

Routine of
business.

Resolved, That the ordinary Routine of the daily proceedings in this House, in the transaction of business, be as follows. (after reading the minutes of the preceding day):—

BRINGING UP Petitions.
THIRD READING of Bills.
READING PETITIONS.
REFERRING PETITIONS.
NOTICES TO BE GIVEN.
PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND
SELECT COMMITTEES.
ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Timber duties,
&c.

The Honourable Mr. *Neilson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kimber*, that an humble address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor-General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House any Despatch or Despatches, Addressed by or on the part of the Provincial Government to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, on the subject of the joint Address of both Houses of the Legislature, of the twentieth of August, one thousand, eight hundred, and forty one, relating to the Timber Duties, and also of any answers received on the subject matter of the said Address.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

Pardon to State
offenders.

The Honourable Mr. *Neilson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kimber*, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor-General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a copy of any Despatch or Despatches addressed by or on the part of the Provincial Government to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the humble Address of this House, for Her Majesty's Free Pardon, Indemnity, and Oblivion, for acts connected with the late troubles in *Upper and Lower Canada*, and also a copy of any answer or answers, or correspondence relating to the said Address, received from any of Her Majesty's responsible advisers in *England*.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

Niagara Election.

Mr. *Small* moved, seconded by Mr. *Price*, That the Report of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Melville* and *John McBride*, electors of the Town of *Niagara*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Edward Clarke Campbell*, Esquire, sitting Member for the said Town of *Niagara*, be now read.

The question having been put upon said motion, a division ensued, and it was carried in the affirmative.

The said report was read accordingly.

Resolved.—That such Members of the said Committee as have not yet arrived, in *Kingston*, be excused their non-attendance in the Committee Room this day, pursuant to the Statute in such case made and provided.

Resolved.—That such Members of the said Committee as have arrived in *Kingston*, and were not in attendance, in the Committee Room this day, pursuant to the Statute in such case made and provided, be called upon by the Speaker for their excuses.

The said Members being called upon by Mr. Speaker, Messieurs *Woods*, and *Chesley*, severally rose in their places and explained the cause of their absence.

Resolved.—That Messieurs *Woods* and *Chesley*, having explained the cause of their absence from the Committee, be excused their non-attendance on the said Committee this day in the Committee

Room of this House, according to the Statute in such case made and provided.

Mr. *Roblin*, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petitions of divers Electors of the second Riding of the County of *York*, and of *Connell James Baldwin*, Esquire, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *George Duggan*, Esquire, the sitting Member for the second Riding of the County of *York*, reported to the House, that the Honourable *Francis Hincks*, a Member of the said Committee, and Nominee for the Petitioners, having vacated his seat as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, since he was so nominated, and being again returned to represent the same Constituency, the Committee desire the opinion of the House, whether or not the said Honourable *Francis Hincks*, is disqualified from further sitting or acting as a Member thereof.

Then on motion of Mr. *Small* seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*.
The House adjourned till Monday next.

Lunæ 12^o die Septembris 1842.

ABRAMHAM Turgeon, Esquire, Member for the County of *Bellechasse*, and *Denis Benjamin Papineau*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Ottawa*, having previously taken the oath according to Law, and subscribed, before the Commissioners, the Roll containing the same, took their seats in the House.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Statement of the affairs of the "*Champlain and St. Lawrence Rail Road*" as required by the 49th Section of the Act 2nd Will: IV. cap. 28, of the late Province of *Lower Canada*.

[For the said Statement see Appendix (D.) at the end of this Volume.]

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table.

By the Honourable Mr. *Neilson*, the Petition of the Minister, Elders, and Trustees of *St. Andrew's Church of Quebec*.

By Mr. *Durand*, the Petition of divers Inhabitants, of the Township of *Wilmot*.

By Mr. *Small*, the Petition of *Franklin White*, and others, Inhabitants of *Markham*, and other places.

By Mr. *Boutillier*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *St. Hyacinth*.

By Mr. *Forbes*, the Petition of *J. Lefebvre de Bellefeuille*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Eustache*.

By Mr. *Yule*, the Petition of divers Proprietors and Inhabitants of the County of *Chambly*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Jones*, the Petition of *Charles Miller*, of *St. Armand*.

By Mr. *Boswell*, the Petition of *George S. Boulton*, of *Cobourg*; and the Petition of *Malcolm McGregor*, and others, of *Peterborough*.

By Mr. *Roblin*, the Petition of *Robert C. Wilkins*, and others, of the Township of *Ameliasburg*, in the *Prince Edward* District.

By Mr. *Moore*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Sherbrooke*.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *George Adams*, and others, of the District of *Niagara*, praying that a certain provision of the Act to incorporate the *Niagara District Bank* may be repealed.

Of the *North American Committee of the Colonial Society*, setting forth the importance of a free trade with