

be improved; also praying that the Municipal Council Act may be so amended as that the said Council shall only be required to assemble twice a year; also praying that the main road, leading from the Southern to the Northern extremity of the said District, may be completed, and that a competent person may be appointed to make the requisite survey; also praying for an alteration in the time appointed by Law for the collection of the Township rates; and also praying that certain taxes of a local nature may be surrendered by the Government for the use of the District, and the proceeds applied towards the repair of the roads.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Irving*, presented two Petitions from the Municipal Council of the *Home* District, praying for various amendments in the Municipal Council and School Acts; and also praying that certain taxes of a local nature may be surrendered by the Government for the use of the District, and the proceeds applied towards the repair of roads and bridges within the said District.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Irving*, presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*, praying for various amendments in the Municipal Council and School Acts.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton*, presented a Petition from *A. Simpson*, and others, residing in and near to the City of *Quebec*, praying that the *Quebec* Turnpike Act may be so amended as that carts and wagons carrying manure may pass through the Turnpikes Toll free.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne*, presented a Petition from *James Caldwell*, and others, proprietors and commanders of schooners navigating in and without the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, praying for a reduction of the present rates and dues exacted at the Port of *Quebec*; and also five Petitions from the Municipal Council of the District of *St. Hyacinthe*, praying for such amendments to the Municipal Council Act, as would allow the appointment of all its officers to the Council, and would require a qualification in property, and an Oath of office from the Warden, and for such amendments to the common School Act as would place the grants for education at the disposal of the Council; and the Schools under their exclusive superintendence; also praying that in consequence of the high rate of duties levied on the Agricultural produce of the *Canadas* exported to the *United States*,

protection may be afforded to the farmers of the Province by the imposition of a duty upon all such agricultural produce imported from foreign countries, as the Province now produces or is capable of producing; also praying for a grant of money for the improvement of the navigation of the River *Yamaska*, from the Lake *St. Peter* to the villages of *St. Césaire* and *St. Pie*, a distance of twenty to thirty leagues, at an estimated expense of £26000, and for a fair share of the grants made for public improvements; also praying for the establishment of Courts for the Summary Trial of Small Causes, instead of the existing Division Courts, and that their jurisdiction be extended to ten pounds sterling; and also praying that in consequence of doubts existing as to the powers of the Council to enforce penalties against persons refusing to give true statements of their property to the Assessors, they have been unable to collect the assessments, and have incurred debts to the amount of £120 2 0½, some means may be taken to have the said debts discharged, and that the powers of the Municipal Council on such matters may be more clearly defined than at present.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the House took into further consideration the motion of yesterday, for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in answer to His Excellency's Speech from the Throne.

The Honorable Mr. *Macarlay* enters.

Then an amendment was proposed to be made to the said motion, by inserting, after the word "subjects," in the last line of the 5th paragraph, "That the Legislative Council feel it alike due to the people of the Province, and to themselves as a co-ordinate branch of the Legislature of the Colony, to express a hope that subjects of such vast importance to the well being of Society will not be submitted for their consideration at the close of the Session, when it has become impracticable to bestow the slightest attention on their provisions, as was the case at the end of the first Session of the present Parliament, when the education bill and other measures of the Government fraught with deep interest, were laid before the Council late on the last night of their sitting."

Which being objected to,

The question was put "whether the said words shall be there inserted,"

It was resolved in the negative.

Then an amendment was proposed to be made to the said motion, by inserting, after the word "consideration," in the last line of the

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For the improvement of the Navigation of the River Yamaska;

For new Courts for the Summary Trial of small causes;

For the removal of doubts in the Municipal Council Ordinances, presented.

Reconsideration by the House of His Excellency's Speech.

An amendment to the 5th Paragraph moved.

Question Negatived.

A further amendment moved.