

The expediency of amending the School and Municipal Laws of *Eastern Canada* in some of their details, with the view of securing in a more ample manner for that section of the Province the benefits which these enactments are designed to confer, will probably engage your attention.

As the Province advances in wealth and population, and the authority of the local Parliament is extended and confirmed, the responsibilities which attach to Members of this Legislature become necessarily more onerous. The people of *Canada*, while they justly appreciate the requirements of an age of progress, are attached to their institutions, and faithful to their early traditions, and I am confident that you will earnestly endeavor, in humble reliance on the Divine Blessing, to promote in this spirit their best interests.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary *Leslie* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act relating to Common Schools."

The said Bill was read for the first time, *pro formâ*.

The Honorable the Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that five hundred copies of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, be printed in both languages for the use of Members.

Ordered, that all the Members present this day be appointed a Committee to consider of the Orders and Customs of this House, and privileges of Parliament; their Honors or any five of them, to meet to-morrow at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, in the Legislative Council Chamber, and every Monday after, and to adjourn as they please.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks, Macaulay, Gordon, Bourret, and Ross*, be appointed a Committee to superintend the Printing of this House during the present Session.

Ordered, that the Clerk of this House be instructed to open an account with the Post Master for the Postage of Letters to and from Members, and to include the same in his Contingent account.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs *Jameson, DeBlaquière, Hamilton, Goodhue, and Taché*, be appointed a Committee to peruse and perfect the Journals of this and former Sessions of the Provincial Parliament.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Joseph Carufel* and others, of the Seignior of *Maskinongé*, praying that the Act of *Lower Canada* (9th Geo. IV. cap. 41) providing for the Government of the Common of the said Seignior may be revived and continued.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a report of the Law Clerk on Expiring Laws.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Irving* presented a Petition from *Septimus Tyrwhitt* and others, of the Township of *King*, praying that a certain Tract of Land, constituting part of the old and new Surveys of *West Gwillimbury* may be attached to the County of *York*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the table.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow at Three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

Wednesday, 21st May, 1851. WEDNESDAY

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable *Réne E. Caron*, Speaker:

The Honourable Messieurs

*Fraser,
Macaulay,
Goodhue,
Widmer,
Irving,*

The Honorable Messieurs

*J. Morris,
Taché,
Leslie,
Bourret,
Mills.*

PRAYERS.

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The Clerk to open an Account with the Post Office.

Committee on Journals appointed.

Petition presented.

Law Clerk's Report on Expiring Laws presented.

Petition presented.

Adjourn.

His Excellency retires.

Common School Bill presented and read *pro formâ*

His Excellency's Speech reported.

Same ordered to be printed.

Committee of Privileges appointed.

Committee on Printing appointed.