

Petitions referred:

Col. A. W. Light, et al.

John Egan, Esquire, et al.

James Dean, Esquire, et al.

James Alexander, et al.

Niagara Municipal Council.

Middlesex Election.

Oxford Election.

Member to attend in his place.

*Ordered*, That the Petition of Colonel A. W. Light and others, of Woodstock and other Towns in the Districts of Brock and London, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of John Egan, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of the County of Ottawa, residing on the South Bank of the Ottawa, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Stewart of Bytown, the Honourable Mr. Papineau, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith, Mr. Drummond, and Mr. Cameron, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of James Dean, Esquire, and others, Merchants of Quebec, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Aylwin, Mr. Chabot, Mr. Chauveau, Mr. Christie, and Mr. Laurin, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of James Alexander and others, Navigators, residing in the County of Saguenay, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Laterrière, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith, Mr. Christie, Mr. Taché, and Mr. Chauveau, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of Niagara, (relating to Temperance Houses,) be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Dickson, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Roblin, and Mr. Macdonald of Cornwall, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

*Resolved*, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of Niagara, (relating to a Road in Grantham,) be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Dickson, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Macdonald of Cornwall, and Mr. Merritt, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

On motion of Mr. Dickson, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood,

*Ordered*, That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of William Notman, Esquire, of Dundas, in the Gore District, complaining of the undue Election and Return of Edward Ermatinger, Esquire, to represent the County of Middlesex in this present Parliament, have leave to adjourn until the twentieth day of April instant.

Mr. Chauveau, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of the Honourable Francis Hincks, of the City of Montreal, complaining of the undue Election and Return of Robert Riddell, Esquire, Sitting Member for the County of Oxford, reported that the Committee met this day at nine o'clock, A. M., pursuant to adjournment, but were unable to proceed to business in consequence of the absence of Mr. Bertrand, a member of the Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Bertrand, Member for the County of Rimouski, do attend in his place in this House to-morrow.

Mr. Laurin, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of Jean Marie Robitaille and others, of the Parish of L'Ancienne Lorette, and other References, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petitions, to them referred, and are of opinion that the prayers therein contained should be granted, and that a Bill should be introduced for that purpose.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Laurin have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to Winter Roads in that part of the Province heretofore Lower Canada, in so far as regards the District of Quebec, the District of Gaspé, and that part of the District of Three Rivers which is or was the Municipal District of Portneuf.

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 Wednesday next.

Mr. Woods, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of Richard E. Vidal, Commander, of the Royal Navy, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the contents of the Petition, and have heard the Petitioner's statement, which is hereto appended, and have agreed to report a Bill, which they herewith submit for the adoption of your Honourable House; and they cannot but express their regret that the Petitioner should have been subject to the heavy legal and other expenses which he has necessarily incurred in defending the prosecutions against him, relative to the roads which have formed the subject of enquiry by this Committee,

Captain Vidal, Royal Navy, examined.

Question.

You complain in your Petition of the great expenses you have incurred in defending your right to the road in question. Pray state what they are?

Answer.

My expenses have been occasioned by the peculiarity of my situation, the circumstance of the Crown having originally granted me this road by Patent; made it a case which could only be decided in Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench, where it was tried. The opposing party using every means in their power, to put me to the greatest possible expense. I had also, in consequence of the Judges' decision, to re-purchase land sold by me some years ago, and also a good three story House, with brick basement, which had been erected thereon (without any remonstrance from the parties now prosecuting), and for which alone, although less than half an acre, I had to pay eleven hundred and fifty dollars. I have been further obliged to fence off this, now declared road across my two lots, and which road had never been travelled over or used, in any way, as a road, and had been ten years closed up by fences, prior to this prosecution. I have further incurred great expenses in travelling to Sandwich, London and Montreal, in defence of my rights, besides the loss of time and anxiety incurred, and these expenses together, amount to the sum of three hundred pounds, Currency.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Woods have leave to bring in a Bill to vest in Richard E. Vidal, his heirs and assigns, the Government allowance for a road across certain lots of land in the Township of Sarnia, in the Western District, now belonging to him.

Report on Petition of J. M. Robitaille, et al.

Report on Petition of Captain Vidal.

Vidal's vesting Bill.