

The great majority of the people of the Province have given at this conjecture proofs, not to be mistaken, of loyalty to the Queen and attachment to the connection with *Great Britain*.

They look to their own Parliament for the redress of grievances which may be proved to exist, and for the adoption of such measures of improvement as may be calculated to promote their happiness and prosperity.

I feel assured that the confidence placed by them in the wisdom of Parliament will be justified by your acts: and that, while you deal unsparingly with abuses, you will not barter away for novelties, rights dear to British subjects, nor abandon those principles of good faith, morality, and constitutional freedom, the strict adherence to which has enabled *Great Britain*, with God's blessing, to pass unscathed through many perils.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Baldwin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Lafontaine*,

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, delivered this day to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature, be taken into consideration on Friday next.

Speech to be considered.

Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. *Prince*,—The Petition of *R. S. Woods*, Esquire, and others, Barristers, and others, of the Township of *Sandwich*, County of *Essex*; and the Petition of *Fabien Parent* and *Antoine Ouellette*, of the Town of *Sandwich*, County of *Essex*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *E. LeBlond* and others, of the Parish of *St. Raphaël de l'Isle Bizard*; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. B. St. Germain*, of the Parish of *St. Laurent*, County of *Montreal*.

On motion of Mr. *DeWitt*, seconded by Mr. *Christie*,

Ordered, That the Clerk do charge to the Contingencies of the House, the Postage on all Letters not exceeding one ounce in weight, and on printed papers, to and from Members of this House, during the present Session: provided that when Petitions to this House are enclosed, the Postage thereon shall be charged without restriction as to weight.

Postage on Letters to and from Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Baldwin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Lafontaine*,

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker; and that he do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Votes and proceedings to be printed.

Standing Committees to be appointed.

Resolved, That Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

1. On Privileges and Elections.
2. On Expiring Laws.
3. On Railroads and Telegraph Lines.
4. On Miscellaneous Private Bills.
4. On Standing Orders.
6. On Printing.
7. On Contingencies.

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as may be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Baldwin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Price*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 15^o die Maii;

ANNO 13^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1850.

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

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By Mr. *Duchesnay*,—The Petition of *Edouard Morin*, Esquire, and others, Agriculturists, and others, of the Parish of *St. Casimir*; and the Petition of *P. Benoit*, Esquire, Mayor, and *N. Gauthier*, Secretary-Treasurer, of the Municipal Council of the County of *Portneuf*.

By Mr. *McLean*,—The Petition of *George Poapst*, and others, of the ninth concession of *Cornwall*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of the Reverend *James Jones* and others, the Minister, Wardens, Members and Congregation of the Church of *England*, in the Township of *Stanbridge*, Lower Canada.

By Mr. *Armstrong*,—The Petition of *Alexis Desauter* and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup*, County of *St. Maurice*.

By Mr. *McConnell*,—The Petition of *W. G. Cook* and others, Trustees of the *Charleston Academy*.

By Mr. *Polette*,—The Petition of *Etienne Mayrand*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *Rivière du Loup*, County of *St. Maurice*; the Petition of *Louis Clair*, President, *pro tempore*, and *P. E. Vezina*, Secretary-Treasurer, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *Three Rivers*; and the Petition of *Louis Lampron* and others, of the Town of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Dumas*,—the Petition of the Corporation of the College of *L'Assomption*.

By Mr. *Thompson*,—The Petition of the Provisional Municipal Council of *Kent*; and the Petition of *James Blake* and others, of the Township of *Walpole*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of the Great Western Railroad Company.

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Racine* and others, of *Stanford* and other Townships.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of the President, Vice-President, and Directors of the *Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Association*.

By Mr. *Christie*,—The Petition of *Louis Edouard Pacaud*, Esquire, of the Town of *Three Rivers*, late Commissioner of the Court of Bankrupts for the District of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Cartier*,—The Petition of *Louis Comte*, of the City of *Montreal*, mason; and the Petition of *J. P. DeMartigny*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *St. Hugues*.

By Mr. *Prince*,—The Petition of *Rowland Wingfield*, and others, of the United Counties of *Essex*, *Kent* and *Lambton*, and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* of *Kent*,—The Petition of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*; and the Petition of *William Turnbull* and others, of the Township of *Moore*, County of *Lambton*.

By Mr. *Hopkins*,—The Petition of *Samuel Bowman* and others, of the County of *Halton*.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Boulton* have leave to bring in a Bill to alter, simplify and amend the Practice of the Law, and to diminish Law Expenses.

Law Practice Bill.