

SATURDAY.

Saturday, 28th April, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker:

The Honorable Messieurs      The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Pinhey,</i>
<i>Quesnel,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>
<i>Viger,</i>	<i>Wylie,</i>
<i>Ross,</i>	<i>De Beaujeu.</i>
<i>Matheson,</i>	

## PRAYERS.

The Committee appointed to ascertain the stages of the various Bills which were pending at the time of the fire, to report from time to time.

*It was moved* that the Committee appointed on Thursday last, to ascertain what Bills, originating in this House or received from the Legislative Assembly, were pending in this House, when it adjourned on the twenty-fifth instant, and to consider and report what steps can, in consequence of the Parliament Buildings having since been consumed by fire, be taken to enable this House to proceed with such Bills from the stages in which they then respectively were, have leave to make a First Report, and that they be allowed to report from time to time.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

*The same was agreed to* by the House.

Their First Report.

The Honorable Mr. *Quesnel*, from the said Committee, presented their First Report accordingly.

*Ordered*, that it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows:—

*Legislative Council Committee Room,*  
27th April, 1849.

The Select Committee appointed to ascertain what Bills, originating in this House or received from the Legislative Assembly, were pending in this House when it adjourned on the twenty-fifth instant; and to consider and report what steps can, in consequence of the Parliament Buildings having since been consumed by fire, be taken to enable this House

to proceed with such Bills from the stages in which they then respectively were, beg leave to make their first Report as follows, viz.:—

Your Committee have been able to ascertain that there have been saved from destruction, at least, the Engrossed Copies of the Bills from the Legislative Assembly, of which a list is hereunto annexed; but in what stages they respectively were at the time of the fire, your Committee are not at present in possession of sufficient information, so far as their investigations have gone, to be able to state. They are of opinion, however, that such evidence can be had as will enable them to arrive at a tolerably correct history of the proceedings of this House with respect to the Bills in question down to the period of the fire.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. A. QUESNEL,  
Chairman.

*List of Bills referred to in the annexed Report of Select Committee.*

- 1.—An Act to incorporate the *Toronto, Simcoe, and Lake Huron Union Railroad Company.*
- 2.—An Act to amend the law regulating Inland Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, and the protesting thereof, and Foreign Bills in certain cases.
- 3.—An Act to provide for the alteration of the times and places for holding the Division Courts in Division Number Six in the District of *Bathurst.*
- 4.—An Act to incorporate the Horticultural Society of *Montreal.*
- 5.—An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances relating to the *Montreal Turnpike Roads.*
- 6.—An Act to divide the County of *Saguenay* into two divisions for the Registration of Deeds.
- 7.—An