

General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a copy of the proceedings of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the accusations against *Andrew Dickson*, Esquire, the Superintendent or Warden of the Reformatory Prison for juvenile offenders at *Isle aux Noix*.

*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.

Mr. *Wallbridge* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cook*, and the Question being proposed, That it is expedient that the representation of the people in the Canadian Parliament, should be based on population, without regard to a separating line between *Upper* and *Lower Canada*;

The Honorable Mr. *Dorion* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Bureau*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words, "The provision of the Union Act, which secures to each of the former Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada* an equal number of Representatives in this House, is essential to the maintenance of the existing Union between the two Provinces, and that the Representatives for *Lower Canada* can never consent that this provision should be changed so long as the Union continues, without sacrificing the dearest rights and interests of their constituents," inserted instead thereof.

The Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* moved, in amendment to the said proposed Amendment, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*, That the words "And that the Representatives of *Lower Canada* can never consent that this provision be changed, so long as the Union continues, without sacrificing the dearest rights and interests of their constituents," be left out.

And the Question being proposed on the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment, And a Debate arising thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Debate be adjourned.

Mr. Speaker reported to the House, that in pursuance of the 140th section of chapter 7, of the Consolidated Statutes of *Canada*, he had, in the matter of the Petition of *Marc Aurèle Plamondon*, Esquire, Advocate, *François Evanturel*, Esquire, Advocate, *Pierre Gabriel Huot*, Esquire, Notary Public, and *Henry J. Jamieson*, Esquire, all four of the City of *Quebec*, complaining of the undue election and return of the Honorable *Charles Alleyne*, Chief Commissioner of Public Works, *George Honoré Simard*, Esquire, Merchant, and *Hypolite Dubord*, Esquire, Merchant, all of the City of *Quebec*, to represent the said City of *Quebec*, taxed the costs of the Bailiff at Thirty-four dollars and eighty cents, to be paid by the Petitioners to the said Bailiff.

The Honorable Mr. *Brown*, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire and report as to the comparative rates of Railway freight charged on merchandize passing through *Canada*, from and to foreign places, and the charges made on the same classes of goods when carried from and to Canadian stations, and the effect of said discriminating rates on the trade of the Province. Said Committee to inquire also, as to any arrangement entered into by any Railway Company or Companies for the purchase or charter of steamboats on Lake *Ontario* or the River *St. Lawrence*, or for the maintenance of steamboat fares at a rate fixed by the said Railway Company or Companies; presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was read. (*Appendix No. 13.*)

A Bill to erect into a Village Municipality, a certain part of the Parish of *St. Christophe*, in the County of *Arthabaska*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act for incorporating the Village of *Victoriaville*, in the County of *Arthabaska*."

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to erect the Parochial sub-Division of *St. Hubert*, in the Parish of *St. Antoine de Longueuil*, in the County of *Chambly*, into a separate Municipality, was, according to Order, read the third time.