

*Ordered,* That the Committee do hear Counsel and examine Witnesses for the said Bill; and also, that they hear Counsel and examine Witnesses against the Bill, if the Parties concerned think fit to be heard by Counsel or to produce Witnesses.

*Ordered,* That the Minutes of Evidence on the subject of the said Bill, communicated to the House, this day, by the Honorable the Legislative Council, be referred to the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend certain Acts for the relief of Religious Societies; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Stuart* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

*Ordered,* That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Stuart* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

*Ordered,* That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the operation of the Assessment Laws, especially with reference to the collection of Taxes on Lands of non-residents, and the equalization of County Rates amongst the several Municipalities,—and on the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of Messieurs *Bryce, McMurrich* and Company, and others, Merchants and Traders of the City of *Toronto*, being read;

*Ordered,* That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday next; and be then the first Order of the day.

*Ordered,* That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,

The House adjourned.

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*Martis, 26° die Aprilis;*

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE House met; and it appearing that a Quorum was not present, yet it being after three of the clock, Mr. Speaker took the Chair; and the names of the Members present were taken down, as follow:—

Mr. Speaker.

Messieurs *Badgley, Brown, Cartier, Chapais, Fournier, Gouin, Hartman, Jobin, Macdonald of Kingston, Malloch, Mongenais, Morrison, Ridout, Robinson, Smith of Durham, Terrill, Viger, and Willson.*

And at twenty minutes past three of the clock in the afternoon, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

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