

Mr. Boulton brought in a Bill to Amend the Act of 4 and 5 Vict., for encouraging the establishment of Savings' Banks. Second reading this day week.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, all the returns from Banks and Insurance Offices were referred to a Committee.

On motion of Mr. Christie, 1000 copies of the geological surveys and Report by Mr. Logan were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Moffatt, the House proceeded to consider the report of the Committees on Private Bills, upon the Bill to incorporate the Canada Baptist Missionary Society, and the amendment read by the Committee was adopted, and the Bill ordered to be engrossed.

The House went into Committee on the Bill to enable District Councils in Upper Canada, to tax Dogs and regulate Temperance Houses,—and the Committee reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

Two petitions from the Montreal Board of Trade—one in favour of the proposed duties on Spiritous Liquors, and on Distillers and Brewers,—and the other, praying the House to consider the effect of a tax contemplated by the Montreal Corporation, upon sales at auction.

A message was received from the Council, stating that they had passed the Bill to revive the former law relating to statute labour on the roads adjoining macadamized roads in Upper Canada,—and the Bill for the relief of shipwrecked and distressed mariners.

On motion of Mr. Cummings, the Bill to enable District Councils in Upper Canada to lay a tax on dogs, and to regulate Temperance houses.

Mr. McDonell of Dundas, moved that it be an instruction to the Committee to strike out of the Bill so much as relates to Temperance Houses; which was carried on division—Yeas 49; Nays 17.

On motion of Mr. Scott, the House went into committee to consider the propriety of remunerating petit jurors for their attendance in Court,—and the Committee reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again in a fortnight.

The order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the distribution of the property of persons dying intestate, being read.

Mr. Roblin moved that the Bill be read a second time.

In amendment. Mr. Johnston moved that the Bill be read a second time this day six months' which was carried by the casting vote of the Speaker—Yeas, 28; Nays, 28.

FRIDAY, January 31.

The Bill to incorporate the Canada Baptist Missionary Society was read the third time and passed.

The Bill to authorise the attachment of official salaries for debt, in certain cases, was read the third time.

On motion of Col. Prince a rider was added, providing that the Act should not extend to persons payable out of the provincial revenue.

The following Petitions were read.

Of Rev. L. D. Charland and others, of the parish of Rigaud, praying for aid to establish a model school in that township.

Of Wm. Evans, of Montreal, for an agricultural survey of the Province, to ascertain the best means of promoting the agricultural interest.

A message was received from the Council stating that they had passed the Bill to incorporate the Board of Trade of Toronto—and the Bill relating to the appointment of peace officers to Sherbrooke, without amendment.

Mr. Papineau brought in a Bill to make better provision for elementary instruction in Lower Canada.—Second reading on Friday.

The motion of Mr. Papineau, which was laid on the table in December last, for an Address to Her Majesty, praying that all statutes, proceedings of the Legislature, &c., may be kept in the French language as well as the English, was put, and it was carried unanimously in the affirmative, and a committee appointed to draft the Address.

The House then went into Committee again on Mr. Williams' Bill for enabling different religious societies in Upper Canada to hold property. The Bill passed with an amendment, doing away with that clause which enjoined a religious test.

MONDAY, February 3.

Thirteen Petitions were brought up.

The Bill to repeal so much of the election law as prevents clergymen voting at elections, was read the third time.

Mr. Price moved a Rider, that it shall not be lawful for any clergymen to vote on any Glebe or lot of land which he may hold by virtue of his office, which was negatived. Yeas 9, Nays 45.

The Bill was then passed.

TUESDAY, February 4.

The Attorney General brought in a bill to provide for the better preservation of the peace on the line of public works.

Mr. Aylwin brought in a bill to establish the limitation of the time during which actions for debt may be brought in Lower Canada.

The following engrossed Bills were read the third time:—  
The Bill to provide for completing the geological survey of the Province.

The Bill for the relief of certain Religious Societies.

The petition of the Montreal Board of Trade, for the repeal of the Usury Laws was presented.

Mr. Johnston gave notice of his intention to move for a Select Committee to enquire into the manner in which the Crown Lands Department is conducted.

The Committee of enquiry into the present depressed state of agriculture, reported the present Bill for its protection inadequate to that purpose, and recommended certain alterations therein.

Mr. Moffatt introduced a Bill to compel all Corporations, holding real estate, to lay a statement of their affairs, annually, before the Legislature. Second reading this day week.

THURSDAY, February 6.

The Bill to regulate Line Fences and Water Courses in Upper Canada, was read the third time and passed.

The following Petitions were presented.

Of the Board of the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning, for such an amendment of the charter of McGill College as to allow them to dispose of the real property belonging to the College, for the purpose of increasing the revenue thereof.

Of R. Aitchison, and others of Ashfield and Wawanosh, for a reduction in the price of Government Lands, and an extension of the time to emigrants for paying them.

Of W. Donaldson and others, of Kingston, for Incorporation as the Merchant Seamen's Society.

On motion of Dr. Dunlop, an address was ordered for a copy of the Report of Captain Jones, (made by order of the Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada) on the expenditure of upwards of £48,000 of public money by the Canada Company.

Mr. Stewart, of Bytown, brought in a Bill to regulate the cutting and measuring of Timber, masts, spars, deals, staves, and other articles of a like nature, and to repeal the Act of 7 Vict. cap. 25. Second reading on Thursday next.

FRIDAY, February 7.

The Bill to Incorporate the High School of Montreal, was read the third time and passed.

A message was received from the Council, stating that they had passed the following Bills, viz:—

The Bill to repeal so much of a certain Act of last Session as prevents Clergymen from voting;

The Bill to authorise the Ursuline Nuns of Three Rivers to hold additional real estate;

The Bill to complete the Geological Survey of the Province;

And, the Bill to afford relief to Insolvent debtors in Lower Canada.

The Bill to regulate Savings Banks was read the second time, committed, reported without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed.

MONDAY, February 10.

Fifteen petitions were brought up.

A message was received from His Excellency, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, commanding the immediate attendance of the House at the Bar of the Legislative Council Chamber, and being returned, the Speaker informed the House that His Excellency had given the Royal Assent to the following Bills:—

An Act to confirm an Act of the Imperial Parliament relating to the Gaspé Fishery and Mining Company.

An Act to make better provision for the relief of parties claiming lands in Upper Canada for which no patent has been issued, as representatives of the original nominees of the Crown.

An Act to provide more effectually for the collection of certain arrears of taxes on lands in the Wellington and other Districts, and for better defining the limits of the District of Wellington.

An Act to enable the Trustees of a certain lot of land in the