

of Clerks and
Officers of the
House.

Law before this House a Statement, shewing the several Officers and Clerks in its employ, in the receipt of annual Salaries; the period when they first entered its service, and the Salaries which it is expedient to allow to each of them, whether by increasing or diminishing their present allowance, with a view to render the amount apportioned, fixed and permanent for the future.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Papineau, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith,

Highways and
Bridges.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider whether it is expedient to repeal and amend several Laws now in force relating to Highways and Bridges in that part of this Province heretofore called *Lower Canada*, and to substitute other provisions on the same subject, which may be more effectually carried into operation by means of local or municipal authorities.

Profanation of
the Lord's
Day.

Ordered, That Mr. Prince have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the profanation of the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday.

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.

Winter Roads.

Ordered, That the Bill further to amend the Laws relative to Winter Roads in *Lower Canada*, be read a second time on Thursday next, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Driving over
Bridges.

Ordered, That the Bill to prevent persons riding or driving at a fast rate over certain Bridges erected across the *Grand River*, in *Upper Canada*, be read a second time, on Thursday next, and that it be then the second Order of the Day.

Petition of J.
D. M'Kenzie
and others.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John D. M'Kenzie* and others, of the township of *Beverley*, in the district of *Gore* and other places, be postponed until Thursday next, and that it be then the third Order of the Day.

Lessees of
Ferries.

Ordered, That Mr. Webster have leave to bring in a Bill for better enforcing the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, for the regulation of Ferries, and for protecting the rights of the Lessees of Ferries.

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.

Winter Roads.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Bill to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to Winter Roads, in that part of the Province heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the district of *Quebec*, the inferior district of *Gaspé*, and that part of the district of *Three Rivers*, which extends from the district of *Quebec* to the parish of *Nicolet* on the South side of the River *St. Lawrence*, and to the town of *Three Rivers* inclusively, on the North side, and other references, be postponed until Thursday next, and that it be then the fourth Order of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Christie, seconded by Mr. Thompson,

Proof of Mar-
riages.

Resolved, That the Bill to provide for the legal proof and preservation thereof of certain Mar-

riages, formerly had before Justices of the Peace, Proof of Mar- in the late inferior district of *Gaspé*, Births, rings, &c. &c. Baptisms, and Burials, be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Watts took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Watts reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto, which he was directed to report to the House whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. Aylwin moved, seconded by Mr. Cauchon,

That this House do now resolve itself into a Com- Court of mittee of the whole, to consider the expediency of Queen's Bench, enquiring into the administration of Justice in Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench, for the district of Quebec.

The question having been put upon the said motion, the House divided thereon.

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NAYS.....32

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, sitting Member for the county of *Oxford*, be excused for his non-attendance upon this House; and that he have further leave of absence until Friday next, for the purpose of attending upon the Commissioners, appointed to take evidence in the matter of the Petition of *Francis Hincks*, Esquire, against the return of the said *Robert Riddell*. Oxford con- tested Election.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Education, for *Lower Canada*, on the present state of the Schools in that part of the Province, and of education generally, laid before the House on the eighteenth instant, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the members of this House. Report on Education.

Ordered, That the Orders of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and better to encourage Agriculture in *Lower Canada*, by the establishment of Agricultural Societies therein, be discharged. Agriculture, Lower Canada.

Ordered, That Mr. Hale have leave to withdraw the said Bill.

The said Bill was withdrawn accordingly.

Mr. Hall, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to alter and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province, which was formerly *Upper Canada*, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House. Registry Laws, Upper Canada.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Jennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—