

Petitions  
brought up.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, of *Kent*.—The Petition of *John W. Shackleton* and others, of the Western District.

By Mr. *Flint*.—The Petition of the Reverend *Michael Brennan* and others, the Roman Catholic Clergyman and Laity of the Town of *Belleville*.

By Mr. *Smith*, of *Wentworth*.—The Petition of *Henry Morgan*, of *Binbrook* and *Saltfleet*.

By Mr. *Holmes*.—The Petition of the Corporation of the *Montreal General Hospital*; the Petition of *John G. Mackenzie*, Esquire, President of the City Bank; and the Petition of *John S. M'Cord*, Esquire, and others, members of the *Montreal Horticultural Society*.

By Mr. *Brooks*.—The Petition of *Thomas Tait*, Esquire, and others, of the District of *St. Francis*; the Petition of *Hollis Smith* and others, of the Town and vicinity of *Sherbrooke*; and the Petition of the Corporation of *Bishop's College* at *Lennoxville*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*.—The Petition of *George S. Tiffany*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; and the Petition of *Thomas Lottridge* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*, and the adjacent Townships.

By Mr. *DeWitt*.—The Petition of *Messieurs Greene and Sons*, and others, *Furriers and Hatters*.

By Mr. *Chabot*.—The Petition of His Grace the Archbishop of *Quebec*, and the Roman Catholic Bishops of *Lower Canada*.

By Mr. *Méthot*.—The Petition of *H. J. Noad*, Esquire, and others, the Directors of the *Quebec Forwarding Company*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Drummond*.—The Petition of *Alphonso Wells*, Esquire; the Petition of *Mrs. Angélique Hodgins*, of the Parish of *Berthier*, District of *Montreal*, widow of the late *Antoine Gazeille dit St. Germain*; and the Petition of *William Evans*, of *Côte St. Paul*, Parish of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Morrison*.—The Petition of the President, Directors, and Stockholders of the *Streetsville Plank Road Company*.

Petition of *W. B. Wrong* and others;  
Of *H. G. Habbins* and others;  
Of *A. W. Laird* and others;  
Of *J. Jacques* and others;  
Of the *Grand River Navigation Company*;  
Of *R. Hamilton* and others;

Ordered, That the Petition of *W. B. Wrong* and others, of the Districts of *London*, *Talbot*, and *Brook*; the Petition of *H. G. Habbins* and others, of the Town of *Dundas*; the Petition of *A. W. Laird* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; the Petition of *John Jacques* and others, of the City of *Toronto* and of the Home District; the Petition of the *Grand River Navigation Company* (increase of Capital); and the Petition of *Robert Hamilton* and others, of the District of *Niagara*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Of *J. Graybiel* and others, referred.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Graybiel* and others, of the District of *Niagara*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroad and Telegraph Line Bills.

On motion of Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*.

Les Clercs  
Paroissiaux  
Bill.

Ordered, That the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to incorporate 'Les Clercs Paroissiaux ou Catéchistes de Saint Viateur,' in the Village of *Industry*, in the 'County of *Berthier*,' be now read the first time. And the Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on Thursday next.

First Rule of  
the House.

On motion of Mr. *Watts*, seconded by Mr. *Notman*, Resolved, That the Resolution of this House, of the 31st January last, amending the First Rule of this House, be rescinded.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn till Monday next, at three o'clock, P. M. Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. *Notman*, seconded by Mr. *Watts*, Ordered, That the Entry in the Journal of this House, of the 9th March, 1848, containing the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *London*, praying that the Municipal Act may be so amended as to enable them to recover Rates and Assessments from the lands of Absentees, be now read.

Municipal Act.

The Entry was read accordingly.

Resolved, That the said Entry be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Notman*, Mr. *Wetenhall*, Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Fergusson*, and Mr. *Morrison*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

On motion of Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by Mr. *Méthot*, Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration the propriety of repealing the Laws now in force in *Lower Canada* relating to the building of Churches, Presbyteries and their dependencies, and of making other provisions on the same subject.

Church Building Laws.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Johnson* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Johnson* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to repeal the Laws now in force in *Lower Canada* relating to the building of Churches and their dependencies, and also those which relate to the Erection of Parishes for civil purposes, and to substitute new provisions in lieu thereof.

The said Resolution being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chabot* have leave to bring in a Bill for recognizing, for civil purposes, the Canonical Erection of Catholic Parishes, and to regulate the construction and repairing of Churches, Sacristies, Parsonage Houses and Church Yards, and for repealing certain Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned.

Church Building Bill.

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 Friday, the sixteenth of March next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Pice*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Baldwin*,

Ordered, That the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend an Act of the Parliament of the 'late Province of *Upper Canada*, passed in the 'second year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for the protection of the Lands of the 'Crown in this Province from trespass and injury,' and to make further provision for that 'purpose,' be now read the first time.

Crown Lands Protection Bill.

And the Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *LaFontaine*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Baldwin*,

Ordered, That the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Quarantine Act,' be now read the first time.

Quarantine Bill.