

Your Committee have considered the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to avoid the Proclamation declaring *Walkerton* the County Town of the County of *Bruce*, and to enable the Municipal Electors of the said County to select a County "Town," and have agreed to report the same, without any amendment.

Your Committee have considered the following Bills, and have prepared amendments to each, which they submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House, viz:—

Bill to consolidate the Debt of the Town of *St. Thomas, C. W.*, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to authorize *William Berczy* and others, to dispose of certain lands heretofore forming part of the Domain of the Seignior of *Daillebout*."

Mr. *Morris*, from the Select Committee appointed to consider and report as to the natural features, adaptation for settlement, resources and extent of the Territory lying between the *Ottawa* River and the *Georgian* Bay, and on the Northern shore of Lake *Huron*; and also as to the best means of opening up and developing the said Territory, either in connection with the existing Colonization Roads, or by the establishment of other central roads, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was read. (*Appendix No. 8.*)

Mr. *Caron*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *St. Hyacinthe*, informed the House, That the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* do attend in his place in this House, tomorrow.

Mr. *Ault* reported, from the Select Committee on the Bill respecting Ejectments, in so far as regards tenants overholding wrongfully, and in other respects, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Mr. *Bell (Russell)*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library of Parliament, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

The Committee have given a careful consideration to the Petitions referred to them by Your Honorable House, praying for assistance in the publication of forthcoming literary works.

In regard to the Petition of Mr. *Thomas T. Nesbitt*, soliciting subscriptions to a translation into the French language of a work, intituled, "Sailing Directions for the "Gulf and River *St. Lawrence*," the Committee are of opinion that such a book, if properly executed, is calculated to be of great utility. But, inasmuch as Mr. *Nesbitt's* translation was not submitted to the Committee, and they had no guarantee of its correctness and fidelity, they are unable to recommend the purchase of copies of this book. If, after its publication, the work should be again referred to the Committee, together with certificates approving of the translation, from the *Quebec* Trinity House and Corporation of Pilots, they will be prepared to advise the House to afford some encouragement to it.

The Petition of Mr. *Charles Roger*, for assistance in the publication of the second and concluding volume of his "Rise of *Canada* from Barbarism to Civilization," has been considered by the Committee, but they have not thought it expedient to make any recommendation on behalf of the same. Upon the publication of the first volume of this work, in 1856, application was made to the Committee for the purchase of some copies; but this application was not favorably entertained. On the present occasion, the Committee are not of opinion that it would be desirable to adopt a different course.

The Committee have taken into consideration the salary at present received by Mr. *Todd*, the Librarian of Your Honorable House, and they have agreed to recommend that on account of his long and faithful services, and the valuable assistance he is capable of