

foregoing resolution, reported the draft of an Address, which was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

*Ordered*—That such members of this House as are of the Honourable the Executive Council of this province do wait upon his Excellency, to know when he will be pleased to receive this House with its Address.

*Sir A. N. MacNab* introduced a Bill to incorporate the Hamilton Mercantile Library Association; second reading next Thursday.

*Hon. Mr. Boulton* introduced a Bill to exempt naval and military officers, and others on duty on Her Majesty's service, from the payment of toll upon any turnpike road in this province; second reading Monday next.

The Orders of the Day were postponed till Monday next.

The House then adjourned till 10 A.M., on Monday next.

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EXTRACT from the "Pilot and Journal of Commerce," dated Montreal, April 30, 1849.

*House of Assembly, Friday, April 27.*

At the sitting of the House in the Bonsecours Market, *Mr. Baldwin* rose and moved that the House do adjourn till to-morrow (this day) at 10 o'clock.

On the motion being put from the chair, *Mr. Papineau* rose and said he desired to know if the Administration did not conceive it necessary to ask the House for some counsel or some additional power, so that the authority of the law might be made known and properly supported. He thought something of this sort was required, for not only had the House of Parliament been burned, but only last night other occurrences of a similar nature had taken place. Something should certainly be attempted to prevent these outrages on the law and violences on the citizens. If Ministers asked nothing the House had nothing to offer; but if they wanted additional powers to make the law respected let them demand them. If not it would only make the responsibility which now weighed upon them still more grave.

*Dr. Laterriere* made a few remarks which we did not catch, owing to the echo in the roof, and the fact that the honourable member's back was turned towards us. We understood him to urge the propriety of adopting energetic measures to repress the popular *emeute*, and of removing the seat of Government from Montreal to Quebec.

*Colonel Guy* said there were occasions when it was difficult to say anything from fear of being misrepresented, and almost more dangerous to say nothing lest your silence should be misrepresented. In spite, therefore, of any ruffianism which might occur, as it had occurred, he would make a few observations. All the disturbances, then, which had taken place during the last 48 hours had arisen from the carrying out of the principle of yielding to the masses—a principle, which he, as a Conservative, complained of, as being too frequently inculcated, by honourable gentlemen opposite. The fact was that in this country the last thing you inquire into in appointing men to office was their fitness. Facility of temper, suppleness of the dorsal column, had a tendency to adhere to the maxims of *McSycophant*—these were the recommendations sought. *McSycophant's* directions was to boo to a great man; and when you booted it was necessary to boo so much the more low, in proportion as the great man had once been a little man. Men were elected to office in the same manner, because they were good, kind, amiable people, though they might be either incompetent or incapable. For his own part he never knew a man universally beloved, who was good for anything, either bodily or mentally. Sometimes, too, elections were carried because a man had collected a great mass of money, or because he had got many sons-in-law, or brothers-in-law. Now, to what cause was to be imputed the burnings of the two last nights? Just to the incompetence and incapacity of the mayor—a mayor chosen out of three persons, all equally incompetent. He saw a smile of dissent on the face of the honourable member for St. Maurice; but he asked seriously, what else was required on a recent occasion than energy, activity, some knowledge of human nature, and a little foresight? Was it not to be anticipated that rightly or wrongly there would be some outbreak? And was it not the duty of the chief officer of the city to take occasion to restrain any undue expression of public feeling? But what was the result, the chief public functionary, charged with the good government of the city, took it into his head to fall asleep.

*Mr. Baldwin* here rose and put it to the honourable member, whether, in the present state of the city, it was desirable to enter upon these subjects; no doubt an opportunity would occur, when they would properly come before the House.

*Mr. Guy* declared that he entertained the highest personal respect for the honourable member opposite. In deference to his wishes, therefore, he would forbear further remarks; but would of course resume the right to make what observations he thought necessary on a future occasion.

The House then adjourned.

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*Saturday's Debate.*

A quorum of members being present at ten o'clock, the Speaker took the chair.

*Mr. Baldwin* stated, that as the Committee appointed to look after the Bills pending before the House had not yet been able to do anything, he would move the postponement of the orders of the day.