

Of the Minister, Elders, and Trustees, of the First Presbyterian Church at *Perth*, in the District of *Bathurst*; praying for the passing of an Act to secure the Temporalities of the said Church.

Of *George K. Chisholm*, Serjeant-at-arms to the Legislative Assembly; complaining of the inadequacy of his Salary, and praying an increase thereof.

Of *Zavier Légaunt* and others, of *Isle Bizarre*, in the Parish of *St. Raphaël*, in the District of *Montreal*; praying that the said Island may be annexed to the County of *Montreal*, instead of forming part of the County of *Two Mountains*.

Of *Nearby Robinson* and others, Inhabitants of the *Home* District; praying for the passing of an Act to abolish Imprisonment for Debt.

Of *William Portt* and *George Portt* of the Township of *Tyendinaga*, in the District of *Victoria*; praying to be indemnified for losses sustained through political incendiarism.

Of the Reverend *Mark Willoughby*, Superintendent of the *Newfoundland* and *British North American* School Society; praying for an aid in support of the said Society.

Petition referred.
Serjeant-at-Arms.

Ordered, That the Petition of *George K. Chisholm*, Serjeant-at-arms to the Legislative Assembly, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

Report on Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Banque du Peuple Bill.

" By the Petition of *L. M. Viger*, Esquire and others, it appears that the Petitioners are the Acting Partners of a Company, who have for many years carried on business as Bankers in the City of *Montreal*, being commonly known as the *Banque du Peuple*,—with a Capital of £150,000 currency; and their Co-partnership being about to expire, they are desirous of obtaining an Act of Incorporation, based upon their Articles of Association, with power to sue and be sued under a Corporate name.

" After a due consideration of the matter, your Committee are disposed to recommend that the prayer of the Petitioners be adopted; they therefore respectfully submit that an Act of Incorporation be granted to the Petitioners, their Heirs and Assigns, based upon the said Articles of Association, with such further provisions as may be deemed fit and proper by your Honourable House.

Dissentit—The Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*.

Bill to incorporate "Les Dames Religieuses du Sacré Cœur de Jésus."

Your Committee have also examined the Petition of the Reverend *Jean Romuald Parré*, Rector of the Parish of *St. Jacques de L'Achigan*,—which sets forth that a Convent was established some years ago in the said Parish, at the private expense of the Petitioner and others, under the direction of *Les Dames Religieuses du Sacré Cœur de Jésus*, for the education of young females; and prays that an Act may be passed to Incorporate the Ladies of the said Institution for the furtherance of the object for which it was established. Your Committee having considered the subject, are of opinion that a compliance with the prayer of the Petitioner will tend to the advancement of education, and therefore submit the expediency of passing a law to carry the same into effect.

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Your Committee have considered the Petition of the Office Bearers of the Mercantile Library Association of *Montreal*; this Institution was established in 1811, by certain young men engaged as Mercantile Clerks, who associated themselves together for the purpose of forming a Library and Reading Room, and for organizing a system of instruction by means of lectures and classes in the different branches of Mercantile education; and having now become possessed of a valuable collection of Books, and other necessary property, are anxious to obtain an Act of the Legislature to erect them into a body politic and corporate, for the purpose of enabling them to provide more effectually for the management of the Institution—a measure which your Committee cordially recommend for the adoption of your Honourable House.

Mercantile Library Association of Montreal.

The Petition of *Jacques Adrien Pierre Barbier*, and *Euphrasie Barbier*, his wife, praying for an Act to naturalize them, and to enable them to hold certain land in this Province bequeathed to the latter by will, has also come under the consideration of your Committee; the former has appeared before them in support of his petition, and states that he was born at *Villeneuve Le Roi*, in the Department of *L'Yonne*, Kingdom of *France*, in 1813,—that his wife *Euphrasie Vivien*, is a native of the same Kingdom, having been born at *Paris*; that by the last will of the late *William Hurwood*, a natural born subject of Her Majesty, certain real estate in this Province was bequeathed to the said *Euphrasie Vivien*, and that the Petitioners came to this Country in 1837, are now residing in *Kingston*, and are desirous of permanently establishing themselves in the Province, and taking possession of the said property; but they cannot legally hold the same without an Act being passed to enable them to do so. The case being one of a peculiar nature, and in which the interests of other persons besides the Petitioners may be involved, your Committee recommend the adoption only of so much of the prayer of the petition as relates to an Act of Naturalization, leaving the residue of the matter to be settled in such way as to your Honourable House may seem most expedient."

Naturalization of J. A. P. Barbier and wife.

The Honourable Mr. *Neilson*, from the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Simpson*, and other Agriculturists of *Quebec*; praying that "The *Quebec Turnpike Act*" may be so amended as to allow Vehicles laden with manure to pass through free of Toll, with an Instruction to consider the propriety of extending the same exemption to the whole Province, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Report of Special Committee on Petition of A. Simpson & others.

"Your Committee have duly considered the Petition referred, and the order of Reference and Instruction. The Petition praying that "The *Quebec Turnpike Act*" may be so amended as to allow Vehicles laden with manure to pass through free of Toll; and your Committee also considering the great quantities of manure which accumulate in Towns, and the beneficial effects which may result from the example of Agricultural improvement in the vicinity of the Towns, from a proper and extended application of manure, are of opinion, that the exemption prayed for ought to be granted, and also that the same exemption be extended to all the Turnpike Roads in the vicinities of the several Towns within the Province."

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Small* have leave to absent himself from this House, for one week, on urgent business.

Leave of absence to Mr. Small.