

Committee on Contingencies, to enquire into the state and organization of the several Offices appertaining to this House, the regularity in attendance, diligence and efficiency of the different under-clerks and writers employed therein, and whether any and what abuses prevail in the same requiring reform; and also to ascertain and report to this House, with all convenient despatch, whether any and what alterations may be necessary in the organization or arrangements of the said Offices, with a view to the despatch of the business of the House in both the English and French languages; and whether, without impairing the due efficiency of the establishment, it will admit of reductions in any of the offices appertaining to it, and in which of them.

On motion of Mr. Gagy, seconded by Mr. M'Connell,

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Correspondence between Her Majesty's Government and the Association for colonizing the Eastern Townships, with a Statement, in detail, of all the Surveys and Roads made on behalf of, or in connection with, the said Association, as also, of the names and salaries or compensation allowed to such Surveyors, Agents or other public servants employed, and of all the expenditure incurred by the Government in relation to the said Association.

*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 three hundred additional copies of the Bill for removing doubts as to the legal effect of the Act of the Legislature of *Lower Canada*, passed in the ninth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, and intituled, "An Act for rendering valid "Conveyances of Lands and other immoveable "property held in free and common soccage "within the Province of *Lower Canada*, and for "other purposes therein mentioned," and for the greater uniformity of the Law relative to Real Property in *Lower Canada*, be printed in English for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Sherwood, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Hincks,

*Ordered*, That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Laws concerning the Interest of Money, be discharged.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time, on Wednesday next.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fergusson have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate certain persons as "The "Elora and Saugeen Road Company."

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, the fifteenth instant.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Gagy have leave to bring in a Bill to secure Titles to Real Estate to certain persons naturalized under the Statute of *Lower Canada*, 1 Will. 4, c. 53.

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 Wednesday next.

*Resolved*, That the Returns to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General, of the 23rd January last, praying for Statements of the income derived by the Sheriff of the District of *Montreal*, and by the Crier and Tipstaff of the Court of Queen's Bench for the said District, for the last five years, presented to this House on the 31st January and 8th February last, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. Gagy, Mr. Christie, Mr. Chauveau, Mr. M'Connell, and Mr. Polette, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

*Ordered*, That Sir Allan N. MacNab have leave to bring in a Bill to establish a more efficient system of Police and Municipal Government in the City of *Hamilton*, and to extend the limits of the said City.

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.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. Badgley have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the Corporation of *Rechabites of Montreal*.

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, the fifteenth instant.

According to Order, George E. Cartier, Esquire, Member for the County of *Verchères*, who was absent, yesterday, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Prescott*, attended in his place; and having given satisfactory reasons for his not being present at the meeting of the Committee on that day; and having verified the same upon oath;

*Ordered*, That Mr. Cartier be excused for not attending the Committee, yesterday.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law respecting Libel, being read; Mr. Gagy moved, seconded by Mr. M'Lean, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. Cauchon moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. Notman, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs Attorney General Baldwin, Beaubien, Bell, Solicitor General Blake, Boulton of NORFOLK, Boutillier, Cartier, Cauchon, Chauveau, Davignon, DeWitt, Solicitor General Drummond, Duchesnay, Flint, Fortier, Guillet, Hincks, Holmes, Jobin, Johnson, Attorney General LaFontaine, LaTerrière, Laurin, Macdonald of GLENGARY, M'Farland, Merritt, Méthot, Mongenais, Morrison, Nelson, Notman, Polette, Price, Sauvageau, Scott of TWO MOUNTAINS, Smith of DURHAM, and Viger.—(37.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Badgley, Boulton of TORONTO, Gagy, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Sir Allan N. MacNab, Malloch, M'Connell, M'Lean, Papineau, Robinson, Smith of FRONTENAC, and Stevenson.—(12.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put; *Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time, this day six months.

Sheriff, Crier, and Tipstaff of the District of Montreal.

Hamilton Corporation Bill.

Montreal Rechabites Bill.

Prescott Election.

Libel Law Bill.

Association for Colonizing the Eastern Townships.

Real Property Conveyances Bill.

Interest of Money Bill.

Elora and Saugeen Road Bill.

Bill to secure Real Estate Titles to certain persons.