

leave to report thereon as follows :—The Hospital was founded by private benevolence, in January 1842, for the relief of distressed females, who from poverty are unable to procure the comfort and support requisite in their critical situation; the benefits of the Institution have now become so largely extended, that the Committee of Management are desirous of obtaining an Act of Incorporation, which your Committee humbly conceive, should be granted, and they therefore recommend to your Honourable House to pass an Act for the purpose."

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Moffatt have leave to bring in a Bill, to Incorporate the Ladies of the Committee of Management of the *Montreal Lying in Hospital*.

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 Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Cartwright, seconded by Mr. Dunlop.

Resolved—That this House will on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the propriety of establishing a House or Houses of Refuge, for Juvenile offenders, and to provide for the diminution of Crime in the Province.

On motion of Mr. Thorburn, seconded by Mr. Child,

Resolved—That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House the correspondence which has passed between the Home and Provincial Governments, respecting the Post Office Department, in this Province, or of *British North America*, and also of the *United States of America*, relative thereto, or any other information upon the same subject, which His Excellency may deem necessary and please to communicate; and also quarterly statements, shewing the gross amount of receipts and expenditures of the said Departments, in this Province, from the 5th January 1841, to the 5th January 1843; the amount of receipts derived from Letter Postage, and also the amount of Newspaper and Pamphlet Postage, stated separately, with the amount of perquisites arising from the latter description of Postage during the same period; to the Deputy Post Master General of this Province or his Deputies, separately stated; and also the amount of Postage charged to and paid out of the Provincial Funds of this Province, stating the amount paid by each Department separately during the same period; also any information relative to the Commission of Post Office Enquiry, referred to from the Throne in the opening Speech of the First Session of the present Parliament; and further, a statement of Salaried Officers in the said Post Office Department of this Province, the amount thereof separately, and from what part of the funds thereof paid; whether from the aggregate of Letter, or Newspaper and Pamphlet Postage, naming the Officers in each Office, and the amount actually paid to each, or any other allowance to each for Office Rent, Stationary or otherwise; and further, if anything has been done to alter, augment, or reduce the present rate of Postage—and if so, what the nature of such alterations is, and the grounds or authority by which the same has been done.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Forbes,

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of amending the Ordinance 4 *Victoria*, cap. 11, of the Governor and Special Council of the late Province of *Lower Canada*, intituled "An Ordinance to provide for the construction of a Turnpike Road, from the River *Richelieu*, opposite the Town of *Dorchester*, commonly called *St. Johns*, to the Village of *Granby*."

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. Thorburn reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Neilson have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the management of the *Presbyterian Church of Canada*, in connexion with the Church of *Scotland*.

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 Friday next.

The Honourable Mr. Daly, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency, the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth :—

C. T. Metcalfe.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the House of Assembly, a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, respecting the arrangements of the Post Office in *British North America*.

Government House.

Kingston, 17th October, 1843.

(Copy.)

No. 74.

Downing Street.
3rd August. 1843.

Sir,

Having, on my assumption of the Seals of this Department, found in my office a Report, drawn up by the Commissioners appointed by the late Lord *Sydenham*, to enquire into the system on which the Post Office in *British North America* was conducted; I addressed myself, at an early period, to the consideration of this document, but the complexity of the subject, together with representations, involving further inquiries, which have been received from the *North American Colonies*, subsequently to the presentation of the Commissioners' Report, has, unfortunately, created an unavoidable delay in announcing the decision of Her Majesty's Government on the propositions contained in it. Nor am I able, even now, to communicate to you the decisions of Her Majesty's Government upon all those propositions. I do not, however, on that account, think it necessary to delay communicating to you, the course proposed to be taken on such of them as we have been able to decide upon.

We have determined, in the first place, to substitute the system of weight for that of enclosures, in the mode of charging the internal letters circulating in *British North America*; and, secondly, to abolish the Newspaper privilege of the several Deputy Post

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