

ton; praying for certain amendments to the Common School Act.

Of *A. Dingwall Fordyce*, and others, Inhabitants of *Fergus*, an' neighbourhood, in the District of *Wellington*; praying for certain amendments to the Charter of the University of King's College.

Seventh
Report on Pri-
vate Bills.

Mr. *Hale* from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented to the House, the Seventh Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

"Your Committee have considered the Petition of the Honourable *S. B. Harrison*, praying that the Courts of Queen's Bench and Chancery, may be authorized respectively to admit him to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein. Your Committee have had Mr. *Harrison* before them, and they beg leave respectfully to report his evidence, and to recommend that the prayer of his Petition be granted."

The Honourable *Samuel B. Harrison*, a Member of this House, appeared before your Committee and stated that he was educated in England, in the Profession of the Law. That he was, as a part of his education, articled to an Attorney in England, and served under those articles for upwards of three years. That he afterwards procured those articles to be cancelled, and after having gone to the University of *Cambridge*, and having qualified himself, entered into the practice of the Law, as a special pleader. That he continued in such practice for eight years, until the year 1831, when he was called to the degree of the Bar in England, by the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple. That he continued practising as a Barrister until the year 1837, when he arrived in *Upper Canada*. That he was admitted to practise as a Barrister in *Upper Canada* in 1834, but that he has never practised his profession in this province, having been otherwise fully engaged. That he is, however, owing to recent circumstances, desirous of resuming the practise of his profession, but not being authorized by the Law to practise as an Attorney or Solicitor, although qualified as a Barrister in any Court of *Upper Canada*, he is anxious that a law be passed to authorise the Courts of Queen's Bench and Chancery, respectively to admit him as an Attorney and Solicitor therein.

Seat of Gov-
ernment.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Baldwin*, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report the Draught of an Address, embodying the Resolutions of the House, of yesterday, on the subject of the Seat of Government, reported to the House the said Draught of an Address, which was again read at the Clerk's table and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

Address.

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly beg leave to approach Your Majesty with renewed expressions of a devoted attachment to Your Majesty's Royal Person and Government.

During the present Session of Your Majesty's Provincial Parliament, Your Majesty's Governor General of this Province has, by Message communicated to us, that Your Majesty's Imperial Government decline coming to a decision in favor of any place as the future Seat of Government for this Province, without the advice of the Provincial Legislature; and that Your Majesty's Ministers will be prepared to submit favourably to Your Majesty

such Addresses on this subject, as may be presented by either or both of the Legislative Houses, in recommendation of either *Kingston* or *Montreal*, provided such recommendation should be accompanied by a Parliamentary pledge to provide the necessary supply.

Address, Seat
of Government.

We assure Your Majesty, that we most deeply feel this additional proof of Your Majesty's Gracious desire to consult the wishes of your Canadian people. And we most respectfully beg leave to submit to Your Majesty, that we have in compliance with the gracious wish thus expressed, taken this most important subject into our most careful and deliberate consideration—and that in our opinion it is expedient that the Seat of Your Majesty's Provincial Government, for this Province, should be at the City of *Montreal*.

We further beg leave most respectfully to assure Your Majesty that upon Your Majesty, in the Gracious exercise of Your Royal Prerogative, giving directions for the location of it at that place, we pledge ourselves to provide the necessary supply for the expenditure which may be expected to attend upon the establishment of the Seat of Government at that City.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Ordered, That the said Address be communicated, by Message, to the Legislative Council, requesting the concurrence of their Honours thereto.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Baldwin* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *John S. Caldwell* and others, Proprietors of Vessels navigating the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Report on Peti-
tion of John S.
Caldwell and
others.

"Your Committee having taken into consideration the matter referred to them, beg leave to submit to Your Honourable House the following Report:

"The Provincial Statute of *Lower Canada*, 45 Geo. 3, Cap. 12, Section 23, allows a fee of seven shillings and six pence, currency, to the Harbour Master of *Quebec* for a printed or a written copy of the Laws and Regulations concerning Pilots, and the navigation of the River *St. Lawrence*, recoverable from Ship Masters arriving in the Port of *Quebec* from Sea.

"This fee is exigible but once during any one season: Ship Masters on their return or second voyage from Sea being by another Statute of *Lower Canada*, 2 Geo. Cap. 7, Section 5, expressly exempted from the charge, unless during the interval between their departure from *Quebec* and return thither, some new Bye-laws or Regulations have been passed, whereof they ought to be notified. In this case it is the Harbour Master's duty to furnish the Ship Master with a copy of the new Bye-laws or Regulations, and for which he is again entitled to a like fee of seven shillings and six pence, currency, for this additional service.

"The Pamphlet containing the existing Laws, Bye-laws, and Regulations, for which the said charge of seven shillings and six pence, currency, is allowed, has been produced to Your Committee, and accompanies this Report. It consists of seventy-eight pages octavo. There is also a small table consisting of twelve lines closely printed, pasted on the cover of the Pamphlet, purporting to be a new Bye-law or Regulation passed by the Trinity House of *Quebec*, in August last (1843), and for which Ship