

The Order of the House of Monday last, for the attendance of *Aquila Walsh*, Esquire, in his place in this House, being read ;

The Honorable Mr. *Rose* rose in his place, and informed the House, That he was desired by Mr. *Walsh* to state, that he left *Quebec* on Saturday last, on private business, and was unable to be present at the meeting of the Committee on the County of *Russell* Election Petition, on Monday, the 20th June, instant.

And Mr. *Walsh* having verified the same upon oath ;

*Resolved*, That the said statement be considered a sufficient excuse.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill respecting Railway Postal Subsidies and amalgamation of Railway Companies, and otherwise in amendment of the Railway Act, being read ;

Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Chapter Four of the Consolidated Statutes of *Canada*, called upon Mr. *Mackenzie*, Member for the County of *Lambton*, to take the Chair during his temporary absence.

Mr. *Mackenzie* accordingly took the Chair of the House.

After some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill for holding vessels liable for debt ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Dunkin* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read the third time, on Saturday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend Chapter 53 of the Consolidated Statutes of *Canada*, respecting Weights and Measures ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Blanchet* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read the third time, on Saturday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend Chapter 73 of the Consolidated Statutes for *Lower Canada*, and to provide for the transmission of the Minutes of former Notaries in the new Judicial Districts ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Dufresne (Iberville)* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read the third time, on Saturday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend Chapter 26 of the Consolidated Statutes for *Lower Canada*, in relation to Unnavigable Rivers ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Fortier* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read the third time, on Saturday next.

The Order of the Day for resuming the further consideration of the Question which was, on Thursday, the 12th May last, proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair (for House in Committee on the Bill respecting the securities to be given by Public Officers and Contractors in certain cases), being read ;

*Ordered*, That the said Order be discharged.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Game Laws of *Upper Canada* ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker