

The Committee have had under their consideration the Petition of Mr. *Alpheus Todd*, Librarian to Your Honorable House, soliciting the patronage of the House to a Work which he is about to publish upon Parliamentary Government in *England*; its origin, development, and practical operation. This Work will be completed in two volumes, of which the first is announced for publication in *London*, in January next. From the ability and research displayed by Mr. *Todd* in the preparation of this Treatise, the Committee are persuaded that it will prove of great utility to all Statesmen and politicians throughout the British Empire; and they deem it a matter of congratulation to *Canada*, that the first practical treatise that has ever appeared on Parliamentary Government should emanate from this Province, and be written by one who has been so long and so creditably known as an Officer of the Canadian Legislature. They accordingly recommend that Fifty copies of this work be purchased for the Library, to be paid for upon the receipt of the volumes. Had the application been deferred until after the publication of the Book, the Committee would, in all probability, have advised the purchase of a larger number of copies; but under existing circumstances, they have thought it best to limit their recommendation for the present to this amount. Hereafter, if necessary, further copies of the Work could be ordered for distribution to Members of the Legislature.

The Committee have examined the new and enlarged edition of Mr. *J. O. Côté's* little pamphlet, intituled: "Political Appointments and Elections in *Canada*, from 1841 "to 1865." Viewing this Manuel as a very useful compilation, and as likely to be unremunerative to the Author unless it be liberally encouraged by the Legislature, they have agreed to recommend the purchase of Two hundred and fifty copies thereof, to be distributed to the Members of both Houses.

They have also considered the Petition of Dr. *William Canniff*, the author of a Work on the Principles of Surgery, recently published in the *United States*, soliciting the purchase of copies of his Book, which he has printed at his own expense. Dr. *Canniff* is a native-born Canadian, who has had considerable experience in his Profession, at the *Crimea* and during the late American War. He has also filled the Chair of Professor of Surgery in one of the *Toronto* Schools of Medicine for several years, and the present Work is the substance of lectures delivered in that capacity. This Book is, perhaps, the first Treatise upon Medical Science that has been written by a native of *Upper Canada*. The Committee accordingly recommend the purchase of Fifty copies, as an encouragement to the author; the same to be distributed amongst the Library, Exchanges, and the Schools of Medicine throughout the Province.

The Committee have carefully considered the Petition of Mr. *Notman* of *Montreal*, requesting that the Legislature would subscribe for copies of the "Portraits of British Americans," which he is now issuing in parts; with Biographical Sketches from the pen of *Fennings Taylor*, Esquire. The Committee bear willing testimony to the elegant style in which this Work is got up, and to the attractive notices it contains of many persons who have achieved distinction in various walks of life, in this and the neighboring Provinces. Nevertheless, for obvious reasons, they have deemed it inexpedient to afford Public Patronage to a work which professes to delineate the characters of living Statesmen, who are still actually engaged in public life. They have accordingly refrained from recommending a compliance with the prayer of this Petition.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Sixteenth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the following Bills, and have prepared amendments to each, which they submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House, viz.:—

Bill, to authorize the Sale of certain Lands belonging to the Estate of the late Honorable *Peter Adamson*.

Bill, to amend the Act to amend and consolidate the provisions contained in the Acts and Ordinances relating to the incorporation of, and the supply of water to, the City of *Quebec*.

Bill, from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to provide for ascertaining what persons have rights in the Commons of *Berthier* and *Ile du Pads*."

Bill, from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Ursuline Academy of Chatham*."