

Address relating to the Expenditure on Huron Road from Toronto.

2d. The amount paid for similar expenses to the above, on the *Penetanguishine* road, from *Barrie* to *Penetanguishine*.

3d. The amount expended in improving the *Cold Water* Road from the Village of the *Narrows* to *Cold Water*;—under the superintendence of Mr. *Hutchins*, distinguishing the amount expended for labour done on the Road, by contract or otherwise, from that paid for Salaries of Engineers, Overseers, Paymasters, and other Assistants.

4th. The amount expended in extending the Road from *Cold Water* to *Sturgeon Bay*, on Lake *Huron*, under Mr. *Hutchins*, shewing the amount paid for labour, and that for Superintendents, separately, as in the last, and also by what authority this extension of the Road was ordered.

5th. The amount expended in building and repairing the Bridge over the *Narrows* of Lake *Simcoe*, and making the Road from it to the Village of the *Narrows*, and also stating by what authority that expenditure took place.

6th. The amount expended in Exploring, Surveying, and Estimating for Work, on the *Whitby* and Lake *Simcoe* Road, by Mr. *Lyons*, during the past year, preparatory to expending the sum of two thousand pounds, granted during the last Session, for continuing the improvement of that Road.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government, by such Members of this House as are of the Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.

Committee on Railway Bills appointed.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Cayley*, That a Select Committee of nine Members, composed of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Robinson*, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Mr. *Lantier*, Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Brooks*, Mr. *Taché*, and Mr. *Merritt*, be appointed to consider what general provisions ought to be introduced into such Railway Bills as may come before the House during the present or future Sessions, for the advantage of the Public, and the establishment of a sound Railway system; and likewise to consider what standing orders the House should adopt in relation to Railway Bills, with power to consider of any arrangements advantageous to the Public with regard to existing Railway Companies generally, to which, in the opinion of the Committee, the Legislature might justly give its sanction.

Mr. *Cameron* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Prince*, That the word "nine" in the said motion be struck out, and the word "eleven" substituted; and that the names of the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* and the Honourable Mr. *Morin* be added to the said Committee.

The question having been put upon the motion of amendment, it was agreed to unanimously.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, it was also agreed to, and

Resolved, Accordingly.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Cayley*.

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the propriety of amending the Assessment Laws in force in *Upper Canada*.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee,

Mr. *Gowan* took the Chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. *Gowan* reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

According to order, *Louis Lacoste*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Chambly*, who was absent on the twenty-sixth instant, from the Select Committees 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 Mr. *Lacoste*. *Edward Ermatinger*, Esquire, to represent the County of *Middlesex*, in this present Parliament; and 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*; attended in his place in this House.

Mr. *Lacoste* rose in his place, and having given satisfactory reasons for not being present at the meetings of the said Select Committees, and having verified the same upon oath,

On motion of Mr. *Chauveau*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*,

Resolved, That Mr. *Lacoste* having given satisfactory reasons for not being present on the twenty-sixth instant, at the meetings of the Select Committees for the trial of the Contested Elections for the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Oxford*, and having verified the same upon oath, he be now excused for such non-attendance.

According to Order, *Henry Smith*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Frontenac*, who was absent on the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth instant, from 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*, attended in his place in this House.

Mr. *Smith* rose in his place, and having explained the reasons for his not being present at the meetings of the said Select Committee, and having verified the same upon oath,

On motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by Mr. *Sherwood* of *Brockville*,

Resolved, That Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, having explained the reasons for his not being present on the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth instant, at the meetings of the Select Committee for the trial of the Contested Election for the County of *Oxford*, and having verified the same upon oath, he be now excused for such non-attendance.

According to Order, *Walter Hamilton Dickson*, Esquire, Member for *Niagara*, who was absent on the twenty-first, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, and twenty-sixth instant, from the Select Committees appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *William Notman*, Esq., 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; and 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*; attended in his place in this House.

Mr. *Dickson* rose in his place, and having given satisfactory reasons for not being present at the meetings of the said Select Committees, and having verified the same upon oath,

On motion of Mr. *Williams*, seconded by Mr. *Petrie*,

Assessment Bill (U. C.)