordingly took the Chair of the House.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

And the Question on the Amendment being again proposed;

The Honorable Mr. *Cameron* moved, in amendment to the said proposed Amendment, seconded by Mr. *Street*, That the words "an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, representing that in June, 1859, an advance of