

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. Morrison reported from the Committee, That they had heard Counsel in support of the Petitions; and that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Ontario Marine and Fire Insurance Company Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Ontario Marine and Fire Insurance Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Commutation of Tenure Bill.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act the better to facilitate optional commutation of tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Seigniories and Fiefs in "Lower Canada, into that of *franc-aleu-roturier*," being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Boulton, of Toronto, took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. Boulton, of Toronto, reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again, on Monday next.

Orders deferred.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

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

The House adjourned.

Veneris, 16° die Martii;

ANNO 12° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1849.

Quebec Provident and Savings Bank.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, a Statement of the Affairs of the Quebec Provident and Savings Bank, received in conformity to an Order of this House, of the 25th January last.

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For the said Statement, see Appendix (P.)

Petitions brought up.

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

By the Honorable Mr. Macdonald,—The Petition of *W. G. Chambers*, of Kingston.

By Mr. Bell,—The Petition of *John A. Gemmill* and others, of the District of Bathurst.

By Mr. Davignon,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of Rouville.

Petitions read.

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

Of *Richard M'Connell* and others, Merchants interested and engaged in the Lumber Trade, residing on the *Ottawa River*; praying that no alteration may be made in the Law relative to the measurement of Timber at *Quebec*.

Of *W. F. Whitcher* and others, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*; praying for the abolition of punishment by death.

Petition of J. Painchaud and others;

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph Painchaud*, Esquire, and others, Members of the Medical Profession, of *Quebec*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition

of *B. H. Charlebois*, Esquire, and others, Physicians and Surgeons of *Lower Canada*.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *J. D. Déziel*, President, and *Charles Bourget*, Secretary, on behalf of a Public Meeting held at *Pointe Lévy*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroad and Telegraph Line Bills.

Of the Revd. J. D. Déziel and C. Bourget;

Resolved, That the Petition of the Reverend *T. Cholette* and others, of the Parish of *St. Polycarpe*, County of *Vaudreuil*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Mongenais*, Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Taché*, Mr. *Boutillier*, and Mr. *Fortier*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of the Revd. T. Cholette and others;

Ordered, That the Petition of the President and Directors of the *Desjardins Canal Company*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Of the Desjardins Canal Company;

Ordered, That the Petition of the Provincial Agricultural Association of *Canada West*, be referred to the Select Committee to which were referred the two Petitions of *John Clark*, Esquire, on behalf of the *Niagara District Agricultural Society*.

Of the Provincial Agricultural Association of Canada West, referred.

Mr. *Armstrong* reported from the Select Committee on the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to incorporate "*Les Clercs "Paroissiaux ou Catéchistes de Saint Viateur*," in the "Village of *Industry*, in the County of *Berthier*," That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Les Clercs Paroissiaux Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Mr. *Wetenhall*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *George Thomson* and others, of *West Flamborough* and other Townships in the District of *Gore*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Report on Petition of G. Thomson and others.

Your Committee, in obedience to the order of Your Honorable House, have proceeded to the consideration of the subject matter contained in the Petition referred to them.

The Petitioners are inhabitants of the Townships of *Beverly* and *West Flamborough* in the *Gore* District, and represent: That they are aggrieved by the present arrangement of placing the Toll Bars, Nos. 1 and 2, upon the Macadamized Roads leading from *Dundas* to *Waterloo* and *Galt*:

That the inhabitants of the extensive settlements of *Paris*, *St. George*, south part of *Dumfries*, north part of *Ancaster*, and the south part of *Beverly*, before entering upon the Macadamized Road at Gate No. 2, have to pay four pence for each team, and after travelling about two and a half miles to Gate No. 1, have to pay eight pence more, and afterwards, having the use of the Road but one and a half mile to *Dundas*,—in all, four miles travel for the sum of one shilling.

Your Committee, having satisfied themselves of the strict correctness of the several statements contained in the Petition, feel it their duty to state, as their unanimous opinion, that the public should be relieved from the injustice complained of.

Your Committee are convinced that unless some means be adopted for that purpose, those improvements which have been constructed at great public expense will prove a burthen rather than a benefit to the inhabitants of the locality, and will, ere long,