

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Friday next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *LaFontaine*, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*,

*Resolved*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to consider the expediency of providing means for the building of certain Court Houses and Gaols in *Lower Canada*.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *M'Farland* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *M'Farland* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received on Friday next.

*Ordered*, That the Bill to incorporate the Merchants' Exchange and Reading Room of *Montreal*, be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *Richards*, seconded by Mr. *Holmes*,

*Ordered*, That the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to provide for the formation of incorporated Joint Stock Companies for manufacturing, mining, mechanical, or chemical purposes," be now read the first time.

The Bill was accordingly read the first time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read a second time, on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Ship Canal to connect the waters of *Lake Champlain* and the River *St. Lawrence*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Holmes*, the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Beaubien*, Mr. *Egan*, Mr. *Cauchon*, and Mr. *Methot*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

*Ordered*, That the Rule of this House requiring that Private Bills be posted up one week in the Lobby of the House, be suspended as regards the said Bill.

Mr. *Scott*, of *Two Mountains*, reported the Bill to amend the School Law of *Lower Canada*; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Mr. *Lyon* reported the Bill to consolidate the Laws relative to the powers and duties of the Trinity House of *Quebec*, and for other purposes; and the amendments, as far as the eleventh amendment, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The eleventh amendment being read a second time, as followeth:—

Clause 3, line 20. After "be" insert "Three hundred and fifty pounds."

Mr. *Christie* moved in amendment thereunto, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*, and the Question being put, That the words "and fifty" be left out;

The House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs *Boulton*, of *NORFOLK*, *Boulton* of *TORONTO*, *Christie*, *DeWitt*, *Galt*, *Macdonald* of *KING-*

*STON*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of *TORONTO*, and *Taché*.—(10.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, Attorney General *Baldwin*, Solicitor General *Blake*, *Duchessnay*, *Egan*, *Fortier*, *Fournier*, *Holmes*, *Jobin*, Attorney General *LaFontaine*, *Laurin*, *Lemieux*, *Méthot*, *Morrison*, *Papineau*, and *Polette*.—(16.)

So it passed in the Negative.

The eleventh amendment was then agreed to.

The twelfth amendment being read a second time, as followeth:—

Clause 3, line 22. After "be" insert "Three hundred pounds."

Mr. *Christie* moved in amendment thereunto, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, and the Question being put, That the words "Three hundred" be left out, and the words "Two hundred and fifty" inserted instead thereof;

The House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

The twelfth amendment was then agreed to.

Then the residue of the said amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Mr. *Crysler* reported the Bill to provide for the Health of the City of *Quebec*; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill for the more effectual Administration of Justice in the Court of Chancery of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Galt* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Galt* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have leave to sit again, on Friday next.

A Message from the Legislative Council by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without Amendment, viz:—

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Association called *La Congrégation des hommes de la Paroisse de Saint Roch de Québec*:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act the better to facilitate optional commutation of tenure of Land *en roture*, in the Seigniories and Fiefs in *Lower Canada*, into that of *franc-aleu-roturier*:" And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws regulating inland Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, and the protesting thereof, and Foreign Bills in certain cases," with several Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops in each Diocese in *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the insertion of certain Official and Legal Notices in the *Canada*

Quebec Health Bill

Court of Chancery (U. C.) Bill

Message from the Council.

St. Roch de Québec Congregation Bill

Commutation of Tenure Bill

Inland Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Bill

Roman Catholic Bishops (L. C.) Incorporation Bill

Official and Legal Notices Bill

Court Houses and Gaols, (L.C.)

Montreal Merchants Reading Room Bill.

Joint Stock Companies Bill.

Ship Canal Bill.

School Law (L. C.) Bill.

Quebec Trinity House Bill.