

with *Great Britain* in the agricultural productions of *British North America*, and praying that a duty may be laid on the importation of those productions, to protect the farmers of this Province from the competition of Foreigners.

Jos. McCarthy.

Of *James McCarthy*, and others, praying for amendments to the District Council Act.

Inhabitants of E. & W. Gwillimbury.

Of *William Rea*, and others, of the Townships of *East and West Gwillimbury*, praying that a certain portion of the Township of *West Gwillimbury* be annexed to the *Home District*.

Niagara Election.

*Mr. Hale*, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Melville* and *John McBride*, Electors of the Town of *Niagara*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Edward Clarke Campbell*, Esquire, sitting Member for the said Town of *Niagara*, reported to the House, that the Committee met on the tenth instant, at ten o'clock, A. M., according to law, and were obliged to adjourn, without proceeding to business, in consequence of the absence of Messieurs *Quesnel* and *Williams*, without leave of the House.

On motion of the Honourable *Mr. Jones*, seconded by *Mr. Hale*,

Duty on agricultural products.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the expediency of imposing a Duty on the Agricultural Products of the neighbouring States, when imported into this Province.

On motion of *Mr. Thorburn*, seconded by *Mr. Simpson*,

Contingencies.

*Resolved*, That a Special Committee of nine Members be appointed, to whom the Contingent Accounts and Expenses of this House, during the present Session, shall be referred, with power to report from time to time, and to send for persons, papers, and records.

*Ordered*, That *Mr. Thorburn*, *Mr. DeWitt*, *Mr. Cartwright*, *Mr. Leslie*, *Mr. Merritt*, *Mr. Morris*, *Mr. Parent*, the Honourable *Mr. Neilson*, and *Mr. Aylwin*, do compose the said Committee.

Rules of the House.

*Mr. Henry Smith* moved, seconded by *Mr. Merritt*, That a Committee of five Members be appointed, to take into consideration the propriety of altering or amending certain Rules of this House, adopted at its last Session.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

Printing.

*Resolved*, That *Mr. Merritt* be excused from serving on the standing Committee, appointed to superintend the Printing of this House, during the present Session, and that the House do now proceed to appoint another Member.

*Ordered*, That *Mr. DeWitt* be added to the said Committee.

Lower Canada contested Elections.

On motion of the Honourable *Mr. Neilson*, seconded by the Honourable *Mr. Baldwin*,

*Ordered*, That the entry in the Journals of this House, of the last Session, of the thirteenth September last, of the Resolutions of the House, on the subject of the loss, in the Legislative Council, of the Bill for preventing any failure of Justice on certain outrages, alleged as having occurred during the late General Elections in the Counties of *Terrebonne*, *Montreal*, *Vaudreuil*, *Beauharnois*, *Chambly*, and *Rouville*, be now read; and that the Petitions referred to in the said Bill be also read.

The said Entry and Petitions were read accordingly.

*Resolved*, That a Special Committee, of seven Members, be appointed, to proceed to the enquiry mentioned in the said Resolutions—to report with all convenient speed, and that the said Committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

*Ordered*, That the Honourable *Mr. Neilson*, *Mr. Quesnel*, *Mr. Roblin*, the Honourable *Mr. Baldwin*, the Honourable *Mr. Attorney-General Draper*, *Mr. Holmes* and *Sir Allan N. MacNab*, do compose the said Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Honourable *Mr. Baldwin* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the freedom of Elections throughout this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Election Bill.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday, the twenty-sixth instant.

*Ordered*, That *Mr. Leslie* have leave to bring in a Bill to restore, for purposes relative to the election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, the ancient boundaries and limits of the City of *Montreal*.

Limits of Montreal bill.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

*Ordered*, That *Mr. Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the inspection and measurement of timber, masts, spars, deals, staves, and other articles of a like nature, and for other purposes relative to the same.

Bill for measurement of timber, masts, &c.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday next.

*Ordered*, That *Mr. Cartwright* have leave to bring in a Bill, to render lands in the hands of Executors and Administrators more available, as assets, for the payment of debts.

Bill to render lands more available as assets.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday the twenty-sixth instant.

*Ordered*, That *Mr. Aylwin* have leave to bring in a Bill for better securing the independence of the Judges.

Judges' Independence Bill.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time, on Thursday next.

On motion of *Mr. Aylwin*, seconded by *Mr. Henry Smith*,

*Resolved*, That the Honourable *Francis Hincks*, a Member of the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petitions of divers Electors of the Second Riding of the County of *York*, and of *Connell James Baldwin*, Esquire, complaining of the undue election and return of *George Duggan*, Esquire, the sitting Member for the said Second Riding of the County of *York*, and the Nominee of the Petitioners against the return of the said *George Duggan*, having vacated his seat in this House during the recess, has, although re-elected for the same County, ceased to be a Member of the said Committee, and is legally incompetent to serve upon the said Committee, unless re-appointed.

York Election Committee.

The order of the day, for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency, the Governor-General, delivered to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature,

Speech.