

Mr. *Taschereau* rose in his place and informed the House, that he was desired by Mr. *Huot* to state, that he was unable to be present at the meeting of the Committee on the Contested Election for the Town of *Brockville*, on Friday the twentieth instant, in consequence of his having entirely forgotten that the Committee was to meet on that day.

And Mr. *Huot* having verified the same upon oath;

Resolved, That the said statement be considered a sufficient excuse.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,
The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 25th January, 1865.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table:—

By Mr. *Irvine*,—The Petition of the Right Reverend the Anglican Lord Bishops of *Montreal* and *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Walsh*,—The Petition of Mrs. *C. McLaughlin*, widow of the late *Laurence McLaughlin*, and others.

By Mr. *Morris*,—The Petition of *John Lorn McDougall*, administrator of the Estate of the late *John Lorn McDougall*, in his lifetime of *Renfrew*, and others.

By Mr. *Mackenzie* (*Lambton*),—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Lambton*.

By Mr. *Dorion* (*Drummond* and *Arthabaska*),—The Petition of *John King* and others, of *Warwick*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Wood*,—The Petition of *J. W. Bowlby* and others, members of the Bar of *Upper Canada*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Rose*,—The Petition of the *Montreal* House of Refuge; the Petition of the *Montreal* Ladies' Benevolent Society; and the Petition of the *Ottawa* and *Prescott* Railway Company.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *William Howard* and others, of the Township of *Amherst Island*; praying that the said Township may be separated from the County of *Lennox* and *Addington*, and annexed to the County of *Frontenac*, for all purposes.

Of the Deaf and Dumb Institute of *Côteau St. Louis*; of *Les Sœurs de l'Asile de la Providence de Montreal*; of *Les Dames Religieuses de Notre Dame de Charité du Bon Pasteur, of Montreal*; of Sister *J. M. Slocombe* and other Sisters of Charity, in charge of the General Hospital, in the City of *Montreal*; of the Corporation of the Asylum of the Good Shepherd, of *Quebec*; of *La Salle d'Asile Nazareth, of Montreal*; and of *La Salle d'Asile de St. Joseph, of Montreal*; severally praying for aid.

Of *Les Sœurs de l'Asile de la Providence, of Montreal*; praying aid for *La Salle d'Asile de St. Vincent de Paul*.

Of the *Montreal St. Patrick's* Orphan Asylum; praying for an increased aid.

Of *L'Union St. Michel des Saints de Montréal*; praying for an Act of incorporation.

Of *A. M. Delisle*, of the City of *Montreal*; setting forth certain grievances (in reference to his dismissal from the office of Sheriff) and praying relief.

Of the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Water Works, in the said City.

Of the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to consolidate and amend the Acts relating to the Recorder's Court, in the said City.