

the electors, and all of the candidates, who joined in the conversation, who doubted the legality of the qualification, and who thought that the Returning Officer had no right to receive it. The Returning Officer decided on receiving it, with the same remarks I before stated. What I mean to say is—that there was a great deal of conversation which I do not pretend to remember; but were some questions put, I might call to recollection some particular expressions used on the occasion.

By the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*.

13. You have just stated, that you think the Returning Officer made use of certain expressions on the hustings, and that conversation was going on about him; was there so much interruption that you feel doubt as to the accuracy of the expressions which you have attributed to the Returning Officer?—I am clear upon the point, that the Returning Officer said he would take counsel upon Mr. *Hincks*'s qualification, and give his decision upon the Return day. There was conversation passed during the day to which I paid no attention. I have no doubt as to that part of Mr. *Vansittart*'s declaration or expression of taking counsel respecting the qualification oath of Mr. *Hincks*, and that he would give his decision on the Return day, as before stated.

By the Honorable Mr. *Price*.

14. Did you, when giving your answer to the question last but one, say, that from the confusion or otherwise, you did not clearly remember what the words were that the Returning Officer said?—I mean to say, that so far as taking counsel and giving a decision at the Return day, I understood, I think, Mr. *Vansittart* distinctly. So far as the general conversation went, it did not bear upon this part of Mr. *Vansittart*'s remarks. There was conversation passed between Mr. *Vansittart* and the candidates, to which I paid no attention. I do not remember all the words that were made use of during the day by the Returning Officer. The confusion at the time spoken of does not relate to that part of the conversation between the Returning Officer and the candidates, so far as relates to Mr. *Vansittart*'s decision at the time as to the course he would take with respect to the qualification oath.

And then Mr. *Vansittart*, and the Witness, were directed to withdraw.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glengary*, seconded by Mr. *M'Lean*,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the case of *John George Vansittart*, Esquire, Returning Officer at the last General Election for the County of *Oxford*, be postponed until to-morrow; and that it 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 Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glengary*, seconded by Mr. *Fournier*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 26° die Januarii;

ANNO 12° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1849.

Bonds and Securities.

MR. Speaker laid before the House, the Registrar's Report of Bonds and Securities registered between 24th February, 1848, and 17th January, 1849, in compliance with the Act 4 and 5 Vic. cap. 91.

Appendix (D.) For the said Report, see Appendix (D.)

And also, Accounts of the Trustees of the *Montreal* Turnpike Roads, from 1st March, to 30th November, 1848.

Montreal Turnpike Roads.

For the said Accounts, see Appendix (E.)

Appendix (E.)

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

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Johnson*,—The Petition of *James P. Wells* and others, Trustees of the Grammar School for the District of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Dumas*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the College of *L'Assomption*.

By Mr. *Scott*, of *Two Mountains*,—The Petition of *C. C. Grece* and others, of the Township of *Grenville* and parts adjacent in *Lower Canada*.

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of *F. X. Pratt*, Esquire, and others, of *Stanford* and other Townships in the District of *Three Rivers*; the Petition of *Clovis Bourgeois*, of the Parish of *St. Grégoire*, in the County of *Nicolet*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Racine* and others, of *Stanford* and other places in the District of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Notman*,—The Petition of *John M'Intosh*, of the Township of *London*.

By Mr. *Hall*,—The Petition of *Hugh Macfee* and others, of the Townships of *Dummer* and *Douro*, District of *Colborne*.

By Mr. *Beaubien*,—The Petition of *L. Archambeault*, Esquire, and others, of *St. Marguerite de Blairfindie*; and the Petition of the President and Corporation of the College of *Chambly*.

By Mr. *Christie*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Mary H. Mountain* and others, the Ladies Managers of the Male Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Polette*,—The Petition of *T. Panneton* and others, of the Parish of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Newcastle* (Common School Act).

By Mr. *Chaveau*,—The Petition of *Joseph Morrin*, Esquire, and others, Physicians and Surgeons, members and professors of the School of Medicine of *Quebec*; the Petition of *Olivier Blais*, of the City of *Quebec*, scaman; and the Petition of *William Price*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec* and its vicinity.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* of *Kent*,—The Petition of *John Beckton* and others, of *Canada West*.

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Alexander Macdonell* and others, of the Parish of *St. Luke*, including the Townships of *North* and *South Plantagenet*, *Alfred*, and part of *Caledonia*; and the Petition of *Robert Couroy* and others, of *Bytown* and its vicinity.

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of *Henry P. Croft* and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*.

By Mr. *Wetenhall*,—The Petition of *E. C. Thomas*, President, and *Thomas M. Simons*, Secretary, of the "*Hamilton and Gore Mechanics' Institute*."

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

Petitions read.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Colborne*; praying for the repeal of the Act 9 Geo. 4, c. 3, in so far as it authorizes the payment of Land Tax to the Treasurer of any District other than that in which the Lands are situate.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Colborne*; praying that the Act 4 & 5 Vic. c. 10, and the Act 1 Vic. c. 21, be so amended as to enable the Municipal Councils to collect the Land Tax, and to compel the correct return of rateable property.

Of *C. R. Irish* and others, of the Township of *Mariposa*; praying that the said Township may remain attached to the *Colborne* District.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Colborne*; praying that the expenses attending the Administration of Justice in *Upper Canada* be