

pleased to lay before this House, copies of all Despatches and Communications which have passed between the Imperial and Colonial Governments, on the subject of the Trade, Commerce, and Revenue of this Province, since the Despatch dated 26th September, 1844.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government, by such Members of this House as are of the Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.

Oxford Election.

Mr. *Chateau*, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of the Honourable *Francis Hincks*, of the City of *Montreal*, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, Sitting Member for the County of *Oxford*, reported that the Committee met this day, at nine o'clock, A. M., pursuant to adjournment, but were unable to proceed to business, in consequence of the absence of Mr. *Bertrand*, a member of the Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Bertrand*, Member for the County of *Rimouski*, do attend in his place in this House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown*, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*,

Crown Timber, Bytown.

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House a Statement in detail of the transactions in the Crown Timber Office in *Bytown* for the year 1845; exhibiting the number of rafts passed, owners' name, the amount of duty on each raft, the gross amount of revenue for the year, the names of the agent, clerks, and servants, and the salary to each, and any other expense connected with the office; also the amount paid by Government for surveys, and the amount paid by each individual lumberman for such services; the number of timber limits occupied or granted, the locality; the name of the party to whom granted, and the amount of deposit on each; together with the whole of the subject matter of the Commission of Enquiry appointed to investigate the affairs of the Crown Timber Office in *Bytown*, and the expense in detail of such Commission.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government, by such Members of this House as are of the Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.

Notarial Profession Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Laurin* have leave to bring in a Bill for the organization of the Notarial Profession in that part of this Province called *Lower Canada*.

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, the ninth of April next.

Provincial Penitentiary Bill.

*Ordered*, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* have leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Provincial Penitentiary.

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 Friday next.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Cayley*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*,

*Ordered*, That the Speech of His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government, delivered to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature at the opening of the present Session, be taken into consideration on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald* of *Kingston*, seconded by Mr. *Meyers*,

*Ordered*, That the officers connected with the several chartered Banks and Insurance Offices of the Province, be respectively directed to lay before this House the statement of the affairs of the said Banks and Insurance Offices, as required by the Acts of Incorporation.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*,

*Resolved*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration Resolutions for the repeal of so much of the Act of the Parliament of *England*, passed in the 32d year of the Reign of His Majesty, King *Henry* the Eighth, which imposes a penalty upon the grantor and grantee of land; and which declares, under certain circumstances therein mentioned, a title void, and also for the abrogation of any Usage or Custom of *England*, which goes to the extent of invalidating the title of a purchaser, when a third party may be in adverse possession at the time of passing such title, and substituting in lieu of such Statute Law, Usage, and Custom of *England*, an Act to be in force in *Upper Canada*, to enable Parties to dispose of Real Estate without the disability imposed by such Statute Law, Usage, and Custom of *England*, as aforesaid.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Seymour* took the Chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair,

And Mr. *Seymour* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government,

Copy of the Blue Book for 1844.

Blue Book.

Also,

Pursuant to the Provincial Act 4th *William IV.*, chapter 37, the Annual Report of the Provincial Penitentiary for 1845.

Provincial Penitentiary.

(For the said Report see Appendix G.)

And also,

Assessment Rolls for *Upper Canada*, for 1845, transmitted pursuant to 59th *George III.*, chapter 7.

Assessment Rolls, (U. C.)

(For the said Assessment Rolls see Appendix H.)

Mr. *Christie* from the Committee of the whole House, on the School Law of *Upper Canada*, reported, according to Order, the Resolution of the said Committee, which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

*Resolved*, That it is expedient that provision should be made by Law for the expense of establishing a Normal School, and for amending the Common School Laws of *Upper Canada*.

*Ordered*, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, have leave to bring in a Bill for the better establishment and maintenance of Common Schools in *Upper Canada*.