

Petitions  
brought up.

By Mr. *Duchesnay*,—The Petition of *Archibald H. Young* and others, of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, and other Parishes.

By Mr. *Wetenhall*,—The Petition of *George Simley* and others, of the County of *Waterloo*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Daly*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. B. Potvin* and others, of *Somerset*, and other Townships.

By Mr. *Sherwood* of *Brockville*,—The Petition of *Archibald Petrie*, of the Township of *Cumberland*, in the County of *Russell*, Esquire.

Petitions read.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *William Caldwell* and others, of *Amherstburgh* and other parts of the Western District; praying that the time allotted them for the payment of the fees due upon their lands may be prolonged; that those who have a claim thereto may be absolved from the payment of those fees; and that in all cases the said fees may be reduced.

Of *Joseph Metsalabolet* and others, *Abenakis* and *Malécites* of the Indian Village of *Béancour*; praying for a grant of money out of the revenues of the Jesuits' Estates, for the support of a Missionary amongst them.

Of the Reverend *Joseph Maurault*, Missionary, and of the Chiefs and Warriors of the *Abenakis* Village of *St. François du Lac St. Pierre*; praying for a grant of money out of the revenues of the Jesuits' Estates, for the re-construction of a School House in the said Village.

Of the Reverend *George L. Lemoine* and others, of the Parish of *Beauport*, and parts adjacent; representing that the Turnpike Trustees have interfered to prevent the use of the usual winter roads over the ice on the Basin of the River *St. Charles*, and on the River *St. Lawrence*; and praying that such measures may be adopted as will enable the inhabitants to use them as heretofore.

Of *Laurent Tremblay* and others, Pilots for and below the Harbour of *Quebec*; praying that three of their number may be appointed to represent them at the Trinity Board; that the number of Branch Pilots be diminished; that their compensation be increased; and that certain regulations be made respecting those who are detained at Quarantine, or who, in the discharge of their duties, may contract disease upon vessels.

Of *William Patton* and others, of *St. Thomas* and the adjoining Parishes; praying for a grant of money towards an establishment for the education of young girls in the Parish of *St. Thomas*.

Of the President and Directors of the New City Gas Company of *Montreal*; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*; praying for certain amendments to the Act 8 Vic. c. 59, establishing the Mayor's Court of the City of *Montreal*.

Of *George O. Stuart*, Esquire, and others, Directors of the *Quebec Protestant Cemetery Association*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of Mrs. *Eliza Taylor*, on behalf of the Committee of Ladies conducting the affairs of the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*; praying the usual aid in support of the said Institution.

Of *William Black* and others, of the Parish of *St. Roch*, in the City of *Quebec*; representing that they commenced re-building their houses destroyed by the fire of the 25th May, 1845, but have been unable to finish the same, not having received the promised Government Debentures, and praying relief.

Of *James Motz*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate; praying that the Act 58 Geo. 3, c. 25, may be so modified as to secure him in the enjoyment

of the Toll Bridge over the River *Etchemin*, and of the Tolls arising therefrom.

Of *A. Gaudry* and others, Proprietors and Masters of Ships, of the Ports of *Quebec* and *Montreal*; complaining of the burthen of certain dues and obligations imposed upon them, and praying relief.

Of *Antoine Polette*, of the Town of *Three Rivers*, Esquire, setting forth:—That at the late General Election of Members to serve in the present Provincial Parliament, *James Dickson*, Esquire, was the Returning Officer duly appointed to proceed to the Election of a Member to serve for the Town of *Three Rivers*, and that the said Returning Officer gave due notice that he would commence and hold the said Election for the said Town on the twenty-ninth day of December last, in the accustomed place for holding such Elections: That the Petitioner is duly qualified by law to serve as a Member in the Legislative Assembly of this Province: That on the said day, and at the said place, two Candidates appeared for the Representation of the said Town, to wit: *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, Esquire, of the said Town of *Three Rivers*, Advocate, and the Petitioner; and a Poll was required, and granted by the said Returning Officer; and that the third and fourth days of January then next, and now last past, were then and there appointed by the said Returning Officer for taking the said Poll, at the Market Hall for the said Town of *Three Rivers*: That on the third day of January last past, the said Returning Officer proceeded to hold or keep the Poll, and receive the votes of those who presented themselves thereat as Electors, and adjourned to the next day: That on the fourth day of the said month of January, at the hour of nine of the clock in the forenoon, the said Returning Officer continued to hold the Poll, and receive the votes of those who presented themselves thereat as Electors; but that in consequence of violence exercised by the friends and supporters of the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, who had by force expelled from the said Poll and place of Election the friends and supporters of the Petitioner, and taken and kept forcible possession of the Poll Booth, the said Returning Officer could not continue and terminate the said Election; and dreading personal injury to himself, was forced to discontinue the Poll, and close the Election without proclaiming either of the Candidates duly elected: That the Petitioner polled at the said Election one hundred and seventy votes, which formed the majority of good and legal votes, as well as those taken and enregistered at the said Election, as those of all the inhabitants and others duly qualified to vote for the Election of a Member to serve the said Town of *Three Rivers* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province: That the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, at the time of the said Election, and particularly on the said twenty-ninth day of December, and on the said third and fourth days of January last, held, and was in possession of, the several offices, under the Crown in this Province, of Resident Agent for the sale of Public Lands in the County of *St. Maurice*, in the said Province, and of Agent for the sale of Timber Licences in the said County, and that notice thereof was publicly given: That being in possession of such offices as aforesaid, the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, at the time of the said Election, was incapable of, and disqualified from, being elected or returned to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province: That the said Returning Officer, well knowing the premises, granted a Poll improperly and in error at the said Election, and was bound to proclaim and return the Petitioner as duly elected, being the sole Candidate at the said Election duly qualified by law; and that the Petitioner became, and was, and is entitled to sit and vote in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, as the Mem-

Petitions read.