

And Mr. *Drummond* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the Bill to oblige Corporations and others, specially empowered by any Act or Charter to hold real estate, to lay before the Legislature annual statements of the property so holden, be read a second time on Monday, the twenty-fourth instant.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*.

*Resolved*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the propriety of repealing the existing Municipal Laws, and adopting new provisions on that subject.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Hale* took the chair of the Committee, and after sometime spent therein.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

And Mr. *Hale* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received on Monday next.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Stornont*, be added to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Entries in the Journals of the Second Session of the Twelfth Provincial Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, which relates to the Petition of *Donald Cameron*, of the township of *Thorah*, in the North Riding of the county of *York*; and the Report of the Select Committee, to which the same was referred, dated 12th April 1836, and other references.

*Ordered*, That the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Humber Harbour and Road Company*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, to consider the expediency of imposing a tax or rate, for the purposes of providing for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Watts* took the chair of the Committee, and after sometime spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

And Mr. *Watts* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to secure the right of property in British plantation vessels navigating the inland waters of this Province, and not registered under the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the third and fourth years of His Majesty's reign, *William the Fourth*, 28th August, 1833, and intitled "An Act for the registering of British vessels," and to facilitate transfers of the same, and to prevent the fraudulent assignment of any property in such vessels, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

And Mr. *Macdonald* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to abolish the office of Surveyor General, and to provide for the performance of the duties of that office by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of amending the laws relative to the encouragement of Agriculture in *Lower Canada*, being read.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Cobrite* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

And Mr. *Cobrite* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received, on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal two certain ordinances therein mentioned, relating to winter roads in that part of the Province, heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the district of *Quebec*, the inferior district of *Gaspé*, and that part of the district of *Three Rivers*, which extends from the district of *Quebec*, to the parish of *Nicolet*, on the south side of the river *St. Lawrence*, and to the town of *Three Rivers* inclusively, on the North side, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday, the twenty-fourth instant.

*Ordered*, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until Monday next, and that they be then the first Orders of the Day.

Then, the House adjourned until Monday next.

Statements from Corporations.

Municipal Laws.

Petition of Donald Cameron, of Thorah.

Humber Harbour Company.

Elementary Education.

British Plantation Vessels.

Office of Surveyor General.

Agriculture, Lower Canada.

Inferior district of Gaspé.