

mess McCord, Esq. for leave to establish a market-place, &c. in St. Ann's Suburbs, Montreal, and its being moved that it be referred to a committee to report thereon by bill or otherwise, with all convenient speed;

Mr. Viger objected to the motion as unusual in its terms, and unsupported by precedent. The ordinary course on receiving petitions of a private nature was to refer them to a committee to report thereon. If the report was favourable to the prayer of the petition, leave was given to introduce a bill in conformity to the report, but it was contrary to rule, and might be extremely inconvenient, to permit a special committee to report by bill.

powers, and the considerable sum at their disposal, very little has been done, and some of the money laid out, expended upon objects quite foreign to those laid down. It would be desirable that such reports, of the commissioners that have been appointed as have been made to the house, (for I believe some of them have not reported at all,) should be collected, printed and published, separately; the public have a right to know what has been done with their money, and why so more has been done. For instance, in the county of Dorchester, for which the report was presented to the house, as above mentioned; it should be a subject of enquiry why the road paralel to the river Chaudiere which reaches, I believe, that is in a passable state, no farther than about Ste. Marie Nouvelle Beauce, has not been continued to the boundary-line, in order to meet the great road which has been cut, and I believe finished in 1820, from Anson in the state of Maine to the Canada line. No sooner was the act passed in Quebec which has just been quoted, than the inhabitants of that state set about making a new road to Canada seventy miles in length, which was cut out two rods wide, and the logs turned out and stumps dug up the width of one rod; with causeways in every part that required it, and a substantial bridge over the river Moose, which is the only considerable stream crossing the road. Expectations were held out that this road would be directly met by one, through Vandreuil, and Aubert Gallon seignories and the townships of Shepley, Dorset and Grayhurst, where it is now ascertained that most of the land is of a rich quality and well calculated for settlements, especially along the beautiful lake Megantic. By such a road a great thoroughfare between the capital of Canada and the great trading-towns on the sea coast of New England, would be opened; and even a much shorter and better route opened to communicate with Nova Scotia than any yet generally pursued. But whilst the American part of this undertaking has been completed these three years, all remains in statu quo on the Canadian side.