

Wednesday, 15th June, 1864.

Three o' Clock, P.M.

The Clerk of the Legislative Council delivered, at the Bar of the House, the following Message :—

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to change the period of the Annual Meetings of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*," without any amendment.

Also, the Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act respecting the side lines of lots in the Township of *Bedford*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. *Ferguson* (*Frontenac*), seconded by Mr. *Jackson*, Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act respecting side lines of lots in the Township of *Bedford*," be now read the first time.

The Bill was accordingly read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, to-morrow.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of Messieurs *J. E. Smith* and Company and others, Manufacturers of Tobacco, and Merchants of the City of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *C. A. Birge* and others, Manufacturers of Tobacco in the City of *Hamilton*.

Mr. *Dunkin*, from the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented to the House the Sixth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have considered the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Provincial Forwarding Company (Limited)," and have made several amendments thereto, which they submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee have also examined the Bill to incorporate the *Portlock* Harbour Mining Company, and have agreed to report the same, without any amendment.

Mr. *Scoble* reported, from the Select Committee on the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "Act for the relief of *James Benning*," That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Mr. *Jackson*, from the Standing Committee on Emigration and Colonization, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was read. (*Appendix No. 7.*)

Mr. *Archangeault* reported, from the General Committee of Elections, the names of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the North Riding of the County of *Waterloo*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relative thereto; and the names of the Committee were read, as follow :—*Thomas Campbell Wallbridge*, Esquire, *Thomas Higginson*, Esquire, *John Young Bown*, Esquire, *James Lyon Biggar*, Esquire; Chairman, *Alexander Morris*, Esquire.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Seventeenth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the Bill respecting the Common of the Huron Indians at *Lorette*, and find that it is not a Private Bill, not being based on a Petition. It may be also stated that the Indians are under the special protection of the Government, and Bills affecting them are usually under the control of the Administration. The object of this Bill, however, is altogether local, and Your Committee have made certain amendments, which they ask permission to report; and having thus called the attention of Your Honorable House to the nature of the Bill, they recommend that it be referred, with the proposed amendment, to a Committee of the whole House.