

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Reach*, County of *Ontario*; praying that a survey may be made of a route for a Canal to unite the waters of *Georgian Bay*, on *Lake Huron*, with *Lake Ontario*, through the said County.

Of the Reverend *H. C. Hamelin* and others, of the Township of *Wotton*, County of *Wolfe*; praying aid for Roads.

Of *T. R. Ferguson* and others,—and of the Municipality of the Township of *Tossonontio*, both of the County of *Simcoe*; severally praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate "The *Simcoe County Bank*."

Of the Reverend *E. Paradis* and others, of *St. Edouard de Frampton*, County of *Dorchester*; praying aid for a Road.

Of the Reverend *L. Rousseau* and others, of the County of *Dorchester*; praying aid for a Road and a Bridge.

Of the British and Canadian School Society of *Montreal*; praying for an amendment to their Act of incorporation.

Of the *Montreal Board of Trade*; praying that the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the Pilots for and above the Harbour of *Quebec*, may not become law.

The Honorable Mr. *Rose*, from the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the Bill to incorporate the Sun Insurance Company of *Montreal*, and have made several amendments thereto, which they present for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

The Honorable Mr. *Rose*, from the Select Committee appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of this House are concerned, and to act as members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

That their attention has been directed to the Salaries at present received by the Librarian and Assistant Librarian of Your Honorable House, which, in the opinion of Your Committee, are inadequate to the services rendered to the Public by these Officers.

The long and faithful services of Mr. *Todd*, the Librarian, and his extensive acquaintance with the usages of Parliament, and the working of Constitutional Government, are well known and appreciated, but hitherto have failed to obtain for him that pecuniary compensation to which Your Committee consider that he is justly entitled. They therefore recommend that his salary be increased to six hundred pounds per annum, with the understanding that the extra allowance of one hundred pounds is given in special recognition of Mr. *Todd's* services, and is not to be drawn into precedent in any future arrangements in regard to the salary of his successor in the said office.

Mr. *Lajoie*, the Assistant Librarian, is also, in the opinion of the Committee, insufficiently remunerated for the zeal and ability with which he discharges the duties devolving upon him. Since the year 1856, when he was transferred to the Library Department from the French Translators' Office, his salary has remained unchanged, whilst his former colleagues, and others of the same rank in the service, have been increased to £450 per annum. Mr. *Lajoie* is, moreover, favorably known to the Canadian public by his literary labours, having attained by his writings to a high rank amongst the men of letters in this Province. The Committee therefore recommend that he should be allowed £450 per annum, being an addition of £50 per annum to his present salary.

In submitting the case of these deserving officers to the favorable consideration of Your Honorable House, the Committee would beg to direct attention to the fact, that the duties of the Librarians are not confined to the Sessions of Parliament, but require their regular attendance throughout the year, inasmuch as during the Recess, the Library is kept open for the convenience of Members, and for the benefit of the public at large.

Ordered, That the Petition of the President, Vice-President and Directors of the *Quebec Street Railway Company*, presented this day, be now received and read.