

be made the pretext either of refusing the present allowances to the charities of Lower Canada or of proposing that these charities be aided from some special fund.

Atty. Gen. SIMON denied that the Government had any such intention with regard to the charities of Lower Canada as that imputed to them by the hon. member for Terrebonne. The item was adopted.

*Mr. Baldwin's notice of motion respecting the Clergy Reserves.*

Mr. Baldwin gives notice that he will on an early day next session move the following resolutions on the subject of the conduct of Her Majesty's Provincial Ministers with reference to the suspension of the sale of the Clergy Reserve lands.

1. Resolved, that in consequence of this House being led to apprehend that the sale of the Clergy Reserve lands had been suspended by an order of the Provincial Government and from a just distrust of the influence by which such a measure might have been dictated and an anxious desire to obtain full accurate and authentic information upon a subject of so much importance, they did on the seventeenth day of April last address His Excellency the Administrator of the Government praying that His Excellency would cause to be laid before them a copy of any communications which he might have received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the colonies relative to suspending such sales. In reply to which address His Excellency by his Message of the 14th of the said month was pleased to transmit for the information of this House the copy of a Report of a Committee of the Executive Council approved by the late Governor General suggesting certain alterations in the regulations prescribed for the sale of those lands and by which message His Excellency was also pleased to inform them that such report had been transmitted to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the colonies and was still under the consideration of the Imperial Government.

2. Resolved.—That the said message of His Excellency containing no reference to any despatch from the Imperial Government on the subject of such sales necessarily conveyed an implied assurance (fully confirmed by his Excy's subsequent message hereinafter mentioned) that no such communication had been received. Nevertheless, the fact of such sales being suspended having in the meantime been confirmed by the public announcement thereof in the official Gazette, this House with a view to the avoiding of any possible misconception did on the 14th of April last adopt another address to His Excellency praying that he would cause to be laid before them copies of any correspondence memoranda or recommendation that might have taken place between the Government of this Province and the Colonial Secretary on the subject of the sale or management of the Clergy Reserves. To which address His Excellency was pleased to reply by His message of the 17th of April last informing us that he had received no communication from Her Majesty's Secretary of State relating to suspending the sale of the Clergy Reserve lands.

3. Resolved.—That this House with a view to the further investigation of the grounds upon which Her Majesty's Provincial Government had thought fit to adopt the policy of suspending such sales did afterwards on the 15th of May last, address His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would cause to be laid before them a copy of the circular or letter of instructions addressed from the office of the commissioner of crown lands in April last to the local agents of that

department in the different sections of the province informing them of the pleasure of the Government that the sales of Clergy Reserve lands should be suspended. In compliance with which address His Excellency on the 19th of May was pleased to cause to be laid before this House copies of three circulars from the said department dated respectively the 13th 16th and 20th of April last; in the first of which bearing the signature of the hon. Denis Benjamin Papineau, Her Majesty's Commissioner of Crown lands the head of the said department, member of her Majesty's Executive Council, and one of the representatives in this Province; it is stated that in consequence of "a despatch from the Right hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies with reference to the low rates at which those lands in the several Districts have been valued, the sale of the Clergy Reserves in the Western section of the Province is suspended for the present by command of the Governor in Council; and in the second of which circulars bearing the signature of the assistant commissioner of Crown lands, it is stated that in consequence of a despatch from the Secretary of State in reference to Clergy Reserves and on account of the low rate at which some of these lands have been valued the sale of the Clergy Reserves in both sections of the Province is by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government suspended until further orders.

4. Resolved.—That this House unable to reconcile with the information communicated to them in His Excellency's answers (which answers the said Denis Benjamin Papineau as one of the confidential advisers of the Crown in this Province must have advised and for which he is necessarily responsible) the statement contained in the circular which as head of his department he addressed to his agents in the different sections of the Province, and they are constrained to conclude either that Her Majesty's Provincial Ministers do not call for that full and unreserved communication to them of the correspondence to and from the Imperial Government on the local affairs of the Province which is necessary for the efficient discharge of their public duties and essential to the successful conduct of Her Majesty's Provincial Government for which they are responsible; or that the statement in such circular was intended to screen the Provincial Ministers from the odium which any interference likely to produce an apprehension in the public mind of a contemplated change of policy with respect to such sales was so well calculated to bring down upon them, and to transfer such odium to Her Majesty's Imperial Ministers.

ROUTINE BUSINESS.

MONDAY, 8th June.

Messrs. Laurin, LaFontaine, Morin and Metchot, were appointed managers on the part of the Assembly of the conference on the bill to regulate the notarial profession in Lower Canada.

The Committee on petition of Messrs. Adams and Hope, presented a report recommending their case to the consideration of the Government and on motion of Mr. Jessup the report was adopted.

Mr. Chabot presented a report on petitions of Mrs. Eleanor Teed and Adolphus Jacquis expressing an opinion that reparation should be made by the Government for the injustice done to them during the late troubles.

The Committee on petition of A. LaFramboise et al., respecting the late Municipal Election in Montreal, presented a report.

Mr. Secretary Daly presented a return to the address for information respecting the amount of Harbor dues at Toronto, and of the balance still due to the Government on account of the Loans for improving the Toronto Harbor.

The bill to repeal the Municipal Law of Lower Canada was again committed.

A message was received from the Legislative Council agreeing to the bill granting a Civil List to Her Majesty.

The bill to amend the Judicature Act of Lower Canada was returned from the Council with amendments.

Mr. Merritt moved that the petitions of Robert F. Gourlay, be entered on the Journals. Carried.

A report of the progress made in the Geological Survey of the Province in 1844, was laid on the table by Atty Gen Smith.

The committee on the bill relating to the administration of justice in L. C., presented a report stating that they have not been able to report finally on the matter in consequence of the advanced state of the session, but urging that the consideration of the subject may be resumed next session.

Mr. Christie moved that the Report of the Special Committee on the state of the Judicial and Parliamentary Records be adopted. Carried.—And an address was ordered praying His Excellency to take the same into consideration, and to enter thereupon as to him may seem meet.

Mr. Smith, Wentworth, moved that the order for the second reading of the bill from the Council to amend the Marriage Act of U. C. be revoked. Lost on the following division:—

YEAS.—Cayley, Christie, DeWitt, Ermatinger, Gowan, Hale, Lantier, Merritt, Seymour, Smith, (Wentworth)—10.

NAYS.—Armstrong, Boutillier, Chauveau, Desautour, Foster, L. Fontaine, Latérière, Leslie, Nelson, Papineau, Taché, Watts—12

The bill to amend the law for the establishment of municipal authorities in L. C., was passed.

Mr. Moffatt moved that the bill to facilitate the partition of lands in Lower Canada be now considered. Lost.

Mr. Stewart, of Bytown, moved that the bill to amend the ordinance vesting act be now considered.

On which the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

YEAS.—Messrs Baldwin, Cauchon, Cayley, Chauveau, Christie, Daly, DeWitt, Drummond, Ermatinger, Gowan, Jobin, Laurin, LeMoine, Macdonald (Cornwall), Mcconnell, Metchot, Monro, Petrie, Robinson, Seymour, Smith (Vassissouoi), Stewart (Bytown), Stewart (Prescott), Taché, Taschereau, Williams. 26.

NAYS.—Messrs Armstrong, Berthelot, Boutillier, Chabot, Desautour, Foster, LaFontaine, Latérière, Macdonnell (Stormont), Merritt, Moffatt, Morin, Nelson, Papineau, Rousseau, Scott, Viger. 18.

The bill was accordingly read second and third time and passed.

Mr. LaFontaine moved that the House do adjourn. Lost.

Mr. Drummond moved that the bill to amend the ordinance, respecting the erection of parishes, be now read a second time.

Mr. Moffatt moved in amendment that the Partition of Lands Bill be read. Lost. Yeas were, Messrs Christie, Ermatinger, Foster, Latérière, Leslie, Macdonnell (Stormont), Merritt, Moffatt, Robinson, and Scott.

Mr. Morin moved that the House do adjourn. Carried.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1846.

This day at three o'clock, P. M., His Excellency the Governor General proceeded in state to the Chamber of the Legislative Council, in the Parliament Building. The members of the Legislative Council being assembled, His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the Legislative Assembly, and that House being present, the following Bills were presented to in Her Majesty's name, by His Excellency the Governor General, viz:—An act to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned relating to Winter Roads in that part of the Province heretofore Lower Canada, in so far as regards the District of Quebec, the District of Gaspé and that part of the District of Three Rivers which is now in the Municipal District of Pointe-à-la-Paix.