

Montreal
Board of Trade

mark further, that I consider a limited liability necessary in certain cases, as for instance, Banks and Railroads, the reason for which is simply, that the public gains in those cases by the improvement, and there is something to compensate them for the risk, while in Forwarding Companies it is not the case. Railroads and Banks are also more likely to become creditors to the public, while Forwarding Companies would usually be debtors.

Would you consider a limited liability, say to double or treble the amount of the Stock, a sufficient security?—Not in a Forwarding Company; their losses may be very great and sudden; and I consider that when the profits and losses are very great, the persons taking stock should be liable for the whole loss.

Frederick A. Wilson, Esquire, Secretary to the Montreal Board of Trade, called in and examined:—

You have heard the evidence given by Messrs. *Cringan & Brondgeest*, do you concur with them?—Entirely.

Have you anything further to offer?—Nothing; they have fully explained all that I should have desired to say.

Pères Oblats.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate "*Les Recorrens Pères Oblats de l'Immaculée Conception de Marie*," in the Province of *Canada*, and that part of the thirteenth Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills which relates thereto, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Commutation
of Tenure.

The Honourable Mr. *Maffatt*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Benjamin Brewster* and others, landholders, residing in the vicinity of the city of *Montreal*, with power to report by Bill, or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to empower any religious community, being the seignior of the Piefs *Nazareth*, *St. Augustin*, and *St. Joseph*, in the city of *Montreal*, or either of them, to invest the moneys arising from any commutation of tenure granted by them in real property and other securities: which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Petition of the
Reverend A.
Gosselin.

Mr. *Cauchon*, from the Special Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Gosselin* and others, of *La St. Famille*, and other parishes in the island of *Orleans*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Gosselin* and others, inhabitants of the Island of *Orleans*, and also several witnesses on the merits of the said Petition, and they are of opinion that it is always difficult, and often impossible for the Petitioners to communicate with the "*Cote Beauforé*," especially during the Spring and Autumn, as the river during those seasons is covered with ice, and consequently the crossing becomes very dangerous. This impossibility of communication between the Island of *Orleans* and the other parts of the county of *Montmorency* lasts about a month in Autumn, and almost a month in the Spring.

Your Committee, therefore, after mature deliberation, are unanimously of opinion, that the prayer of the Petitioners merits the favourable consideration of your Honourable House, and that a Registry Office ought to be established on the Island of *Orleans*.

Election, Third
Riding York.

Mr. *Taché*, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, reported to the House, that the Committee met this day, but could not proceed to business, on account of the absence of Mr. *Meyers*.

Mr. *Taché*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Joseph Painchaud* and others, Physicians and Surgeons, residing in *Quebec*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee: which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Petition of J.
Painchaud and
others.

Your Committee having examined the Petition referred to them, are unanimously of opinion, after mature deliberation, that the prayer of the Petitioners, *Joseph Painchaud* and others, Physicians and Surgeons, residing in *Quebec*, should be granted.

Ordered, That Mr. *Taché* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Quebec Medical School*.

Quebec Medi-
cal School.

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 Thursday next.

Mr. *Merritt*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *H. Mittelberger* and others, of *St. Catharines*, in the *Niagara* district, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented a Bill to incorporate the town of *St. Catharines*; which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

St. Catharines
Incorporation.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Select Committee, appointed to inquire into and report upon the present condition and state of the ancient Archives and Public Records of "*La Nouvelle France*," and of the Province of *Quebec*, remaining in the vaults of the *Evêché*, or Parliament Buildings, at *Quebec*, or elsewhere, with a view to the adoption of measures, as well for their arrangement and preservation from decay, as to the collection from all accessible sources wheresoever, of such ancient and authentic Records and Documents relating to the first settlement of *Canada*, as in the opinion of the Committee may cast light upon, or be conducive to a full knowledge of its early history, as well as to the general advancement of Literature in the Province, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table.

Public Records
of "*La Nou-
velle France*."

(For the said Report, see Appendix III.)

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

Ordered, That one hundred copies of the said Report, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, from the Standing Committee on Expiring Laws, presented to the House the first Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Expiring Laws

The Committee on Expiring Laws have the honour to report, that having carefully examined the several Acts, which if not continued, would expire before the next Session of the Provincial Parliament, they are of opinion that the following Acts should be continued until the first day of May, 1850, and thence until the end of the then next Session of the Provincial Parliament, that is to say the Acts of *Lower Canada*:—

- 9 *George IV.* chapter 20.—Secret incumbrances on Lands.
- 9 *George IV.* chapter 27.—Prevention of evasion of Fraudulent Debtors.
- 9 *George IV.* chapter 28.—Proceeding against Estates of Debtors.
- 9 *George IV.* chapter 51.—Salmon fisheries in certain Counties.