

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. *McKellar* have leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Municipal Law of *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.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Irvine* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act, and to prohibit the wanton destruction of small fish.

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.

The Honorable Mr. *Evanturel*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Joliette*, informed the House that *William McGiverin*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Ross (Dundas)* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipal Act of *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.

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Bell*, the Honorable Mr. *Galt*, the Honorable Mr. *McDougall*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald (Cornwall)*, the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Langevin*, Mr. *Wright (Ottawa County)*, Mr. *Irvine*, Mr. *Stirton*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Ferguson (Frontenac)*, Mr. *Taschereau*, Mr. *Robitaille*, Mr. *Dorion (Drummond and Arthabaska)*, and Mr. *Shanly*, be appointed to obtain information as to the extent and resources of the Canadian Gold Fields, and the best means of their development; to enquire into the working of the Act of last Session, intituled, "An Act respecting Gold Mines," with the view of ascertaining whether it might not be amended so as to make it the means of increasing the revenue, and affording, at the same time, greater encouragement to the employment of capital for the development and production of the Gold Fields; also, to enquire into the granting of lands and claims within the *Chaudière* Gold Mining Division up to this time; and, generally, as to all matters whatever relating to the Gold Fields; to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Dorion (Hochelaga)*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Laframboise*,

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, Copies of all Correspondence had either with the Imperial Government or with the Governments of the different Provinces of *British North America*, including *Columbia* and *Vancouver's Island*, on the subject of the proposed Confederation of the said Provinces.

*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. *Taschereau*, seconded by Mr. *Robitaille*,

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, Copies of all Reports made to the Government, up to the present time, by *C. L. DeBelleville*, Inspector of Gold Mines at *St. François de la Beauce*; and also, Copies of the Reports of *T. K. Gilman*, Inspector of Gold Mines.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General,