

To His Excellency The Right Honorable CHARLES POULETT THOMSON, one of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Address of thanks.

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for your Message of Saturday last, recommending the Legislative Union of Upper and Lower Canada, and communicating the views of Her Majesty's Government on that subject, and assure Your Excellency that we will devote to that important question the most prompt and careful consideration.

ALLAN N. MACNAB,
SPEAKER.

Commons House of Assembly, }
Ninth day of December, 1839. }

Bill to extend time for completion of Erie and Ontario rail road passed.
Title.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the bill to extend the time for completing the Erie and Ontario rail road was read the third time and passed.

Mr. Thorburn, seconded by Mr. McMicking, moves that the bill be entitled, "An Act to extend the time for completing the Erie and Ontario rail road."

Bill sent to Legislative Council.

Which was carried, and Messrs. Thorburn and McMicking were ordered, by the Speaker, to carry the bill up to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to request their concurrence thereto.

Address to His Excellency on population of Belleville passed.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the address to His Excellency the Governor General for a return of the population of the town of Belleville, was read the third time and passed, and is as follows:—

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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Address

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly request that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House such return of the population of the town of Belleville as may have been transmitted to the Government Office.

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Petitions read:

Pursuant to the order of the day, the following petitions were read:—

Of H. Smith.

Of Henry Smith, Warden of the Provincial Penitentiary, praying for an allowance in lieu of convict servants.

A. Acton

And of Abraham Acton, praying that a sum of money belonging to him, which was lost on board of the *Sir Robert Peel*, Steamboat, at the time of its destruction by the brigands, may be made good to him.

Petitions referred:

On motion of Mr. Aikman, seconded by Mr. McDonell, of *Stormont*,

Of W. J. Gilbert, and others, to select com.

Ordered—That the petition of W. J. Gilbert, and others, contractors on the Hamilton and Brantford road, be referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Ferrie and Chisholm of *Halton*, to report thereon by bill or otherwise.