

Of the Reverend *George Mackie*, D. D. Chairman, and others, the Committee of Management of the National Schools at *Quebec*; praying for aid in support of the said Schools.

Of *Lady Stuart* and other Ladies, the Committee of the *Quebec* Infant School; praying for the usual aid in support of the said Institution.

Of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*; praying for the usual annual aid in support of the said Institution.

Of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*; praying that their Charter may be amended by making a Quorum for the transaction of business to consist of three members.

Of *Z. Williams* and others, of *Quebec*; praying for the adoption of measures to enforce a more efficient system of stowing ships' cargoes of timber.

Of *William Farley* and others, Electors of Ward No. 4, in the Town of *St. Catherines*; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said Town.

Of *John Watson Griffin* and others, sons and daughters of the late *Joseph Griffin*; praying that measures be adopted to obtain a repeal of the Patent constituting the Rectory of *Wellington Square*, and to restore to them their father's property now enjoyed by the Rector of that place.

Of *David Buchan*, Esquire, and others, of the Village of *Paris* and its vicinity; praying that the proposed Bills for the formation of the new Districts of *Brant* and *Bruce* be not passed into laws.

Of *G. Macartney* and others, of the southern half of the Township of *Dumfries*, District of *Gore*; praying for the division of the said Township into *North* and *South Dumfries*.

Of *Absalom Shade*, of *Galt*, and *James Cowan*, of *Waterloo*; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the *Guelph* and *Dundas* Road Company.

Of *William Oliver*, of the Township of *Downie*, District of *Huron*; representing his services as a Soldier in Her Majesty's 94th Scotch Brigade, and afterwards in the Militia of this Province in the year 1837, and the subsequent loss of his left arm, and praying relief.

Of *William Hoople*, of the Township of *Osnabruck*, Eastern District, Pilot; praying compensation for his discovery and exploration of the Channel on the north side of the River *St. Lawrence*, between *Dickenson's Landing* and *Cornwall*, known as the *Longue Sault* Rapid.

Of the Reverend *Alexander Mathieson*, D. D. and others, on behalf of the Congregation of *St. Andrew's* Church, in the City of *Montreal*; praying to be incorporated as "The Ministers and Trustees of *St. Andrew's* Church, *Montreal*."

Of *Joseph Bistodeau* and others, of the Village of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said Village as a distinct and separate Municipality.

Of the Reverend *A. Thérberge*, of *Terrebonne*; praying aid in support of the *Masson* College of *Terrebonne*.

Of the Warden and Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*; praying for a certain alteration in the system of appointing Assessors.

Of *John Fule*, junior, Esquire, and others, of *Chambly*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Petitioners to construct a Dam across the River *Richelieu*, at a place known as the "*Chûte*," for the passage of Rafts.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Jarron* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroad and Telegraph Line Bills; and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the said Petition.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph C. Bélanger* and others, of *St. Anselme*; the Petition of the Reverend *Alexander Mathieson*, D. D. and others, on behalf of the Congregation of *St. Andrew's* Church, in the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *John S. M'Collom* and others, of the Township of *Nelson*, District of *Gore*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders; and the Rules of this House suspended as to the said Petitions.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Louis Legendre*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Lotbinière*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Chauveau*, Mr. Solicitor General *Drummond*, Mr. *Fortier*, Mr. *Laurin*, and Mr. *Taché*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records; and the Rules of this House suspended as to the said Petition.

Ordered, That Mr. *Boutillier* and Mr. *Fournier* be added to the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the causes of Emigration from *Canada* to the *United States*.

Mr. *Fortier*, from the Standing Committee on Road and Bridge Bills, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the Petition of *Alexander Parker* and others, relative to the expenditure of the sum granted for the construction of a Road between *L'Orignal* and *Bytown*; they find that a Bridge has been erected by the Board of Works, under the authority of Parliament, at the *Des Outicás* Creek near the *Caledonia* Springs, on the leading Road from *L'Orignal* to *Bytown*, and another Bridge at *Hatfield*, across the *Petite Nation* River, but as yet the Road between the two Bridges has not been constructed: As these Bridges are comparatively useless for the want of a connecting Road, Your Committee beg leave to recommend that such a Road shall be undertaken and finished in the first place, without delay.

By the original appropriation, the Road was to run from *Hatfield* along or near the banks of the River *Ottawa*, by *Gifford*, *Beckwith*, and *Green* Creeks. The several Surveyors who have reported on this line concur in stating, that for the purposes of a great leading communication between *L'Orignal* and *Bytown*, this River route will be more expensive in its construction than a more direct Road running through the interior of the country; a great difference of opinion exists, however, as to the best line for this interior Road, and Your Committee therefore recommend that a new Act should be passed, enabling the Board of Works to expend the appropriation in such a manner as may seem most fit for the public advantage, without reference to private interests.

At the same time, Your Committee feel it their duty to state to Your Honorable House, that the original appropriation having been expressly granted for the River line, and thereby greatly benefitting the owners of land and settlers on the banks of the *Ottawa*, these persons may complain that the pledged faith of the Legislature has been broken with them, if that line be departed from; and it may have happened, though no evidence to that effect has been adduced before Your Committee, that persons have purchased lands at a higher price in consequence of the Road having been fixed in the vicinity of their purchases: It is, however, for Your Honorable House to decide between these conflicting interests.