

to urge upon Your Honorable House the expediency of providing for the removal of the District Offices to *Port Robinson*, which is in the most central position that circumstances will admit of, and accords with the wishes of the great bulk of the inhabitants, as expressed in the proceedings of the District Council above extracted, and also, in several of the Petitions presented at various times to Your Honorable House.

Niagara District Town Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Cauchon* have leave to bring in a Bill to remove the site of the District Town of the District of *Niagara*, to *Port Robinson* in the Township of *Thorold*, in the County of *Welland*.

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.

Fifth Report of Committee on Standing Orders.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Fifth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *Joseph O. Bélanger* and others, praying for authority to build a Bridge across the River *Etchemin*; and they have ascertained that the requisite notices were published by the Petitioners, from the 26th November, 1848, to the 11th January, 1849, only, being less than two months, as required by the 66th Rule. As, however, there is no opposition to the measure, Your Committee would respectfully recommend it to the favorable consideration of Your Honorable House.

Leave of absence.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fourquin* have leave to absent himself from this House till the nineteenth instant, on account of illness in his family.

Commutation of Tenure Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a 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 tenure of lands *en roture*, in the "Seigniories and Fiefs in *Lower Canada*, into "that of *franc-aleu-roturier*."

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.

Dower Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Lyon* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law and facilitate proceedings in Actions of Dower in *Upper Canada*.

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.

Public Accounts, and Quebec Trinity House Accounts.

*Resolved*, That the Public Accounts for 1847, together with the Accounts of the Trinity House of *Quebec*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *DeWitt*, Mr. *Holmes*, Mr. *Méthot*, Mr. *Wetenhall*, Mr. *Wilson*, and Mr. *Cauchon*, to report thereon from time to time; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Les Sœurs de Miséricorde Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Jobin* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate "*Les Sœurs de Miséricorde pour la régie de l'Hospice de la Maternité de Montréal*."

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.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Chauveau* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate "The Mount *Hermion* Cemetery."

Mount Hermon Cemetery 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 Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Gugy*, seconded by Mr. *Christie*, *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to direct the proper officer to lay before this House, any documents that may be in the possession of the Provincial Government connected with the case of Mr. *Joseph Donegani*, of the City of *Montreal*, on the Bill passed in the year 1845, for his relief, or copies of any Despatches connected therewith, that may be in the possession of the Government.

Joseph Donegani.

*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.

On motion of Mr. *Armstrong*, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*, *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a Statement of the number of Suits which have been instituted for the last twelve months in the Superior Court of Queen's Bench for the District of *Montreal*, and the number of Judgments obtained in such Suits; also, the number of Suits pending upon which evidence has been closed, but upon which Judgments have not been pronounced; also, the number of Suits, whether argued or not argued, still pending before the said Court.

Suits in Superior Court of Queen's Bench, District of Montreal.

*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.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *LaFontaine*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 29th January, 1849, praying that he would be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, copies of any correspondence that may have taken place between the Executive Government and the Honorable Mr. Justice *Bedard*, anterior and relative to his translation from the Bench of Judges at *Quebec* to that of *Montreal*, together with copies of his Commissions, as well to the former as to the latter; also, copies of any letters or correspondence between the Executive and the Honorable Mr. Justice *Aylwin*, relative to his appointment to the Bench at *Quebec* as successor to Mr. Justice *Bedard*; and copies of any correspondence (not of a confidential nature) between His Excellency and Her Majesty's Government in *England* relative to both or either of those appointments, and that may relate to the precedence claimed by Mr. Justice *Bedard* in the Court of Queen's Bench at *Montreal* over the Honorable Messieurs Justice *Day* and *Smith*.

Mr. Justice Bedard and Mr. Justice Aylwin.

For the said Return, see Appendix (G.G.)

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*Ordered*, That the said Return be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Notman*,

*Resolved*, That the time for receiving Private Bills be extended until Thursday, the first of March next.

Private Bills.