

the eight Standing Committees ordered by this House on Wednesday last.

Petition of B. Joliette and others;
Of A. N. Morin and others;
Of D. Davidson and others;
Of J. Major and others;
Of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company;
Of L. Burwell and others;
Of J. Mathewson and others;
Of H. B. Smith and others;
Of G. J. Grange and others;
Of P. Bradt;
Of G. C. Hamilton and others;
Of F. Fraser Carruthers, referred;
A Committee dissolved; and Petitions of W. Holditch and others, and of T. Denison and others again referred.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Honorable B. Joliette and others, of the County of *Berthier*; the Petition of the Honorable Augustin Norbert Morin, of the City of *Montreal*; the Petition of David Davidson and others; the Petition of Joseph Major and others, of the Township of *Hope*, in the District of *Newcastle*; the Petition of the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*; the Petition of Lewis Burwell and others, of *Brantford*; the Petition of John Mathewson and others, of the City of *Montreal*; the Petition of H. B. Smith and others; the Petition of George J. Grange, Esquire, and others, of the Districts of *Wellington* and *Gore*; the Petition of Peter Bradt, of the Township of *Clinton*, in the District of *Niagara*; the Petition of George C. Hamilton and others, of the District of *Wellington*; and the Petition of Frederick Fraser Carruthers, of the City of *Toronto*, be severally referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Select Committee to which were referred the Petition of William Holditch and others, of the Township of *Loughborough*, and the Petition of Thomas Denison, Senior, and others, of the rear part of the Township of *Portland*, in the County of *Frontenac*, be dissolved; and that the said Petitions be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

A Committee dissolved; and Petitions of T. Mussen and others, and of P. Vieau and others again referred.

Ordered, That the Select Committee to which were referred the Petition of Thomas Mussen and others, of the Island and County of *Montreal*, and of the Counties of *Terrebonne* and *Two Mountains*, and the Petition of Pierre Vieau and others, of the Parish of *St. Martin, Isle Jesus*, be dissolved; and that the said Petitions be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Petition of G. J. Pacaud referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of George J. Pacaud, Esquire, on behalf of Pierre Vandandaigue dit Gadbois and others, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. Nelson, Mr. Boutilier, the Honorable Mr. Aylwin, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Chabot, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Petition of M. McKenzie and others referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of M. McKenzie and others, of *Albborough* and other Townships, in the District of *London*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. Ermatinger, Mr. Christie, Mr. Powell, Mr. Price, Mr. Duggan, Mr. Williams, Mr. Webster, Mr. Dickson, and Mr. Cummings, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon, by Bill or otherwise, with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Petition of L. Guillet referred.

Ordered, That the Petition of Louis Guillet, Esquire, a Member of this House, be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Petition of Municipal Council of Niagara committed

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (relating to the Militia Law,) be referred to a Committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

Report on the Commons' Private Bill System.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that, in pursuance of the authority vested in him by their Resolution of the 9th June, 1846, he had deputed Mr. Alpheus Todd to enquire into and report upon the

system pursued in the House of Commons with regard to Private Bills, and upon the Resolutions it might be expedient to adopt for the future regulation of the Private business of this House; and he communicated to the House a Report which he had received from Mr. Alpheus Todd on that subject.

(For the said Report, see Appendix B.)

Appendix (B.)

Ordered, That two hundred copies of the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

To be printed.

Mr. Fournier, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of William Ware and others, Surveyors of the District of *Quebec*, 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 Petition of W. Ware and others.

Your Committee having examined the allegations of the Petition referred to them, and the different laws therein mentioned, are of opinion that it is absolutely necessary to adopt legislative measures to meet the object of the said Petition.

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Chalmers,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause the proper officer to lay before this House a detailed statement of the sums expended in constructing the *Lake Ontario and Rice Lake macadamized Road*, from its commencement to the present period.

Address respecting Lake Ontario and Rice Lake Road.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Armstrong,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all communications between the Provincial and Imperial Government, (subsequent to the last Session of Parliament,) in relation to the works in operation on *Lake St. Peter*, together with all reports made to the Provincial Government in pursuance thereof, and all decisions come to by the Executive Council thereon; and also, a Report of a Commission of Enquiry, held at *William Henry* in December last, in reference to the management of the said works, with the decision of the Government thereon.

Address respecting the works on Lake St. Peter.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General Cameron have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law of Slander and Libel.

Slander and Libel Law 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. Murney, seconded by Mr. Meyers,

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of considering the expediency of amending and extending the Act, intituled, "An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of *Hastings*, in *Upper Canada*."

Hastings Registration of Titles Act considered.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.