

Cornwall
Election.

According to Order, *Norbert Dumas*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Leinster*, who was absent, on Friday last, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town of *Cornwall*, attended in his place; and having given satisfactory reasons for his not being present at the meeting of the Committee on that day; and having verified the same upon oath;

Ordered, That Mr. *Dumas* be excused for not attending the Committee, on Friday last.

According to Order, *Pierre Canac dit Marquis*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Kamouraska*, who was absent, on Friday and Saturday last, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town of *Cornwall*, attended in his place; and having given satisfactory reasons for his not being present at the meetings of the Committee on those days; and having verified the same upon oath;

Ordered, That Mr. *Marquis* be excused for not attending the Committee, on Friday and Saturday last.

According to Order, *John Egan*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Ottawa*, who was absent, on Friday and Saturday last, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town of *Cornwall*, attended in his place; and having given satisfactory reasons for his not being present at the meetings of the Committee on those days; and having verified the same upon oath;

Ordered, That Mr. *Egan* be excused for not attending the Committee, on Friday and Saturday last.

Speech con-
sidered.

The Order of the day for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature, being read;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Baldwin* moved, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Drummond*, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature.

The Honorable Mr. *Papineau* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Sauvageau*, That after the word "consideration" the following words be inserted: "in a Committee of the whole House."

And the Question being put, That those words be there inserted; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:

YEAS.

Messieurs *Christie*, *Fournier*, *Papineau*, *Prince*, and *Sauvageau*.—(5.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Badgley*, Attorney General *Baldwin*, *Beaubien*, *Bell*, Solicitor General *Blake*, *Boutillier*, *Cameron* of *KENT*, *Cartier*, *Cauchon*, *Cayley*, *Davignon*, *DeWitt*, Solicitor General *Drummond*, *Dumas*, *Egan*, *Flint*, *Fortier*, *Fourquin*, *Gugy*, *Guillet*, *Hall*, *Hincks*, *Holmes*, *Jobin*, *Johnson*, Attorney General *LaFontaine*, *LaTerrière*, *Macdonald* of *GLENGARY*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, *Malloch*, *Marquis*, *McConnell*, *McFarland*, *McLean*, *Merritt*, *Méthot*, *Mongenais*, *Morrison*, *Nelson*, *Notman*, *Polette*, *Price*, *Robinson*, *Scott* of *TWO MOUNTAINS*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, *Sherwood* of *TORONTO*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Thompson*, *Viger*, *Watts*, and *Wetenhall*.—(54.)

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature.

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Speech into consideration.

Mr. *Dumas* moved, seconded by Mr. *Wetenhall*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament:

To assure His Excellency that this House cordially concurs in the satisfaction expressed by His Excellency, that uninterrupted tranquillity has prevailed in the Province during the Recess:

That the proofs which the people of *Canada* have furnished during this period of general excitement and disquietude, of their love of order, and of the attachment they bear to their institutions will, they feel assured, tend to establish the credit of the Province on a firmer basis, and to promote its prosperity:

That they learn with the greatest satisfaction that it is the purpose of their beloved Sovereign to exercise the prerogative of Mercy in favor of all persons who are still liable to penal consequences for political offences arising out of the unfortunate occurrences of 1837 and 1838, and to assure His Excellency that they will with humble gratitude concur in passing any Act that may be proposed to give full effect to this Her Majesty's most gracious intention:

That it affords this House much pleasure to learn, that in compliance with the desire of the Legislature of this Province, expressed in a joint Address of the two Houses of the Provincial Parliament, the Imperial Parliament has passed an Act repealing the Clause in the Union Act which imposed restrictions on the use of the French Language:

That this House learns with pleasure, that His Excellency has during the Recess been in communication with Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and with the Lieutenant Governors of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, on the subject of the Provincial Post Office, and that on the meeting of the Imperial Parliament steps will be taken for conferring on the Provincial Authorities the entire control and management of this Department; and they trust that when the arrangements for effecting this object shall have been completed, it may be found practicable to establish a low and uniform Rate of Postage for the British *North American* Provinces:

That they concur with His Excellency in the belief that an increase in the Representation would be attended with considerable advantage to the public interest, and to assure His Excellency, that the subject, which is one of no ordinary importance, will not fail to receive their best consideration:

That they cordially concur in the gratification expressed by His Excellency, at the opposition manifested at one time in certain parts of *Lower Canada*, to the School Act, having in a great measure subsided; and that they will readily consent to make such alterations in it, as shall render it as little as possible onerous to the Rate-payer, without, however, compromising the important principle which it has consecrated, in securing for all the youth of this section of the Province, the blessing of Education:

That the system of Judicature in both sections of the Province—the Laws for the regulation of Municipalities, and the Constitution of the University of King's College, shall receive their best attention:

That they learn with great satisfaction that the Officers employed in exploring the Country between *Quebec* and *Halifax*, with the view of discovering the best line for a Railway to connect these two points,