

County of
Middlesex
Election.

Mr. Williams from the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *William Notman*, Esquire, of *Dundas*, in the *Gore* District, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Edward Ermatinger*, Esquire, to represent the County of *Middlesex*, in this present Parliament; reported that the Committee met at twelve o'clock, noon, on Saturday last, pursuant to the Statute, but were unable to proceed to business in consequence of the absence of their Chairman, Mr. *Dickson*, and Messieurs *Desaunier*, *Lacoste*, and *Taché*; they accordingly waited until one o'clock, and then directed him to report the same to the House at its next sitting;

And, further, that the Committee met this day, but Messieurs *Dickson* and *Lacoste* being again absent, they were obliged to adjourn.

County of
West Hallow
Election.

Mr. Williams, Chairman of the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *James Durand*, Esquire, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *James Webster*, Esquire, the Sitting Member for the West Riding of the County of *Hallow*; reported that the Committee met on Saturday last, at twelve o'clock, pursuant to the Statute; but in consequence of the absence of Mr. *Lacoste* and Mr. *Chabot*, Members of the Committee, they were unable to proceed to business.

And, further, that the Committee met this morning, at ten o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, but Mr. *Lacoste* being again absent, they were obliged to adjourn without proceeding to business.

County of Ox-
ford Election.

Mr. Chauveau, Chairman of the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of the Honourable *Francis Hincks*, of the City of *Montreal*; complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, Sitting Member for the County of *Oxford*; reported that the Committee met on Saturday last, at twelve o'clock, pursuant to the Statute; but in consequence of the absence of Mr. *Bertrand*, Mr. *Dickson*, and Mr. *Lacoste*, Members of the Committee, they were unable to proceed to business.

And, further, that the Committee met this morning at ten o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, but Mr. *Bertrand*, Mr. *Dickson*, and Mr. *Lacoste* being again absent, they adjourned without proceeding to business.

Members to at-
tend in their
places.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickson*, Member for the County of *Niagara*, Mr. *Desaunier*, Member for the County of *St. Maurice*, Mr. *Lacoste*, Member for the County of *Chambly*, Mr. *Taché*, Member for the County of *L'Islet*, Mr. *Chabot*, Member for the City of *Quebec*, and Mr. *Bertrand*, Member for the County of *Rimouski*, do severally attend in their places in this House to-morrow.

Magdalen
Islands Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill relating to the *Magdalen Islands*, in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, and to enable the inhabitants, householders thereof, to establish a Municipal Council in the said Islands.

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.

Gaspé Mar-
riages Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for the legal proof of certain informal marriages had, anterior to a certain date therein mentioned, before Justices of the Peace, and others, in the Inferior District of *Gaspé*, as ratified by Act of the Legislature of *Lower Canada*, but whereof no Register or

Records have been kept, and for recording the same, including also certain births or baptisms and burials in the said District.

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 Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill relating to certain Municipalities in *Gaspé* not regularly established according to Law, and to remedy the defect, and for other purposes.

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 Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill for the better Administration of Justice in the General Sessions of the Peace for *Gaspé*, and to prevent charges upon the treasury of the Province for unnecessarily summoning Jurors thereto.

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 Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill for the annual visitation of certain Institutions in this Province, maintained in whole or in part at the Public expense; and for causing reports of the state and condition thereof to be annually laid before the Legislature, and for preventing abuses therein.

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.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government, delivered to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature, at the opening of the present Session, being read,

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Speech into consideration.

Mr. *Prince* moved to resolve, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government, to thank His Excellency for His gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session, and to assure His Excellency,

That this House respectfully offers to His Excellency its congratulations on his assumption of the Government of this Province, as Administrator, and on the determination of Her Majesty to nominate His Excellency as Her future Representative in this Province.

That this House concurs with His Excellency in expressing sincere regret at the painful cause which removed His Excellency's distinguished predecessor from a station, the duties whereof he discharged with a zeal and ability, that on every occasion won for him the highest approbation of His Sovereign, and the respect and gratitude of the people over whom he presided as Her Representative.

That this House will thankfully receive Her Majesty's most gracious replies to the several Addresses which were adopted during the last Session of the Legislature.

That the early attention of this House will be directed to the state of the Militia, the re-organization of which is, as His Excellency informs us, rendered more immediately necessary by the unsettled state of the negotiations which have for some time past been carried on between the Imperial Government and that of the *United States of America*.