

Kingston
Water Works
Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Macdonald have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate "The City of Kingston Water Works Company."

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.

On motion of Mr. Sherwood, of Brockville, seconded by Mr. Morrison,

Petitions for
Private Bills.

Resolved, That the time for presenting Petitions to this House for Private Bills be extended until Thursday, the fifteenth day of February next.

First Rule
of the House,
—and Notices.

The Honorable Mr. Sherwood moved, seconded by Mr. Christie, and the Question being proposed, That so much of the First Rule of this House as regulates the hour of meeting for the transaction of Business be amended, by substituting, ten o'clock in the morning for three o'clock in the afternoon, for and during the present Session, to commence from and after the present week; and further, that, if at the hour of six o'clock, P. M., the House be still sitting, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House until the next sitting day without a Question first put; that on Tuesday in each week the House shall stand adjourned till the following Thursday, and that in all cases of Notices two full days shall elapse before they be acted upon,—the whole for and during the present Session, and no longer.

The Honorable Mr. Boulton moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. Wetenhall, That all the words after "substituting," to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words, "this House do adjourn at ten o'clock every evening, and do meet every morning at eleven, for the transaction of the Routine Business of the House, and that so soon as the Routine Business be concluded, the Speaker do leave the Chair, and resume the sitting of the House at three, when the Orders of the day will be proceeded with; provided that nothing in this order shall interfere with any Question of Privilege," be added instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That so much of the First Rule of this House as regulates the hour of meeting for the transaction of Business be amended, by substituting, ten o'clock in the morning for three o'clock in the afternoon, for and during the present Session, to commence from and after the present week; and further, that, if at the hour of six o'clock, P. M., the House be still sitting, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House until the next sitting day without a Question first put; that on Tuesday in each week the House shall stand adjourned till the following Thursday, and that in all cases of Notices two full days shall elapse before they be acted on,—the whole for and during the present Session, and no longer.

The Honorable Mr. Papineau moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Boulton, That all the words after "That," to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words, "Mr. Speaker do, at ten o'clock, P. M., declare the House adjourned until the next sitting day, at three o'clock, P. M.," be added instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs Beaubien, Boulton of NORFOLK, Chabot, DeWitt, Duchesnay, Fourquin, Hall, Johnson, Laurin, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Malloch, Papineau, Sauvageau, Smith of WENTWORTH, Thompson, and Wetenhall.—(16.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Badgley, Attorney General Baldwin, Bell, Solicitor General Blake, Boutillier, Brooks, Burritt, Cameron of KENT, Cartier, Cauchon, Cayley, Christie, Cryslar, Solicitor General Drummond, Dumas, Egan, Flint, Fortier, Fournier, Gagy, Guillet, Hincks, Holmes, Jobin, Attorney General LaFontaine, LaTerrière, Lemieux, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Marquis, McLean, Merritt, Méthot, Mongenais, Morrison, Notman, Polette, Price, Richards, Robinson, Scott of BYTOWN, Scott of TWO MOUNTAINS, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Sherwood of TORONTO, Smith of DURHAM, Taché, Viger, Watts, and Wilson.—(49.)

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Resolved, That so much of the First Rule of this House as regulates the hour of meeting for the transaction of Business be amended, by substituting, ten o'clock in the morning for three o'clock in the afternoon, for and during the present Session, to commence from and after the present week; and further, that, if at the hour of six o'clock, P. M., the House be still sitting, Mr. Speaker shall adjourn the House until the next sitting day without a Question first put; that on Tuesday in each week the House shall stand adjourned till the following Thursday, and that in all cases of Notices two full days shall elapse before they be acted on,—the whole for and during the present Session, and no longer.

On motion of Mr. Seymour, seconded by Mr. Malloch,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause the proper officer to lay before this House, a Return of the amount of Lunatic Asylum Tax collected and paid into the Provincial Treasury by the several Districts of the late Province of Upper Canada, under the authority of the Act 2 Vic. c. 11, for the several years since the passing of the said Act, distinguishing, as nearly as possible, the amount so collected and paid in by the several incorporated Cities and Towns.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate and make uniform the rates of damages on Protested Bills of Exchange in this Province.

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 Thursday, the fifteenth day of February next.

Ordered, That the Return to the Address of this House to His Excellency the Governor General, for a Tabular Return of the names of the various Constituencies in Upper and Lower Canada, and of the number of Representatives and Inhabitants of each Constituency, laid before this House on the 29th instant, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Scott, of Two Mountains,

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to consider the expediency of paying Petit Jurors in Upper Canada.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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