

detach the Parish of *St. Antoine de l'Isle aux Grues* from the Municipality of *L'Islet*, and to erect the same into a separate Municipality, being read ;

On motion of Mr. *Fournier*, seconded by Mr. *Sauvageau*,

*Ordered*, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Monday, the twenty-sixth instant.

Building Societies Bill.

Mr. *M'Farland* reported the Bill to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in the District of *Quebec*; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Debates of the House.

The Order of the day for taking into further consideration the Question proposed on Monday last, "That the Speaker do now leave the Chair," [for the House in Committee to consider the propriety of adopting a Standing Rule fixing the time during which each Member may speak on any Question in the Debates of the House,] being read ;

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

*Ordered*, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday, the twenty-first instant.

Cayuga Township Division Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to divide the Township of *Cayuga*, in the District of *Niagara*, into two Townships, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Gore Bank Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the *Gore Bank*, and to increase the Capital Stock of the said Bank, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Interest of Money Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Laws concerning the Interest of Money, being read ;

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time, on Monday next.

*Ordered*, That the said Order be then the first Order of the day.

Canada Life Assurance Company Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Canada Life Assurance Company*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Bridge Bill of A. M. Delisle and others.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize *Alexandre M. Delisle* and others, to erect a Toll Bridge over the *River Jésus*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Road and Bridge Bills.

Commutation of Tenure Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act the better to facilitate optional commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Seignories and Fiefs in "*Lower Canada*, into that of *franc-aleu-roturier*," being read ;

Mr. *Christie* moved, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, acquainted the House that His Excellency having been informed of the purport of

the Bill, gives his consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

The Bill was then read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *DeWitt*, Mr. *Chauveau*, Mr. *Davignon*, and Mr. *Lemieux*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Religious Community of the "*Sœurs Hospitalières de St. Joseph de l'Hôtel Dieu de Montréal*," to acquire and hold real and personal property to a certain amount over and above that now held by them, as well for themselves as for the Poor of the *Hôtel Dieu* on whose behalf they administer certain property, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Notice being taken, that there was no Quorum :— The names of the Members present were taken down, as follow :—

Mr. Speaker,

Messieurs Attorney General *Baldwin*, *Cartier*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *DeWitt*, Solicitor General *Drummond*, *Fournier*, *Hincks*, *Malloch*, *M'Farland*, *Méthot*, *Mongenais*, *Price*, *Sauvageau*, *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, *Smith*, of *Wentworth*, *Stevenson*, and *Taché*.

And at a quarter of an hour after midnight, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till to-morrow.

Veneris, 9° die Martii ;

ANNO 12° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1849.

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

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *Joseph Vachon*, Esquire, and others, of that part of the County of *Dorchester* formerly constituting the County of *Beauce* (Commissioners' Courts); the Petition of the Reverend *J. D. Déziel*, President, and *Charles Bourget*, Secretary, on behalf of a public meeting held at *Pointe Levy*; the Petition of *Joseph Vachon*, Esquire, and others, of that part of the County of *Dorchester* formerly constituting the County of *Beauce* (tenure of Land); the Petition of *Joseph Vachon*, Esquire, and others, of that part of the County of *Dorchester* formerly constituting the County of *Beauce* (Parish Councils); the Petition of *Joseph Vachon*, Esquire, and others, of that part of the County of *Dorchester* formerly constituting the County of *Beauce* (Registry Laws); the Petition of *Joseph Vachon*, Esquire, and others, of that part of the County of *Dorchester* formerly constituting the County of *Beauce* (Inspection of Highways); the Petition of *Joseph Vachon*, Esquire, and others, of that part of the County of *Dorchester* formerly constituting the County of *Beauce* (Education); the Petition of *Joseph Vachon*, Esquire, and others, of that part of the County of *Dorchester* formerly constituting the County of *Beauce* (Roads); and the Petition of *Joseph Vachon*, Esquire, and others of that part of the County of *Dorchester* formerly constituting the County of *Beauce* (increased Representation).

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the Honorable *P. M'Gill* and others, Trustees of the *Huron Mining Company*.

Sœurs Hospitalières (Montreal) Bill.

Petitions brought up.