

mittee, composed of Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *McFarland*, and Mr. *Thompson*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of G. Chaperon, referred.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *George Chaperon*, of the Parish of *La Baie St. Paul*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Laterrière*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *Cauchon*, and Mr. *DeWitt*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Report on Montreal Corporation Petition.

Mr. *Holmes*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to amend the Act 8 Vic. cap. 59, consolidating the provisions of the Ordinance to incorporate the City of *Montreal*, which was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Friday next.

Montreal Incorporation Bill.

Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That when this House doth adjourn, it will adjourn until Thursday next, at four o'clock, P. M.

Beauharnois Election.

The Order of the day for the attendance of *R. H. Norval*, Esquire, Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of *Beauharnois*, at the bar of this House, being read;

And the House being informed that Mr. *Norval* attended at the door, he was called in; and, at the bar, the following Question was proposed to be put to him:

Are you the Returning Officer to whom the Writ of Election for the County of *Beauharnois* was directed at the last General Election?—

And a Motion being made by Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by Mr. *Gugy*, and the Question being put, That *Robert H. Norval*, Esquire, Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of *Beauharnois*, having appeared at the bar of this House, in obedience to the Order of this House, and there being no charge before this House against him, the said *R. H. Norval*, Esquire, be discharged.

The House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down; as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs *Badgley*, *Brooks*, *Christie*, *Crysler*, *Gugy*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Malloch*, *McConnell*, *McLean*, *Meyers*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Stevenson*, and *Taché*.—(17.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Beaubien*, *Bell*, *Boulton* of *NORFOLK*, *Boutillier*, *Burritt*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Cuthbert*, *Davignon*, *Drummond*, *Duchesnay*, *Dumas*, *DeWitt*, *Fortier*, *Fournier*, *Fourquin*, *Guillet*, *Hall*, *Holmes*, *Hincks*, *Jobin*, *Johnson*, *Laterrière*, *Laurin*, *Lemieux*, *Leslie*, *Macdonald* of *GLENGARY*, *Marquis*, *McFarland*, *Merritt*, *Mongenais*, *Morrison*, *Notman*, *Price*, *Richards*, *Scott* of *BYTOWN*, *Scott* of *TWO MOUNTAINS*, *Smith* of *DURHAM*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Thompson*, and *Watts*.—(44.)

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Norval* was then examined; as followeth:—and on each of the Questions being put, the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down as in the preceding division.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,

1. Are you the Returning Officer to whom the Writ of Election for the County of *Beauharnois* was directed at the last General Election?—I am.

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2. Were there not on the Poll Books legally returned to you at *Durham*, on or before the 22d day of January last, a clear majority of 400 votes for *Jacob DeWitt*, Esquire; and was he not the candidate having the majority of votes upon the said Poll Books?—There were such a number of votes, and he was the candidate having the majority.

Beauharnois Election.

3. Was it not reported to you by the Deputy Returning Officers for the Parish of *St. Anicet* and the Township of *Dundee*, that the Poll Books for the said Parish and Township had been stolen while in progress of transmission to you?—It was reported by the Deputy Returning Officer of *St. Anicet*, and by the Poll Clerk of the Township of *Dundee*, that such was the case.

4. Was it not reported to you by the Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk, that there was a majority of 283 votes given in the said Township and Parish, in favor of *Jacob DeWitt*, Esquire, the sitting Member for *Beauharnois*?—It was.

5. For what reason did you not return the said *Jacob DeWitt*, Esquire, as the candidate having the majority of votes at the said Election?—I have acted to the best of my judgment, according to the information in my power, and faithfully and correctly reported the facts. The case in which I was called upon to act was one for which I could find no precedent; and it will be a relief to me, should I again find myself in a similar situation, that this Honorable House has set such precedent. I assure the Honorable House that I entertained no partiality towards either of the candidates at the late Election for *Beauharnois*; and if I have done wrong, I have not erred intentionally.

By the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*,

6. Were you or not advised by some, and, if aye, what person to make the Return you did?—I was not advised by any one.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*,

*Ordered*, That *R. H. Norval*, Esquire, be discharged from further attendance upon this House.

*Ordered*, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until Thursday next. Orders deferred.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,

The House adjourned until Thursday next, at four o'clock, P. M.

*Jovis, 9° die Martii.*

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MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, a Statement of the Affairs of the *Peterborough and Port Hope Railway Company*, pursuant to the Act 10 Vic. c. 109.

Peterborough and Port Hope Railway.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (F.)

Appendix (F.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that *James Burns* and *François Bureau*, Esquires, had entered into the usual Recognizance required by law, on the subject-matter of the Contested Election for the Town of *Three Rivers*.

Three Rivers Election.

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

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of *J. Egan*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Lanark*, and District of *Bathurst*; the Petition of *D. F. McLaren* and others, of the Township of *Litchfield*; the Petition of