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PROCLAMATIONS.

Province of }
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WILLIAM EYRE.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of the Province of *Canada*, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, summoned and called to a Meeting of the Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of *Toronto*, on the Twentieth day of July instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the tenth day of the month of June last, We thought fit to prorogue our Provincial Parliament to the twentieth day of the month of July instant, at which time, at Our City of *Toronto*, you were held and constrained to appear: Now know ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of the month of August next, you meet Us, in our Provincial Parliament, at Our City of *Toronto*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our Trusty and Well-Beloved Lieutenant General, Sir *William Eyre*, K.C.B., Administrator of the Government of Our said Province of *Canada*, and commanding Our Forces therein, &c., &c., &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Toronto*, in Our said Province, the eighteenth day of July, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the twenty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command,
FELIX FORTIER, C. C. Chy.

Province of }
Canada. }

WILLIAM EYRE.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of the Province of *Canada*, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, summoned and called to a Meeting of the Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of *Toronto*, on the twenty-sixth day of August instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the eighteenth day of the month of July last, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the twenty-sixth day of the month of August instant, at which time, at Our City of *Toronto*, you were held and constrained to appear. Now know ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on Saturday, the third day of the month of October next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, at Our City of *Toronto*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed : Witness, Our Trusty and Well-Beloved Lieutenant General Sir *William Eyre*, K.C.B., Administrator of the Government of Our said Province of *Canada*, and Commanding Our Forces therein, &c., &c., &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Toronto*, in Our said Province, the twenty-second day of August, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the twenty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command,
 FELIX FORTIER, C. C. Chy.

Province of }
Canada. }

WILLIAM EYRE.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of the Province of *Canada*, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, summoned and called to a Meeting of the Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of *Toronto*, on the third day of October instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the twenty-second day of the month of August last, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the third day of the month of October instant, at which time, at Our City of *Toronto*, you were held and constrained to appear. Now know ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on Saturday, the seventh day of the month of November next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, at Our City of *Toronto*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our Trusty and Well-Beloved Lieutenant General Sir *William Eyre*, K.C.B., Administrator of the Government of Our said Province of *Canada*, and Commanding Our Forces therein, &c., &c., &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Toronto*, in Our said Province, the second day of October, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the twenty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command,
FELIX FORTIER, C. C. Chy.

Province of }
Canada. }

WILLIAM EYRE.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may concern—

GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

John A. Macdonald, }
Attorney General. } WHEREAS, at a Session of the Parliament of Our Province of *Canada*, begun and holden at the City of *Toronto*, in Our said Province, on the twenty-sixth day of February, and prorogued on the tenth day of June, in the twentieth year of Our Reign, a certain Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the International Bridge Company," was passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, and was, during the said Session, to wit, on the tenth day of June last past, presented to Our Governor General of Our said Province for Our Assent thereto, who, in pursuance of the authority in him vested by a certain Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, passed in the Session thereof held in the third and fourth years of Our Reign, intituled, "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*," and according to his discretion, then and there declared that he reserved the aforesaid Bill for the signification of Our pleasure thereon. Now know ye, that the aforesaid Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the International Bridge Company," having been laid before Us in Council, on the twenty-seventh day of August now last past, We have been pleased to assent to the same; And We do by these pre-

sents, and according to the provisions of the said Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, assent to the aforesaid Bill; Of all which Our loving subjects and all others whom these presents may concern, are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our Trusty and Well-Beloved Sir *William Eyre*, K. C. B., Administrator of the Government of Our Province of *Canada*, and Lieutenant General Commanding Our Forces therein, &c., &c., &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Toronto*, in Our said Province, this ninth day of October, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the twenty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command,
E. A. MEREDITH, Assist. Sec.

Province of }
Canada. }

WILLIAM EYRE.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of the Province of *Canada*, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, summoned and called to a Meeting of the Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of *Toronto*, on the seventh day of November next, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the second day of the month of October instant, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the seventh day of the month of November next, at which time, at Our City of *Toronto*, you were held and constrained to appear. Now know ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on Wednesday, the ninth day of the month of December next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, at Our City of *Toronto*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our Trusty and Well-Beloved Lieutenant General Sir *William Eyre*, K. C. B., Administrator of the Government of Our said Province of *Canada*, and Commanding Our Forces therein, &c., &c., &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Toronto*, in Our said Province, the thirty-first day of October, in

the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the twenty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command,
FELIX FORTIER, C. C. Chy.

Province of } *EDMUND HEAD.*
Canada. }

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of the Province of *Canada*, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, and to all whom it may concern—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, We have thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of Our Executive Council of Our Province of *Canada*, to dissolve the present Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, which stands prorogued to the ninth day of December next. Now know ye, that we do for that end publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the said Provincial Parliament accordingly; and the Legislative Councillors, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the Legislative Assembly are discharged from their meeting and attendance on the said ninth day of December next.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved the Right Honorable Sir *Edmund Walker Head*, Baronet, one of Our Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Toronto*, in Our said Province, this twenty-eighth day of November, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the twenty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command,
FELIX FORTIER, C. C. Chy.

Province of } *EDMUND HEAD.*
Canada. }

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People of Our Province of *Canada*, and to have their advice in Provincial Parliament; We do make known Our Royal will and pleasure to call a Provincial Parliament, and do further declare that by the advice of Our Executive Council, We have, this day, given Orders for issuing Our Writs in due form, for calling a Provincial Parliament in Our said Province, which Writs are to bear date on this twenty-eighth day of November, and to be returnable on the thirteenth day of January next, except however the Writs for the Counties of *Charlevoix* and *Gaspé*, and for the United Counties of *Chicoutimi* and *Saguenay*, which Writs will be returnable on the tenth day of February next.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved the Right Honorable Sir *Edmund Walker Head*, Baronet, one of Our Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c. At our Government House, in Our City of *Toronto*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, this twenty-eighth day of November, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the twenty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command,
FELIX FORTIER, C. C. Clk.

Province of }
Canada. }

EDMUND HEAD.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

KNOW Ye, that We being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People of Our Province of *Canada*, and to have their advice in Provincial Parliament, do hereby, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of Our said Province, summon and call together the Legislative Assembly in and for Our said Province, to meet at Our City of *Toronto*, in Our said Province, on Wednesday, the thirteenth day of January next, then and there to have conference and treaty with the Great Men and Legislative Council of Our said Province.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved the Right Honorable Sir *Edmund Walker Head*, Baronet, one of Our Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Toronto*, in Our said Pro-

vince of *Canada*, this twenty-eighth day of November, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the twenty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command,
FELIX FORTIER, C. C. Chy.

Province of }
Canada. }

EDMUND HEAD.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of the Province of *Canada*, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, summoned and called to a Meeting of the Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of *Toronto*, on the thirteenth day of January instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the twenty-eighth day of the month of November last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the thirteenth day of the month of January instant, at which time, at Our City of *Toronto*, you were held and constrained to appear. Now know ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on Thursday, the eighteenth day of the month of February next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, at Our City of *Toronto*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary. Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved the Right Honorable Sir *Edmund Walker Head*, Baronet, one of Our Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Toronto*, in Our said Province, this ninth day of January, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight, and in the twenty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command,
FELIX FORTIER, C. C. Chy.

Province of }
Canada. }

EDMUND HEAD.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of the Province of *Canada*, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, summoned and called to a Meeting of the Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of *Toronto*, on the eighteenth day of the month of February next, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, the Meeting of Our Provincial Parliament stands prorogued to the eighteenth day of the month of February next, Nevertheless, for certain causes and considerations, We have thought fit further to prorogue the same to Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of the month of February next, so that neither you nor any of you on the said eighteenth day of February next, at Our City of *Toronto*, to appear are to be held and constrained, for We do will that you and each of you be as to Us in this matter entirely exonerated, commanding and by the tenor of these presents enjoining you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of the month of February now next ensuing, at Our City of *Toronto* aforesaid, personally you be and appear for the Despatch of Business, to treat, do, act and conclude upon those things which in Our said Provincial Parliament, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may by the favor of God be ordained.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved the Right Honorable Sir *Edmund Walker Head*, Baronet, one of Our Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Toronto*, in Our said Province, this twenty-first day of January, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and in the twenty-first year of Our Reign.

By Command,
 FELIX FORTIER, C. C. Chy.

RETURN of the names of the Members chosen to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, pursuant to Writs of Election issued by His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, one of Her Majesty's most Honorable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c., bearing date the twenty-eighth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

Constituencies.	Returning Officers.	Date of Return of Member.	Receipt of Return.	Members chosen.	Remarks.
Argenteuil.....	Daniel DeHertel, Registrar of Argenteuil, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 4, 1858..	January 12, 1858..	Sydney Bellingham, Esquire.	
Bagot.....	Joseph O. Bachand, of St. Pie, Special Returning Officer,.....	do 8, do ..	do ..	Maurice Laframboise, Esquire.	
Beauce.....	Jean Pierre Proulx, Registrar of Beauce, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 7, do ..	do ..	Dunbar Ross, Esquire.	
Beauharnois.....	Vite A. L. DeMartigny, Registrar of Beauharnois, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 5, do ..	do ..	Gédéon Ouimet, Esquire.	
Bellechasse.....	Pantaléon Forgues, Registrar of Bellechasse, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 31, 1857..	do ..	Octave Cyrille Fortier, Esquire.	
Berthier.....	Jean Baptiste Chalut, Registrar of Berthier, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 2, 1858..	do ..	Eugène Urgel Piché, Esquire.	
Bonaventure.....	Joseph Label, Registrar of Bonaventure, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 26, 1857..	do ..	John Meagher, Esquire.	
Brant, (East Riding).....	John Smith, Sheriff of Brant, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 31, do ..	January 14, do ..	David Christie, Esquire.	
Brant, (West Riding).....	Thomas S. Shenstone, Registrar of Brant, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 9, 1858..	do ..	Herbert Biggar, Esquire.	
Brockville, (Town).....	James Jessup, of Brockville, Special Returning Officer.....	December 22, 1857..	December 29, 1857..	George Sherwood, Esquire.	

RETURN of the Names of the Members chosen to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, &c.—
(Continued.)

Constituencies.	Returning Officers.	Date of Return of Member.	Receipt of Return.	Members chosen.	Remarks.
Brome	Hiram S. Foster, Registrar of Brome, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 24, 1857	January 13, 1858	James Moir Ferrer, Esquire.	
Carleton	Simon Fraser, Sheriff of Carleton, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do	do	William Frederick Powell, do.	
Chambly	Thomas Austin, Registrar of Chambly, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 9, 1858	do	Louis Lacoste, do.	
Champlain	Elie Kinifret, Registrar of Champlain, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do	do	Joseph Edouard Turcotte, do.	
Charlevoix	Charles Duberger, Registrar of Charlevoix, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do	do	Cléophe Cimon, do.	
Chateauguay	George A. Beaudry, Registrar of Chateauguay, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do	do	Henry Starnes, do.	
Chicoutimi and Saguenay	Ovide Bossé, Registrar of Chicoutimi and Saguenay, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do	do	David Edward Price, do.	
Compton	William Ritchie, Registrar of Counties of Compton and Wolfe, and Town of Sherbrooke, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do	do	John Henry Pope, do.	
Cornwall, (Town)	George C. Wood, Registrar of Stormont, Special Returning Officer	December 24, 1857	December 26, 1857	The Honorable John Sandfield Macdonald.	
Dorchester	Alexis Godbout, Registrar of Dorchester, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 7, 1858	January 9, 1858	Hector Louis Langevin, Esquire.	
Drummond and Arthabaska	Edmund Cox, Registrar of Drummond, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do	do	Christopher Dunkin, do.	
Dundas	Alexander McDonell, Registrar of Dundas, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do	do	James William Cook, do.	
Durham, (East Riding)	George C. Ward, Registrar of Durham, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 28, 1857	do	Francis Henry Burton, do.	
Durham, (West Riding)	Malcolm Galbraith, of Bowmanville, Special Returning Officer	do	do	Henry Munro, do.	
Elgin, (East Riding)	Colin Munro, Sheriff of Elgin, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do	do	Leonidas Burwell, do.	
Elgin, (West Riding)	John McKay, Registrar of Elgin, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do	do	George Macbeth, do.	
Essex	John McEwan, Sheriff of Essex, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do	do	John MacLeod, do.	Two indentures received; one signed by Election Clerk, as Acting Returning Officer, in absence of Sheriff, dated 7th January; the other signed by Sheriff himself, dated 8th of same month.
Frontenac	Thomas A. Corbett, Sheriff of Frontenac, Lennox, and Adirondington, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 10, 1857	December 14, do	Henry Smith, Junior, do.	
Gaspé	Peter Winter, Registrar of Gaspé, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 18, 1858	February 3, do	John LeBoutillier, do.	
Glengarry	Duncan McDonell, Registrar of Glengarry, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do	do	Donald A. Macdonald, do.	
Grenville, (South Riding)	John Patton, Registrar of Grenville, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do	do	William Patrick, do.	
Grey	George Snider, Sheriff of Grey, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do	do	John Sheridan Hogan, do.	
Haldimand	Richard Martin, Sheriff of Haldimand, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do	do	William Lyon Mackenzie, do.	
Halton	Levi Wilson, Sheriff of Halton, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 28, 1857	do	John White, do.	

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Hamilton, (City).....	William Craigie, of Hamilton, Special Returning Officer.....	December 19, 1857..	December 21, 1857..	Isaac Buchanan, Esquire.	
Hastings, (North Riding).....	John W. D. Moodie, Sheriff of Hastings, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 29, do ..	January 8, 1858..	George Benjamin, do.	
Hastings, (South Riding).....	William H. Ponton, Registrar of Hastings, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 20, do ..	do 21, do ..	Lewis Wallbridge, do.	
Hochelega.....	George H. Ryland, Registrar of Montreal, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 29, do ..	December 31, 1857..	Joseph Laporte, do.	
Huntingdon.....	Isaac Jackson, Registrar of Huntingdon, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 8, 1858..	January 11, 1858..	Robert Brown Somerville, do.	
Huron and Bruce.....	John McDonald, Sheriff of Huron and Bruce, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 28, 1857..	do 8, do ..	John Holmes, do.	
Iberville.....	François F. Z. Hamel, Registrar of Iberville, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 2, 1858..	do 11, do ..	Charles Joseph Laberge, do.	
Jacques Cartier.....	Guillaume Gamelin Gaucher, of Ste. Geneviève, Special Returning Officer.....	December 29, 1857..	do 14, do ..	François Zephirin, Tassie, do.	
Joliette.....	Jean O. LeBlanc, Registrar of Joliette, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 8, 1858..	do do, do ..	Joseph Hilarion Jobin, do.	
Kamouraska.....	Jean G. Taché, Registrar of Kamouraska, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 5, do ..	do 13, do ..	Jean Charles Chappais, do.	
Kent.....	John Mercer, Sheriff of Kent, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 4, do ..	do 12, do ..	Archibald McKellar, do.	

Kingston, (City).....	James Durand, Registrar of Frontenac, Special Returning Officer.....	December 21, 1857..	December 26, 1857..	The Honorable John Alexander Macdonald.	
Lambton.....	James Flintoft, Sheriff of Lambton, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 28, do ..	January 12, 1858..	The Honorable Malcolm Cameron.	
Lanark, (North Riding).....	James Thompson, Sheriff of Lanark and Renfrew, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 21, do ..	do 2, do ..	Robert Bell, Esquire.	
Lanark, (South Riding).....	James Bell, Registrar of Lanark, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 2, 1858..	do 13, do ..	Andrew William Playfair, do.	
Laprairie.....	Tancrède Sauvageau, Registrar of Laprairie, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 29, 1857..	do 14, do ..	The Honorable Thomas J. J. Loranger.	
L'Assomption.....	Marcel Poirier, Registrar of Lévis, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 9, 1858..	do 15, do ..	Louis Archambeault, Esquire.	
Laval.....	François X. Leonard, Registrar of Laval, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 4, do ..	do 11, do ..	Pierre Labelle, do.	
Lennox and Addington.....	Gilbert S. Clapp, of Napanee, Special Returning Officer.....	December 26, 1857..	do 9, do ..	David Roblin, do.	
Leeds and Grenville, (North Riding).....	Adiel Sherwood, Sheriff of Leeds and Grenville, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 5, 1858..	do 14, do ..	Basil Rorison Church, do.	
Leeds, (South Riding).....	David Jones, Registrar of Leeds, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 9, do ..	do 26, do ..	Benjamin Tett, do.	
Lincoln.....	William Kingsmill, Sheriff of Lincoln, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do do, do ..	do 13, do ..	The Honorable William Hamilton Merritt.	
L'Islet.....	Amable Morin, of St. Roch des Aulnets, Special Returning Officer.	do 5, do ..	do 16, do ..	Louis Bonaventure Caron, Esquire.	
Lévis.....	François M. Guay, Registrar of Lévis, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 31, 1857..	do do, do ..	The Honorable Francis Lemieux.	

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London, (City)	John B. Askin, of London, Special Returning Officer	December 22, 1857..	January 8, 1858..	John Carling, Esquire.	
Lotbinière	Remi S. Noël, Registrar of Lotbinière, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 2, 1858..	do 20, do ..	John O'Farrell, do.	
Maskinongé	Joseph E. Pichette, Registrar of Maskinongé, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 7, do ..	January 14, do ..	Louis Honoré Gauvreau, do.	
Megantic	John B. Lambly, Registrar of Megantic, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 8, do ..	do do, do ..	Noël Hébert, do.	
Middlesex, (East Riding)	James Hamilton, Sheriff of Middlesex, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 5, do ..	do 12, do ..	Marcus Talbot, do.	
Middlesex, (West Riding)	William Radcliff, of Adelaide, Special Returning Officer	do 2, do ..	do do, do ..	John Scatcherd, do.	
Mississquoi	Richard Dickenson, Registrar of Mississquoi, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 30, 1857..	do 16, do ..	Hannibal H. Whitney, do.	
Montcalm	Joseph E. Beaupré, Registrar of Montcalm, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 31, do ..	do 12, do ..	Joseph Dufresne, do.	
Montmagny	Joseph D. Lepine, Registrar of L'Islet and Montmagny, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 7, 1858..	do 14, do ..	Joseph Octave Beaubien, do.	
Montmorency	Pierre Gosselin, Registrar of Division No. 2, of County of Montmorency, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do do, do ..	do 15, do ..	The Honorable Joseph Cauchon.	
Montreal, (City)	John Boston, Sheriff of Montreal, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 28, 1857..	do 13, do ..	Antoine Aimé Dorion, Esquire, John Rose, Thomas D'Arcy McGee, do.	

Napierville	Ephrem Bouchard, Registrar of Napierville, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 21, do ..	December 31, 1857..	Jacques Olivier Bureau, Esquire	
Niagara, (Town)	John Powell, Registrar of Lincoln, Special Returning Officer	do 31, do ..	January 4, 1858..	John Simpson, do.	
Nicolet	Joseph Jutras, Registrar of Nicolet, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 2, 1858..	do 12, do ..	Joseph Gaudet, do.	
Norfolk	Henry V. A. Rapelle, Sheriff of Norfolk, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 5, do ..	do do, do ..	Walker Powell, do.	
Northumberland (East Riding)	James B. Fortune, Sheriff of Northumberland and Durham, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 26, 1857..	do 13, do ..	John Robert Clarke, do.	
Northumberland, (West Riding)	Darcy E. Boulton, of Cobourg, Special Returning Officer	do 23, do ..	do 8, do ..	Sidney Smith, do.	Mr. Smith having since accepted the office of Postmaster General, a new writ has been issued for this Constituency.
Ontario, (North Riding)	Nelson G. Reynolds, Sheriff of Ontario, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 6, 1858..	do 14, do ..	Joseph Gould, do.	
Ontario, (South Riding)	John H. Perry, Registrar of Ontario, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 2, do ..	do 8, do ..	Oliver Mowat, do.	
Ottawa, (City)	Edward Sherwood, Registrar of Carleton, Special Returning Officer	December 21, 1857..	do 5, do ..	Richard William Scott, do.	
Ottawa, (County)	James F. Taylor, Registrar of Ottawa, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 11, 1858..	do 13, do ..	Denis Emery Papineau, do.	
Oxford, (North Riding)	James Carroll, Sheriff of Oxford, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 24, 1857..	do do, do ..	George Brown, do.	
Oxford, (South Riding)	James Ingersoll, Registrar of Oxford, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 12, 1858..	do do, do ..	Skeffington Connor, do.	
Peel	Solomon Brega, Registrar of Peel, Special Returning Officer	December 28, 1857..	do 2, do ..	James C. Atkins, do.	
Perth	Robert Moderwell, Sheriff of Perth, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 30, do ..	do 11, do ..	Thomas Mayne Daly, do.	

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Peterborough	James Hall, Sheriff of Peterborough and Victoria, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 28, 1857 ..	January 9, 1858 ..	Thomas Short, Esquire.	
Pontiac	William L. Gray, of Allumettes Island, Special Returning Officer	January 11, 1858 ..	do ..	Edmund Heath, do.	
Portneuf	Roger Lelièvre, Registrar of Portneuf, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do ..	do ..	Joseph Elic Thibaudcau, do.	
Prescott	Charles P. Treadwell, Sheriff of Prescott and Russell, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 26, 1857 ..	December 29, 1857 ..	Henry Wellesley McCann, do.	
Prince Edward	James McDonald, Sheriff of Prince Edward, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 2, 1858 ..	January 7, 1858 ..	Willet Casey Dorland, do.	
Quebec, (City)	William S. Sewell, Sheriff of Quebec, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 30, 1857 ..	do ..	The Honorable Charles Allevin, George Honoré Simard, Esquire, and Hyppolite Dubord, do	Mr. Macdougall having accepted the Office of Associate Coroner, for the United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew, a new writ has been issued for this Constituency.
Quebec, (County)	Charles N. Montizambert, Registrar of Quebec, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 11, 1858 ..	do ..	Charles Panet, do.	
Renfrew	James Morris, junior, Registrar of Renfrew, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do ..	do ..	John Lorn MacDougall, do.	
Richmond and Wolfe	George H. Napier, Registrar of Richmond, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do ..	do ..	William Hoste Webb, do.	
Richelieu	Pierre K. Chevalier, Registrar of Richelieu, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 31, 1857 ..	do ..	Jacques Felix Sincennes, do.	
Rimouski	Louis F. Garon, Registrar of Rimouski, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 2, 1858 ..	do ..	Michel Guillaume Baby, do.	
Rouville	Louis E. P. Laberge, Registrar, of Rouville, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 31, 1857 ..	do ..	Major Thomas Edmund Campbell, C.B.	
Russell	James Keays, Registrar of Russell, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do ..	do ..	George Byron Lyon Fellowes, Esquire.	
Saint Hyacinthe	Horace St. Germain, Registrar of St. Hyacinthe, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do ..	December 16, 1857 ..	The Honorable Louis Victor Sicotte.	
Saint Johns	Louis Marchand, Registrar of Saint Johns, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do ..	January 2, 1858 ..	François Bourassa, Junior, Esquire.	
Saint Maurice	Louis G. Duval, Registrar of Saint Maurice, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do ..	do ..	Louis Léon Lesieur Desautniers, do.	
Shefford	Joseph B. Egerton, Registrar of Shefford, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do ..	December 30, 1857 ..	The Honorable Lewis T. Drummond.	
Sherbrooke, (Town)	George F. Bowen, Sheriff of District of St. Francis, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do ..	do ..	Alexander Tilloch Galt, Esquire.	
Simcoe, (North Riding)	Benjamin W. Smith, Sheriff of Simcoe, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do ..	do ..	August Morrison, do.	
Simcoe, (South Riding)	George Lount, Registrar of Simcoe, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do ..	January 7, 1858 ..	Thomas Roberts Ferguson, do.	

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Constituencies.	Returning Officers.	Date of Return of Members.	Receipt of Return.	Members chosen.	Remarks.
Soulanges	George H. Dumessnil, Registrar of Soulanges, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 2, 1857	January 5, 1858	Dominique Amable Coutlée, Esquire.	
Stanstead	Charles A. Richardson, Registrar of Stanstead, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 7, do	do 14, do	The Honorable Timothy Lee Terrill.	
Stormont	Daniel E. McIntyre, Sheriff of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 9, do	do 13, do	William D. Mattice, Esquire.	
Temiscouata	John Heath, Registrar of Temiscouata, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 2, do	do 8, do	Benjamin Dionne, do.	
Terrebonne	Joseph A. Hervieux, Registrar of Terrebonne, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 13, 1857	December 28, 1857	Louis Siméon Morin, do.	
Three Rivers, (City)	Isaac Gouverneur Ogden, Sheriff of Three Rivers, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 8, 1858	January 25, 1858	William McDonell Dawson, do.	
Toronto, (City)	George Herrick, of Toronto, Special Returning Officer	December 26, 1857	do 13, do	George Brown, Esquire, and John Beverley Robinson, the younger, Esquire.	
Two Mountains	Dosithée Dupras, Registrar Two Mountains, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 21, do	December 31, 1857	Jean Baptiste Daoust, do.	
Vaudreuil	François Desais Bastien, Registrar of Vaudreuil, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 7, do	January 12, do	The Honorable Robert Urwin Harwood.	

Verchères	Felix Géoffrion, Registrar of Verchères, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 26, 1857	do 11, do	The Honorable George Etienne Cartier.	
Victoria	Hartley Dunsford, Registrar of Victoria, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 11, 1858	do 13, do	John Cameron, Esquire.	
Waterloo, (North Riding)	George Davidson, Sheriff of Waterloo, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 30, 1857	do 11, do	Michael Hamilton Foley, do.	
Waterloo, (South Riding)	David S. Shoemaker, Registrar of Waterloo, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 9, 1858	do 13, do	William Scott, do.	
Welland	Robert Hobson, Sheriff of Welland, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 31, 1857	do 7, do	Gilbert McMicken, do.	
Wellington, (North Riding)	Henry W. Peterson, Registrar of Wellington, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 28, do	do 12, do	Charles Allan, do.	
Wellington, (South Riding)	George J. Grange, Sheriff of Wellington, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 26, do	do 9, do	David Stirton, do.	
Wentworth, (North Riding)	Edward O. Thomas, Sheriff of Wentworth, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	do 28, do	do 13, do	William Notman, do.	
Wentworth, (South Riding)	Henry Smith, of Glandford, Special Returning Officer	January 8, 1858	do 12, do	Joseph Rymal, do.	
Yamaska	Jean O. Arcand, Registrar of Yamaska, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 31, 1857	do 8, do	Ignace Gill, do.	
York, (North Riding)	Frederick W. Jarvis, Sheriff of York and Peel, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	January 8, 1858	do 13, do	Joseph Hartman, do.	
York, (East Riding)	John Ridout, Registrar of York, Returning Officer, <i>ex officio</i>	December 29, 1857	do 8, do	Amos Wright, do.	
York, (West Riding)	John Stoughton Dennis, of Weston, Special Returning Officer	January 2, 1858	do 13, do	William Pearce Howland, do.	

Province of *Canada*.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the second day of February instant, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and addressed to the High Sheriff of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*, (*T. B. Fortune*, Esquire,) Returning Officer, *ex-officio*, for the West Riding of *Northumberland*, for the Election of a Member to represent the said West Riding of *Northumberland*, in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in this present Parliament, in the room of the Honorable *Sidney Smith* who, since his Election as the Representative of the said Riding, had accepted an Office of profit under the Crown, to wit, the Office of Postmaster General of the said Province, by means whereof the Seat of the said Honorable *Sidney Smith*, had become vacant; the Honorable *Sidney Smith* has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the twenty-second day of February instant, which is now lodged of record in this Office.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Toronto, 24th February, 1858,

L. R. Fortier,
Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

W. B. Lindsay, Esquire,
Clerk, Legislative Assembly, *Toronto*.

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OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF

CANADA.

SESSION, 1858.

At the First Session of the Sixth Parliament of Canada, begun and holden in the City of Toronto, on the Twenty-fifth day of February, in the Twenty-first year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady, VICTORIA, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and in the year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

ON which day, being the first day of the Meeting of this Parliament for the Despatch of Business, pursuant to a Proclamation (hereunto annexed) of His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir *Edmund Walker Head*, Baronet, Governor General,—*Gustavus William Wicksteed*, *William Poyntz Patrick*, and *William Burns Lindsay*, the Younger, Esquires, Commissioners appointed by *Dedimus Potestatem* for administering the Oath to the Members of the Legislative Assembly, came at the hour of one o'clock, in the afternoon, into the Room allotted for the Sittings of the Assembly, and *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, attending according to his duty, and *Louis Romuald Fortier*, Esquire, Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, having delivered to the same Mr. *Lindsay*, a Roll accompanied by a certificate containing a List of the Names of such Members as had been returned to serve in this Provincial Parliament, the Commissioners did administer the Oath to the Members who appeared, which being done, and the Members having subscribed the Roll containing the Oath, they took their Seats in the Assembly.

A Message was brought by *René Kimber*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Gentlemen,

His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of the

Members of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly, the Members went to attend His Excellency in the Legislative Council Chamber; where being,

The Honorable Speaker of the Legislative Council said:—

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

His Excellency the Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present Provincial Parliament, until a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly shall have been chosen according to Law; but that To-morrow, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling this Parliament.

And the Members being returned;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, Member representing the City of *Kingston*, addressing himself to the Clerk, (who, standing up, pointed to him and then sat down,) proposed to the House for their Speaker, *Henry Smith*, Esquire, which Motion was seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, Member representing the County of *Verchères*.

And the Question being called for, "That *Henry Smith*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House, as Speaker;"

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyr,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>79. Whitney.</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A. Patrick,</i>	
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Houland,</i>	<i>Noiman,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>42. Wright.</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Clerk having declared *Henry Smith*, Esquire, duly elected, he was conducted to the Chair by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, and the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him, by choosing him to be their Speaker;

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair; and the Mace, (which before lay under the Table,) was laid upon the Table.

Then, The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,

That this House do now adjourn;

And the House accordingly adjourned until To-morrow.

Friday, 26th February, 1858.

THE House being met; and the Speaker elect having taken the Chair;

A Message was brought up by *René Kimber*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, went to the Council Chamber.

And there Mr. Speaker spoke to the following effect, viz. :—

May it please Your Excellency,

The Legislative Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am; and who through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and Country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have Freedom of Speech in their Debates, access to Your Excellency's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Excellency the most favorable interpretation.

Then the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council said:—

Mr. Speaker,

I am commanded by His Excellency, the Governor General, to declare to you, that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the Assembly to Her Majesty's Person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions, will recognize and allow, their Constitutional privileges.

I am commanded, also, to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Excellency upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

The House being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had been in the Legislative Council Chamber, and that he had informed His Excellency that the choice of Speaker had fallen upon him ; and also, that he had, in their name and on their behalf, by humble Petition to His Excellency, laid claim to all their Rights and Privileges, that they may enjoy Freedom of Speech in their Debates, and have access to His Excellency's Person as occasion shall require, and that all their proceedings may receive from His Excellency the most favorable construction ; to which His Excellency had been pleased to say, that he readily and willingly granted and allowed them their Constitutional Privileges, as well as ready access to His Excellency on all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as their words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favorable construction.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the administration of the Oaths of Office to persons appointed to be Justices of the Peace in this Province.

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.

Mr. Speaker reported, That when the House did attend His Excellency the Governor General, this day, in the Legislative Council Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of the Provincial Parliament, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, as followeth :—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.

I am happy to meet you as the Representatives of the *Canadian* People in this the first Session of a new Parliament.

When I closed the last Session in the month of June, we supposed that *England* was at peace with all the world ; but at that very time a fearful mutiny was raging in the heart of our Eastern Empire—a mutiny which for the moment seemed to peril all that we had won in *India*—whilst by the atrocities committed in its course, it roused the indignation of the whole civilized world.

The People of *Canada*, as they have sympathized with the danger and the sufferings of their fellow-subjects, will in like manner rejoice at the vigour which has checked this rebellion, and will appreciate the steadfast courage and perseverance which have distinguished our countrymen in the *East*. It is a source of pride to the British Colonies that with *Havelock* and *Outram* is associated the name of *Inglis*, and that we have sent from *Canada* some who fell gallantly fighting at *Delhi* and *Lucknow*. The issue of this struggle is in the hands of Providence. We may, however, without presumption, anticipate success in our arms, and the firm establishment of *British* rule in *Hindustan*.

Towards the close of last year commercial relations, both in *Europe* and in *America*, have been very much disturbed. In these matters, as you well-know, the welfare of every country is more or less affected by the condition of others ; and thus an effectual remedy for such evils is rarely to be found within the reach of any one community. We have reason to congratulate ourselves on the prudence of our commercial men ; and we may be proud of the position of our banks, inasmuch as they stand almost alone on this Northern Continent, in having continued to meet, without shrinking, their obligations to pay in specie. Yet, there is no doubt that the pressure has been, and still is, severe on our Merchants, our Landowners, and our Farmers. There is no doubt, too, that much may be done to amend and improve our own Commercial Legislation. I earnestly recommend

these matters to your attention, and I therefore solicit your consideration of the following subjects:—

The expediency of assimilating the Commercial Law of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*. The Law of Imprisonment for Debt, and the Law of Insolvency in *Upper Canada*. The Law regarding Fraudulent Assignments and Preferences, and that relating to the Interest of Money in Commercial transactions of every kind.

It appears to me also that the Jury Laws require revision, and that the Municipal Law of *Upper Canada* may be with advantage amended and consolidated.

There are no Statutory provisions more important to the country, than those which regulate the Franchise, and the trial of Controverted Elections.

Being of opinion that the present Acts require amendment, I trust that you will do all in your power to improve and simplify the existing system. I believe, too, that it would be expedient to secure the proper registration and protection of all qualified voters.

A measure will be laid before you for amending and simplifying the whole system of management of our Public Lands, and facilitating their occupation by industrious settlers.

I am glad to state that the number of Emigrants in the course of the year just ended, was considerably in excess of that of the previous year.

A large extent of territory in different parts of the Province has been surveyed for the purpose of immediate occupation. Experience has proved that the opening of Roads through the forest has much facilitated the settlement of our wild lands.

By making these Roads on a system at once uniform and comprehensive, there is every reason to expect the best results from the aid granted by the Legislature.

The subject of the Fisheries in both sections of the Province is one which deserves your attention, as I believe that they may be so dealt with, as hereafter to become a source of Revenue.

In *Lower Canada*, the Legislative changes made in the Judicial system have been brought into operation. I trust that more ready access to Justice and the speedy termination of Civil Suits will be the result of these provisions.

I congratulate you on the continued success of the Canadian Line of Steamers. They have already placed our intercourse with *Europe* on a new footing, and I look forward with pleasure to the establishment of a Weekly Line to the St. Lawrence during the next Summer

I recommend to your notice the increasing value of the Lake Commerce of *Canada*. Our trade with *Chicago* and the *Western States* promises to be important alike to the Upper and Lower sections of the Province.

During the recess a correspondence has taken place with the Imperial Government and with the Sister Colonies of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, in which the importance to Imperial interests of an Intercolonial Railway and Military Road to *Halifax* has been pressed on the attention of the Home Government. This correspondence I will cause to be submitted for your consideration.

As this Province has already gone to the utmost limit of pecuniary aid to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, it affords me pleasure to state my confident expectation that such aid will prove sufficient to secure the advantages promised by the completion of its Works; and I doubt not that the community at large are fully sensible of the benefits derived from this great and important undertaking.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

The commercial difficulties to which I have already alluded, will be found to have affected our Revenue. This was to be expected: but the diminution is

such as to inspire us with no fears for the credit or the future prosperity of the country.

I believe that you will find that due economy has been used in the expenditure of the funds entrusted to the Executive Government, and that effectual supervision over the Public Accounts has been maintained by the Board of Audit. I have to ask of you, in the present Session, such supplies as may be required for the Public Service.

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,

Correspondence in relation to the *Hudson's Bay Company* and its Territory, will be laid before you; as well as an answer to your Address presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of the Seat of Government. On the first of these subjects it will be for you to consider the propositions made by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Company; and to weigh well the bearing of these propositions on the interests and rights of *Canada*.

Papers will also be submitted to you, shewing clearly the steps taken by the Provincial Government for the assertion of those interests and rights, and for their future maintenance.

I now leave you to the performance of your Legislative duties.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature be taken into consideration, on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker; and that he do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Resolved, That Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session be appointed for the following purposes:—1. On Privileges and Elections. 2. On Expiring Laws. 3. On Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines. 4. On Miscellaneous Private Bills. 5. On Standing Orders. 6. On Printing. 7. On Contingencies. 8. On Public Accounts;—which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and inquire into all such matters and things as may be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The following Petition was brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of *Thomas Harrison*, senior, and others, of the Townships of *Walpole* and *Rainham*.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Monday, 1st March, 1858.

ALEXANDER TILLOCH GALT, Esquire, Member for the Town of *Sherbrooke*, and **John LeBoutillier**, Esquire, Member for the County of *Gaspé*, having previously taken the oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took their seats in the House.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, a Report of the Librarian of the Legislative Assembly on the state of the Library of Parliament; which is as followeth:

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Report of the Librarian upon the state of the Library of Parliament, respectfully sheweth:—

That during the past Recess, sedulous attention has been bestowed upon the preparation and printing of the Second Volume of the Library Catalogue, which comprises a reference to the classes of Books not included in the Volume printed last year, especially the Works relating to *America* and *Canada*. Before the printing of this Volume many important deficiencies of standard and useful Works published in, or relating to, this Continent, had to be supplied. This has been done, and your Librarian confidently hopes this portion of your valuable Library, though still far from complete, will be found sufficiently furnished with leading works in the History and Literature of *America*, for the purposes of parliamentary or historical research.

In the second Volume of the Catalogue, which will shortly be distributed to Members, will be found a List of the several Collections of Pamphlets in the Library, amounting in all to upwards of Three Hundred Volumes; an Index to the Parliamentary Papers of the House of Lords and Commons concerning *Canada*, from the year 1800 to the present day; a careful analysis of the different series of Manuscripts relating to *Canadian* Affairs, which have been procured, from time to time, from Europe and elsewhere; a subject matter Index to the various classes of Works in the Library, which has been prepared in order to facilitate reference to the Books on any given topic of inquiry; and a new Alphabetical Catalogue of Authors, which includes the title of every work in the Library, whether it be contained in the first volume of the Catalogue, or has been since added, up to the present time.

Further Donations have been received from His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor of *France*, to whose munificence the Library has been heretofore so largely indebted. From the House of Commons, and from the English Patent Office, also, series of their Official Publications have been obtained, in continuation of those formerly presented. A complete List of the Donations, from every source, will be found appended to this Report.

Extensive additions, in the various departments of the Library, have been made since last Session, under the direction of the Library Committee, and of the Speaker of Your Honorable House, including many of the most important Historical and Scientific Works which have issued from the press in *England*, *France*, and *America*, since the reconstruction of the Library in 1855.

The magnificent Ornithological Works of Mr. *Gould*, which were subscribed for by the Library Committee last Session, are deserving of special mention. Forty-four folio Volumes and parts have been already received, and it is to be hoped that, ere long, the Library may be enriched by the possession of the entire series of the publications of this eminent Naturalist.

An Orrery, or Planetarium, which was directed to be procured last year, has been constructed, expressly for the Library, by the Philosophical Instrument Makers to the Royal Institution of *England*, and is daily expected to arrive.

Some difficulty has been experienced in finding room for the large additions of Books during the past year, but by the removal of the Imperial Parliamentary Papers to the apartments below the Long Room, sufficient space, for the present, has been obtained.

In considering the extent, importance, and increasing value of the Library, your Librarian is constrained to repeat the suggestion which he took the liberty of submitting in his last Report, namely, that in order to ensure the constant vigilance and care which the preservation of such an important trust demands, there is a necessity for the continual presence, in or adjacent to the Library Buildings, of some responsible person, connected with the Department, and thoroughly conversant with its economy and requirements. Since last year, the best possible arrangements, short of this, have been effected, there nevertheless still remains much to be done, for the due security of the Library from loss or injury, which could only be ensured by the residence on the spot, of some Officer or Servant of the Department; should this, under present circumstances, be found impracticable, it is to be hoped that in the Buildings hereafter to be erected for the permanent accommodation of the Legislature, this pressing necessity will be provided for.

The number of Books in the Library at this date, is about 39,000, being an increase of 9,000 over the estimate of last year.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

Alpheus Todd,
Librarian, Legislative Assembly.

Library of Parliament,
25th of February, 1858.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT SINCE 1ST MARCH, 1857.

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- Perret, Catacombes de Rome. 6 volumes, folio.
 Flandin, Voyage en Perse. 2 volumes, folio.
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 Milton, Paradis perdu. 1 volume, folio.
 Carestie, Monuments à Orange. 1 volume, folio.
 Plutarque Français. 6 volumes, gr., 8vo.
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 Girault St. Fargeau Dictionnaire de la France. 3 volumes, 4to.
 Histoire Numismatique de la Révolution. 2 volumes, 4to.
 Souvenirs Numismatiques de 1848. 1 volume, 4to.
 Revue Universelle des Arts. 2 volumes, gr., 8vo.
 Poussin, Travaux d'Hercule. 1 volume, folio.
 Caillat Encyclopédie d'Architecture. 3 volumes, 4to.
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 And 67 other volumes of smaller size.

N. B.—As no complete list of the Donations from the *French* Government has yet been laid before the House, the following are enumerated, as being the principal Donations received in 1856 :—

Vues des Champs de Batailles de Napoléon. 1 vol. folio.
 Cartes et Plans des Campagnes de Napoléon. 1 vol. folio.
 Voyage de Dumont d'Urville. 23 vol. 8vo. et 6 vol. folio.
 Laplace, Voyage de Circumnavigation. 6 vol. gr. 8vo.
 Œuvres de Buffon, par Flourens. 10 vol. gr. 8vo.
 Carte Topographique de la France. 43 étuis 8vo.
 Diverses autres Cartes, enfermées dans. 15 étuis 8vo.
 Bulletin de Géographie. 66 vol. 8vo.
 Journal Asiatique. 70 vol. 8vo.
 Cent Traités. 2 vols. 8vo.
 Documents inédits sur l'Histoire de France. 91 vol. 4to., et 3 vol. folio.
 Annales des Mines. 60 vol. 8vo.
 Statistiques de la France. 13 vol. folio.
 And 250 other volumes.

From the House of Commons.

Sessional Papers of the House of Commons for the Session of 1854-5. 57 volumes, folio. For the Session of 1856. 65 volumes.
 Journals for 1855, 1856 and 1857. 3 volumes.

From the English Patent Office.

Specifications of Patents. 40 volumes, 8vo., with illustrative drawings, in 49 volumes, folio.
 Indexes, Journal, and Abridgements (in continuation). 6 volumes, 8vo.

From His Excellency the Governor General.

Hansard's Debates. volume 145.
 Imperial Statutes, 1857. 2 volumes.

From the Honorable John A. Macdonald, M.P.P., Attorney General, Canada West.

A Portrait of Sir Allan Napier MacNab, Baronet; painted by Mr. T. Hamel.

From M. Hector Bossange, of Paris.

Un Collection des Portraits en Médailles de tous les Souverains de France, depuis Pharamond jusqu'à Napoléon III.; seventy-five Medals, engraved and stamped at the Imperial Mint of Paris, in a neat case.

From the Royal Geographical Society of London.

Volume 26 of the Society's Journal.

From the East India Company.

Volume 3 of Wilson's Translation of the Rig-veda Sanhita.

From C. Purton Cooper, Esquire, F.R.S., and D.C.L.

A Series of Pamphlets, Legal, Theological, and Miscellaneous, published by himself, from 1835 to 1855 inclusive.

From the undermentioned State Legislatures, Public Departments, and Private Individuals.

From B. Homer Dixon, Esquire, of Boston, a work on Surnames, published by himself.

From the State of Massachusetts.

Hitchcock, Final Report on the Geology of Massachusetts. Northampton, 1841.

Massachusetts, Official Report of the Debates and Proceedings in the State

Convention, to revise and amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth. 3 volumes. *Boston*, 1853.

Records of the Governor and Company of the *Massachusetts Bay* in *New England*. Volumes 1 to 5. *Boston*, 1853-54.

Acts and Laws of His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts Bay*, from 1692 to 1735. *Boston*, 1726-1736.

Private and Special Statutes of the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*. 3 volumes (6, 7, and 8). *Boston*, 1837-1848.

Acts and Resolves passed by the General Court of *Massachusetts* in 1847, together with the Rolls and Messages, Acts, &c., passed in 1848, '49, '50, '51, '52, '53, '54 and '56.

Cushing, Reports of cases argued and determined in the Supreme Judicial Court of *Massachusetts*. Volumes 3 to 10, (except vol. 8). *Boston*, 1856-57.

Gray, Reports of Cases in the Supreme Judicial Court of *Massachusetts*. Volumes 1, 2, and 3. *Boston*, 1855-57.

Reports of Controverted Elections in the House of Representatives of *Massachusetts*, from 1780 to 1852. *Boston*, 1853.

Debates and Proceedings in the Convention of *Massachusetts*, held in 1788. *Boston*, 1856.

Sanitary Survey of the State of *Massachusetts*. Report of a general plan for the promotion of Public and Personal Health, from the Sanitary Commissioners. *Boston*, 1850.

Third Annual Report of the Secretary of the *Massachusetts* Board of Agriculture, together with the Reports of Committees appointed to visit the County Societies, etc. *Boston*, 1856, (2 copies).

Massachusetts system of Common Schools, being an enlarged and revised edition of the Tenth Annual Report of *Horace Mann*, the first Secretary of the *Massachusetts* Board of Education. *Boston*, 1849.

Bank Commissioners Annual Reports of, for the years 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, and 1856. *Boston*.

Report on Insanity and Idiocy in *Massachusetts*, by the Commission on Lunacy, under the resolve of the Legislature of 1854. *Boston*, 1855, (2 copies).

Sixth Annual Report of the *Massachusetts* School for Idiotic and feeble-minded Youth. *Boston*, 1854, (3 copies).

Annual Reports of the Directors of the *American Asylum* at *Hartford*, for the Education and Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb. *Hartford*, 1839-55.

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Foreign Insurance Companies, Abstract of Returns and Statements of, for the years 1853, 1854, and 1855. *Boston*.

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Commissioners' Report on the subject of Matrons and Labor in the Common Jails. *Boston*, 1854.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths in *Massachusetts*, for the years 1844 to 1854 (excepting 1849). *Boston.*

Prisons, Asylums, Poor, &c., various Annual Reports concerning, in *Massachusetts*, 1854, 1855, and 1856. *Boston.*

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Industry in *Massachusetts*, Statistics of the condition and products of certain branches of, for the year 1845. *Boston*, 1846, (3 copies).

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Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives, 1857. In 1 volume.

Laws of the State, for 1857.

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Jefferson's Complete Works. 9 volumes.

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 Catalogue Mercantile Library, Cincinnati, 1855.

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 Blue Laws of *Connecticut*.
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 Reports to the Legislature, Public and Private Acts, 1857.
 Private Laws, 1836—1856. Volumes 3 and 4.
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The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Notman*,—The Petition of *Jacob Nevills*, of the Township of *West Flamborough*, County of *Wentworth*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of the *Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of the Village of L'Industrie.*

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of *Jean Langevin*, of the City of *Quebec.*

By Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of *John J. C. Abbott*, of the City of *Montreal.*

By Mr. *Sherwood*,—The Petition of *George Malloch*, Judge, and the Clerks of the Division Courts of the Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville.*

By Mr. *Whitney*,—The Petition of *James Chalmers*, of the City of *Montreal*, Stationer and Paper Merchant.

By Mr. *Langevin*,—The Petition of *Francois Xavier Garneau*, of the City of *Quebec.*

By Mr. *Cimon*,—The Petition of *Frederick Tremblay*, of the Parish of *St. Irenée*, County of *Charlevoix.*

By Mr. *Patrick*—The Petition of *James Still* and others, Bailiffs of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*.

By the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas* and *Glengarry*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petition was read:—

Of *Thomas Harrison*, senior, and others of the Townships of *Walpole* and *Rainham*; praying for an Act of incorporation to construct a Railway from some point on the *Niagara* River to some point on the *Detroit* River.

On motion of Mr. *Turcotte*, seconded by Mr. *Benjamin*,

Ordered, That hereafter, until the close of the Session, Mr. Speaker do leave the Chair from six o'clock until half past seven in the Afternoon.

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

Ordered, That the said Order be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 2nd March, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of the Village of *L'Industrie*.

By the Honorable *M. Cameron*,—The Petition of *Arthur Rankin*, of the Township of *Sandwich*, in the County of *Essex*, Esquire.

By Mr. *Archambeault*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the College of *L'Assomption*.

By Mr. *Burwell*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*.

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of the Roman Catholic Institute of *St. Roch*, *Québec*; and the Petition of *L'Hospice de St. Joseph de la Maternité de Québec*.

By Mr. *Lacoste*,—The Petition of *M. D. Menuier*, *Lapierre*, Secretary-Treasurer of the School Municipality of the Parish of *St. Germain de Grantham*; the Petition of *F. Pinard* and others, of the County of *Drummond*; and the Petition of *René Charles Auguste*, *Vicomte de Chalus*, *Chevalier des Ordres de la Légion d'Honneur et des Lys*, of *Longueuil*, District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Christie*,—Three Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Brant*.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of *A. Campbell* and others, Merchants and Traders, and others, of the City of *Québec*.

By Mr. *Macbeth*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*.

By Mr. *Dorion*,—The Petition of *Christophe Préfontaine*, of the Parish and District of *Montreal*, a Candidate at the late Election for the County of *Verchères*; the Petition of the Corporation of the *Montreal* Asylum for aged and infirm Women and Orphans; the Petition of *Pierre Desautels* and others,

Joiners and Carpenters, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the Sisters of Charity of the *Montreal* General Hospital.

By the Honorable Mr. *Loranger*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of *Barnston*.

By the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry*.

The Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald* then read, in his place, the Petition of *John McNaughton*, of the Township of *Hope*, in the County of *Durham*, Yeoman; *Samuel Smith Powers*, of the same Township, Esquire; *Duncan McLeod*, of the Town of *Port Hope*, in the said County of *Durham*, Merchant; and *John Helm*, of the said Town of *Port Hope*, Iron Founder; complaining that by reason of the refusal of the Judge to proceed on the application of the Petitioners to inquire into matters connected with the illegal return of *Francis Henry Burton*, Esquire, for the East Riding of the said County, the right of the Petitioners further to contest the said Return has been defeated, and praying for the passing of an Act to enable them to contest the Return of the said *Francis Henry Burton*, Esquire, for the said East Riding of the County of *Durham*.

The Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald* moved, seconded by Mr. *Christie*, That the said Petition be now received and read, and printed for the use of the Members of this House; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as regards the same;

And objection being made to the reception of the said Petition as contrary to the Rules of the House;

And an appeal being made to Mr. Speaker for his decision;

Mr. Speaker decided, That, according to the Rules of this House, the said Petition could not be received and read, until it shall have lain upon the table of the House for the space of two days.

On motion of Mr. *Dorion*, seconded by Mr. *Christie*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend this House tomorrow, with the Return of the last election for the City of *Quebec*, together with the Poll Books, if any there be, and all other papers, letters, and documents which may have been transmitted to him by the Returning Officer for the said City; and also with the Poll Books and Return of the election for the said City which immediately preceded the said last election.

The Order of the day being read for taking 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. *Talbot* moved, seconded by Mr. *Morin*, 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 at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, and for the expression of his happiness in meeting the Representatives of the *Canadian* people in this the first Session of a new Parliament;—and further to assure His Excellency, That when the last Session was closed in the month of June, we concurred with His Excellency in supposing that *England* was at peace with all the world, and that we learned with profound grief that at that very time a fearful mutiny was raging in the heart of our Eastern Empire—a mutiny which for the moment seemed to peril all that we had won in India—whilst by the atrocities committed in its course, it roused the indignation of the whole civilized world.

That the people of *Canada*, as they have sympathized with the danger and the sufferings of their fellow-subjects, do in like manner rejoice at the vigour which

has checked this rebellion, and appreciate the steadfast courage and perseverance which have distinguished our countrymen in the *East*, and feel that it is indeed a source of pride to the *British Colonies* that with *Havelock* and *Outram* is associated the name of *Inglis*, and that we have sent from *Canada* some who fell gallantly fighting at *Delhi* and *Lucknow*;—and that while we know that the issue of this struggle is in the hands of Providence, we believe, with His Excellency, that we may without presumption, anticipate success to our arms, and the firm establishment of *British* rule in *Hindustan*.

That we saw with anxiety, that towards the close of last year commercial relations both in *Europe* and in *America* had been very much disturbed. That we are fully aware that in these matters, the welfare of every Country is more or less affected by the condition of others, and that an effectual remedy for such evils is therefore rarely to be found within the reach of any one community. We feel with His Excellency, that we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the prudence of our commercial men, and that we may be proud of the position of our Banks, inasmuch as they stand almost alone on this Northern Continent, in having continued to meet, without shrinking, their obligations to pay in specie. That we are nevertheless sensible that there is no doubt that the pressure has been, and still is, severe on our merchants, our landowners, and our farmers. That we believe there is no doubt, also, that much may be done to amend and improve our own commercial legislation. That we thank His Excellency for recommending these matters to our attention:—and that the expediency of assimilating the Commercial Law of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*,—the Law of Imprisonment for Debt, and the Law of Insolvency in *Upper Canada*,—the Law regarding Fraudulent Assignments and Preferences,—and that relating to the Interest of Money in commercial transactions of every kind,—shall receive our most earnest consideration;—as shall also the revision of the Jury Law and the amendment and consolidation of the Municipal Law of *Upper Canada*.

That we agree with His Excellency in thinking that there are no Statutory provisions more important to the Country, than those which regulate the Franchise, and the trial of Controverted Elections, and in his opinion, that the present Acts require amendment; that we shall not fail to do all in our power to improve and simplify the existing system; and that we believe, with His Excellency, that it would be expedient to secure, by Law, the proper registration and protection of all qualified Voters.

That any measure which His Excellency may cause to be laid before us, for amending and simplifying the whole system of management of our Public Lands, and facilitating their occupation by industrious settlers, will receive our attentive consideration.

That we rejoice with His Excellency, that the number of Emigrants, in the course of the year just ended, was considerably in excess of that of the previous year.

That we have much pleasure in learning that a large extent of territory in different parts of the Province has been surveyed for the purpose of immediate occupation. We concur with His Excellency in believing that experience has proved, that the opening of roads through the forest has much facilitated the settlement of our wild lands, and that by making these roads on a system at once uniform and comprehensive, there is every reason to expect the best results from the aid granted by the Legislature.

That we are convinced that the subject of the Fisheries in both sections of the Province is one which deserves our attention, and learn with satisfaction, that His Excellency believes they may be so dealt with, as hereafter to become a source of Revenue.

That we are gratified to know that in *Lower Canada*, the Legislative changes made in the Judicial system have been brought into operation, and that His

Excellency trusts that more ready access to Justice, and the speedy termination of Civil Suits, will be the result of these provisions.

That we receive with much pleasure His Excellency's congratulations on the continued success of the Canadian Line of Steamers, and that we feel with him that they have already placed our intercourse with *Europe* on a new footing, and look forward with pleasure to the establishment of a Weekly Line to the *Saint Lawrence* during the next Summer.

That we thank His Excellency for recommending to our notice the increasing value of the Lake Commerce of *Canada*, and agree with him that our trade with *Chicago* and Western States promises to be important alike to the Upper and Lower sections of the Province.

That we learn with deep interest, that during the recess a correspondence has taken place with the Imperial Government and with the Sister Colonies of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, in which the importance to Imperial interests of an Intercolonial Railway and Military Road to *Halifax* has been pressed on the attention of the Home Government, and that we thank His Excellency for the assurance that this correspondence will be submitted for our consideration.

That concurring entirely in His Excellency's opinion, that this Province has already gone to the utmost limit of pecuniary aid to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, we learn, with the highest satisfaction, that His Excellency entertains a confident expectation that such aid will prove sufficient to secure the advantages promised by the completion of its works; and we have no doubt that the community at large are fully sensible of the benefits derived from this great and important undertaking.

That while we regret that the Commercial difficulties, to which His Excellency has alluded, will be found to have affected our Revenue, we know that this was to be expected, and are thankful for his assurance that the diminution is such as to inspire no fears for the credit or the future prosperity of the Country.

That we are convinced that we shall find that due economy has been used in the expenditure of the funds entrusted to the Executive Government, and that effectual supervision over the Public Accounts has been maintained by the Board of Audit; and that His Excellency may rest assured that such supplies as may be required for the Public Service will be cheerfully granted by us.

That we thank His Excellency for the intimation that certain Correspondence, in relation to the *Hudson's Bay* Company and its Territory, will be laid before us, as well as an answer to our Address presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the subject of the Seat of Government. That with regard to the first of these subjects, His Excellency may rely on our giving our most serious consideration to the propositions made by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Company; and on our earnest endeavour to weigh well the bearing of these propositions on the interests and rights of *Canada*; and that we shall receive with much satisfaction the papers which His Excellency is pleased to say will be submitted to us, shewing the steps taken by the Provincial Government for the assertion of those interests and rights and for their future maintenance.

Ordered, That the Question be put upon each paragraph of the said Motion.

And the first and second paragraphs being again read, were agreed to.

The third paragraph being again read, and a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Patrick*, seconded by Mr. *McMicken*,
The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 3rd March, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,—The Petition of the Widows' and Orphans' Friend Association of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Daoust*,—The Petition of *A. Pacaud*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. Norbert d'Arthabaska*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,—The Petition of the *Montreal St. Patrick's* Orphan Asylum.

By Mr. *Stirton*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Guelph*.

By Mr. *Walker Powell*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Walsingham*.

By Mr. *McMicken*,—The Petition of *Thomas Barnett*, of the Township of *Stamford*, County of *Welland*.

By Mr. *Carling*,—The Petition of the *London* Mercantile Library Association.

By the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*,—The Petition of the Sisters of Charity of the *Hotel Dieu*, of *St. Hyacinthe*; and the Petition of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *St. Hyacinthe*, and others.

By Mr. *Hartman*,—Three Petitions of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*.

By Mr. *Holmes*,—The Petition of *G. Sanderson*, and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts in the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*; the Petition of *James Stretton*, and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts of the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*; the Petition of *Samuel Ferrie*, and others, of the Township of *Kinloss*; the Petition of *John H. Jewitt*, and others, of the Township of *Kinloss*; and the Petition of *Daniel Webster*, Senior, and others, of *Ashfield* and other Townships.

By Mr. *Ferguson*,—Three Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *Jacob Nevills*, of the Township of *West Hamborough*, County of *Wentworth*; praying for a pension, for services rendered during the War of 1812, '13, and '14.

Of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of the Village of *L'Industrie*; praying aid to enable them to construct a Mechanics' Hall in the said Village.

Of *Jean Langevin*, of the City of *Quebec*; praying payment of the amount due him as Clerk of the Council of the former Municipal District of *Quebec*.

Of *George Malloch*, Judge, and the Clerks of the Division Courts of the Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*; praying that the expense incurred by them for books, stationery, and blank forms, may be paid out of the General Fee Fund, and that a fire-proof Safe may be provided for each Division Court, when the County Judge shall think it necessary.

Of *James Chalmers*, of the City of *Montreal*, Stationer and Paper Merchant; praying that the import duty on Papers of all description be levied at the same rate.

Of *Francois Xavier Garneau*, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for a grant to enable him to print a New Edition of his History of *Canada*.

Of *Frederic Tremblay*, of the Parish of *Ste. Irenée*, County of *Charlevoix*; praying to be indemnified for loss sustained in the construction of the Road from *Baie St. Paul* to *St. Joachim*.

Of *James Still*, and others, Bailiffs of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*; praying that the tariff of fees allowed them may be increased.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas* and

Glengarry; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the several County Councils in *Upper Canada* to provide for the payment of Grand Jurors, in the same manner as they are now authorized to do in the case of Petit Jurors.

The Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery attended, according to order, with the Return of the last election for the City of *Quebec*, together with the Poll Books, and all other papers, letters, and documents which have been transmitted to him by the Returning Officer for the said city; and also, with the Poll Books and return of the election for the said city which immediately preceded the said last election.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the third paragraph of the Question, which was yesterday proposed:—

“ That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, and for the expression of his happiness in meeting the Representatives of the *Canadian* people in this the first Session of a new Parliament, and further to assure His Excellency, That when the last Session was closed in the month of June, we concurred with His Excellency in supposing that *England* was at peace with all the world, and that we learned with profound grief at that very time a fearful mutiny was raging in the heart of our Eastern Empire—a mutiny which for the moment seemed to peril all that we had won in *India*—whilst by the atrocities committed in its course, it roused the indignation of the whole civilized world.

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The House resumed the said adjourned Debate, and the third paragraph being again read :

Mr. *Dorion* moved in Amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. *Christie*, that the words, “But this House cannot but regret that Your Excellency has not been advised to recommend at the same time a re-consideration of the Tariff, with a view to the adoption of a more equitable scale of duties, based on the *ad valorem* principle,” be added at the end thereof.

And a Debate arising thereupon.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Scatcherd*, seconded by Mr. *Laberge*, The House adjourned.

Thursday, 4th March, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Church*,—The Petition of *Harry Chipman*, of the Township of *Bastard*.

By Mr. *Sherwood*,—The Petition of the Town Council of *Brockville*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *Edouard Noël de Tilly*, and *Zéphirin Béland*, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de Tilly*, County of *Lotbinière*.

By Mr. *Gaudet*,—The Petition of *James McKenzie*, and others, Masters of Vessels, Pilots and Mariners, navigating between *Quebec* and *Montreal*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Joseph Bailey*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Pierre les Becquets*.

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—The Petition of *Joseph Guilmette*, and others, of the Township of *Chester*, County of *Arthabaska*.

By Mr. *Foley*,—The Petition of the Church Society of the Diocese of *Huron*; and the Petition of *Sydney Bellingham*.

By Mr. *Whitney*,—The Petition of *Eliza M. Hervey*, Directress, and other Managers of the *Montreal* Home and School of Industry.

By the Honorable Mr. *Alleyn*,—The Petition of Mrs. *F. X. Roy*, and others, Directresses of the Asylum of the Good Shepherd, at *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Carling*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *London*.

By Mr. *Christie*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Brant*, and of the Municipality of the Township of *Brantford*.

By Mr. *Simpson*,—The Petition of *Charles Parker* and others, Merchants and others; the Petition of *Patrick Finn* and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts, in the County of *Lincoln*; and the Petition of *Lewis Clement* and others.

By the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,—The Petition of *John McNaughton*, of the Township of *Hope*, in the County of *Durham*, Yeoman; *Samuel Smith Powers*, of the same Township, Esquire; *Duncan McLeod*, of the Town of *Port Hope*, in the said County of *Durham*, Merchant; and of *John Helm*, of the said Town of *Port Hope*, Ironfounder.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of the Village of *L'Industrie*; praying for aid.

Of the Corporation of the College of *L'Assomption*; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; praying that the Assessment Consolidation Act of 1853, may be so amended that Wild Lands two years in arrears for taxes may be liable to sale, in place of five years, as at present.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; praying that the Assessment Law of 1853, relative to Statute Labour, may be amended.

Of the Roman Catholic Institute of *St. Roch, Quebec*; praying for aid.

Of *L'Hospice de St. Joseph de la Maternité de Québec*; praying for aid.

Of *M. D. Meunier Lapierre*, Secretary-Treasurer of the School Municipality of the Parish of *St. Germain de Grantham*; praying indemnity for services as Secretary-Treasurer of the School Municipality of *St. Germain de Grantham*, in taking a Census for Educational purposes of certain Concessions in the said Municipality.

Of *F. Pinard* and others, of the County of *Drunmond*; praying for aid to enable them to remove certain obstructions in *La Rivière Noire*, which cause the inundation of their lands.

Of *René Charles Auguste, Vicomte de Chalus, Chevalier des Ordres de la Légion d'Honneur et des Lys*, of *Longueuil*, District of *Montreal*; praying for the recovery of a thousand acres of land belonging to him in the Township of *Scott*, County of *Ontario*, and illegally sold on the 30th September, 1830.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Brant*; praying that the Act for the protection of Indians in *Upper Canada* from imposition, and the Act to encourage the gradual civilization of the Indian Tribes, may be modified or repealed.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Brant*; praying that the Six Nations Indians may be put upon the same equality, as regards taxation and the performance of all duties imposed by the Municipal laws of this Province, as the other inhabitants of the said Municipality.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Brant*; and of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry*; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the payment of all Jurors in *Upper Canada*, of the same amount for their attendance and travelling expenses as in *Lower Canada*, to be paid from and out of the Revenues of the Province.

Of *A. Campbell*, and others, Merchants and Traders, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for an Act of Incorporation, under the name of the "South *Quebec Cove and Warehouse Company*."

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; praying that the Usury Laws of 1853 may be repealed.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; praying that the Law of Arrest and Imprisonment for Debt may be abolished.

Of *Christophe Préfontaine*, of the Parish and District of *Montreal*, a Candidate at the late Election for the County of *Verchères*, complaining that the Honorable Judge *Charles Mondelet* refused to receive evidence on the notice of his contestation of the Election of the Honorable *George E. Cartier*, to represent the said County, whereby he is exposed to be unjustly and illegally deprived of his right to contest the said Election, and praying relief in the premises.

Of the Corporation of the *Montreal* Asylum for Aged and Infirm Women and Orphans; praying for aid in behalf of the said Asylum.

Of *Pierre Desautels*, and others, Joiners and Carpenters, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the "*Canadian Society of Joiners and Carpenters of Montreal.*"

Of the Sisters of Charity of the *Montreal* General Hospital; praying for aid.

Of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of *Branston*; praying for aid.

Of *John McNaughton* of the Township of *Hope*, in the County of *Durham*, Yeoman; *Samuel Smith Powers* of the same Township, Esquire; *Duncan McLeod* of the Town of *Port Hope*, in the said County of *Durham*, Merchant; and *John Helm* of the said Town of *Port Hope*, Iron Founder; setting forth:— That your Petitioners, at the time of the last Election of a Member to represent the East Riding of the County of *Durham*, in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, were and still are, respectively, Freeholders and duly qualified Electors of the said Riding, entitled to vote at the said Election, and severally voted at said Election: That at the said Election, *Francis Henry Burton* and *John Shuter Smith*, of *Port Hope* aforesaid, Esquires, were Candidates for the Representation of the said Riding; that the nomination of Candidates took place on the twelfth day of December last; the Polling took place on the twenty-first and twenty-second of the same month; and the declaration, or close of the said Election, on the twenty-eighth of the same month: That at the close of the said Election, on the said twenty-eighth day of December last, the said *Francis Henry Burton* was declared duly elected, and received an indenture to that effect from the Returning Officer: That Your Petitioners, being convinced that the said *Francis Henry Burton* was not duly or lawfully elected, and had not a majority of legal votes recorded for him at the said Election, and that his said election and return were illegal on various grounds, determined to contest his said return, and in pursuance of such determination, caused a Notice to be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Statute passed in last Session of the Legislature of this Province, intituled "An Act to improve the mode of obtaining Evidence in cases of Controverted Elections," specifying particularly the facts and circumstances upon which your Petitioners intended to contest the election, and claiming that the said *John Shuter Smith* was entitled to be returned, and should have been declared and returned, as duly elected to represent the said Riding in the said Parliament: That the said Notice was prepared with all convenient speed, and was ready for service on the said *Francis Henry Burton* on the twelfth day after the result of the said Election had been determined by the Returning Officer; but the said *Francis Henry Burton* could not be found, and his dwelling-house was locked up and no grown-up person of his family could be found, either there or elsewhere, to receive said service: That every effort was made to find the said *Francis Henry Burton*, and to serve him personally within the period of fourteen days limited by the said Act; and your petitioners verily believe that he intentionally and wilfully absented himself, and caused the dispersion and concealment of his family, and the closing of his dwelling-house, to evade such service: That before the expiration of the said last-mentioned period of fourteen days, your Petitioners, finding it impossible to effect a service of the said Notice in the terms of the said Act, caused a copy of the same to be attached to the door of

the residence of the said *Francis Henry Burton*, and also caused a copy of the same to be deposited in the Post Office at *Port Hope*, addressed to the said *Francis Henry Burton*: That neither the said *Francis Henry Burton*, nor any grown-up person of his family, returned to his place of residence until after the expiration of the said period of fourteen days; but that shortly after the expiration of that period, the said *Francis Henry Burton* and his family returned to their said residence, and have continued to reside there up to the present time: That within the period of fourteen days after the expiration of the period limited for the service of the said notice, the said *Francis Henry Burton* served an answer to the said notice, subject to a protest therein contained, against the sufficiency of the service of the said notice, and denying that the same had been legally or sufficiently served, and protesting against any further proceedings being had to contest his said election: That your Petitioners procured an affidavit to be made, setting forth the efforts and exertions that had been made to effect a service of the said notice in the terms of the said Statute; and shewing that, in the deponents' belief, the said *Francis Henry Burton* wilfully and intentionally evaded such service, by absenting himself, concealing his family, and shutting up his residence, and setting forth the grounds of such belief; and within the period limited in that behalf, made application in due and regular form to the Judge of the County Court for the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*, having jurisdiction within the said Electoral Division or East Riding of *Durham*, requiring him to take the evidence upon all matters of fact mentioned in the notice of your Petitioners and in the said answer of the said *Francis Henry Burton*; but the said Judge, *George Mackenzie Clark*, Esquire, refused to proceed or to appoint a time for proceeding therein, and endorse upon the said notice and papers presented to him in support of such application, a note or memorandum of his judgment or decision thereupon, in the following words and figures, to wit:—"On the thirtieth day of January, 1858, Mr. *S. Richards* applied to me on behalf of the parties within named, as contesting the election of *F. H. Burton*, for an appointment under 4th section of chap. 23 of 20 *Victoria*, which I decline to make, being of the opinion that the proof of the service of the notice is not sufficient to authorize me to take proceedings under the said Act, inasmuch as the said section requires that service should be made on the elected Member in person, or by leaving the notice at his residence with some grown-up person of his family. *Geo. M. Clark*, J. C. C." That in consequence of such decision of the said Judge, your Petitioners have been unable to proceed to take the evidence upon the facts alleged in the said notice, as required by the said Act; and inasmuch as the first clause of the said Act precludes the reception by your Honorable House of a Petition against the said election, unless a copy of the said notice and affidavit of due service thereof be annexed thereto, and as it is impossible, under the circumstances, to prove actual service in terms of the said Act, your Petitioners will be unable to contest the said Return unless some Legislative relief be provided to them in that behalf. Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to pass an Act to enable your Petitioners to contest the said Return of the said *Francis Henry Burton*, or to make an Order that the said Election Petition of your Petitioners be received by your Honorable House in the same manner as if the said Statute had not been passed; or that your Honorable House will be pleased to grant unto your Petitioners such other relief in the premises as may be necessary, to enable them duly to contest the said Return of the said *Francis Henry Burton*, or as may seem meet.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, the following Certificate:—

Province of *Canada*.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the eighth day of February last, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and addressed to the High Sheriff of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*, (*James Thompson*, Esquire,) Returning Officer, *ex-officio*, for the County of *Renfrew*, for the election of a member to represent the said County of *Renfrew*, in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the present Parliament, in the room of *John Lorn McDougall*, Esquire, who, since his election as the Representative of the said County, had accepted an Office of profit under the Crown, to wit, the Office of Associate Coroner for the said United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*, by means whereof the seat of the said *John Lorn McDougall* had become vacant. The Honorable *William Cayley* has been returned as duly elected, accordingly as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the third day of March, instant, which is now lodged of record in this Office.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Toronto, 4th March, 1858,

L. R. Fortier,
Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Wm. B. Lindsay, Esquire,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly, Toronto.

The Honorable *William Cayley*, Member for the County of *Renfrew*, having previously taken the oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

The Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, and the question being proposed,—That inasmuch as it appears by the Poll Books and Return of the late election for the City of *Quebec*, now before this House, that the Honorable Charles *Alleyn*, *Hyppolite Dubord*, and *G. H. Simard*, Esquires, were elected to represent the said City of *Quebec*, in the present Parliament, by a number of votes totally disproportionate to the population of the said city, and the number of electors qualified to vote at the said election;—the number of votes enregistered in the said Poll Books being 15,151, of which 10,049 for the said Honorable Charles *Alleyn*, 9,049 for the said *Hyppolite Dubord*, Esquire, 9,168 for the said *G. H. Simard*, Esquire, 5,072 for *Marc Aurèle Plamondon*, 4,875 for *Pierre Huot*, and 4,924 for *François Evanturel*; and inasmuch as it appears by the inspection of the said books that the grossest irregularities have been committed at the said election, in recording a large number of fictitious and imaginary names, and that it would be impossible to enter into any scrutiny of so large a number of illegal votes so recorded at the said election,—the said Return be declared null and void, and the seats of the said Representatives for the City of *Quebec* declared vacant.

Mr. *Galt* moved in Amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Pope*, That all the words after “that” to the end of the Question be left out, and the words, “the Return and Poll Books of the Election for the City of *Quebec*, exhibiting “the inscription of 15,151 votes during the last Election, be referred to a Special “Committee of five members, to inquire whether any facts appear in connection “with these documents requiring this House to anticipate the action of the Select “Committee on Elections, for the purpose of securing the proper representation “of the People in this House, and the prompt punishment of any one who may “have been a party to the gross electoral fraud which appears to have been perpetrated, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for “persons, papers and records,” inserted instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Pope,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Monat,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	48. <i>Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn.</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Rose, Sul. Gen.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Le Boutillier,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Mardonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Gaulet,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Sarnes,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Clapais,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Coulée,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Pluyfair,</i>	<i>Thiburdeau,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Duoust,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	73. <i>Whitney.</i>
<i>Dawson,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed; That inasmuch as it appears by the Poll Books and Return of the late Election for the City of *Quebec*, now before this House, that the Honorable *Charles Alleyn*, *Hyppolite Dubord*, and *G. H. Simard*, Esquires, were elected to represent the said City of *Quebec*, in the present Parliament, by a number of votes totally disproportionate to the population of the said city, and the number of electors qualified to vote at the said election;—the number of votes enregistered in the said Poll Books being 15,151, of which 10,049 for the said Honorable *Charles Alleyn*, 9,049 for the said *Hyppolite Dubord*, Esquire, 9,168 for the said *G. H. Simard*, Esquire, 5,072 for *Marc Aurèle Plamondon*, 4,875 for *Pierre Huot*, and 4,924 for *François Evanturel*; and inasmuch as it appears by the inspection of the said books that the grossest irregularities have been committed at the said election, in recording a large number of fictitious and imaginary names, and that it would be impossible to enter into any scrutiny of so large a number of illegal votes so recorded at the said election,—the said Return be declared null and void, and the seats of the said Representatives for the City of *Quebec* declared vacant.

The Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald* moved, in Amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Laberge*, That all the words after the word “names” to

the end of the Question be left out, and the words, "it is imperative on this House to cause an immediate inquiry to be instituted at the Bar of this House, with a view to the prompt punishment of all concerned in the fraud and irregularities connected with the said Return and Election," inserted instead thereof.

Mr. *Morrison* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sherwood*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	12. <i>Sherwood.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Duvason,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Desautniers,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Buhy,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dorlund,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Guudet,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Curling,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Cwley,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Curtier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hurwood,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Coulée,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Pluyfair,</i>	99. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	46. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Le Boutillier,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scotte,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Curling,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tulbot,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Powell, Wm. F.</i>	<i>65. Whitney.</i>
<i>Dawson,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put; the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Notman,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>32. Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Carlign,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tulbot,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>80. Whitney.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Then on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,
The House adjourned.

Friday, 5th March, 1858.

- THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table :—
- By Mr. *Thibaudeau*,—The Petition of *L. N. Portelance* and others, Mariners, and others, of the Parish of *St. Charles des Grondines*.
- By Mr. *Pope*,—The Petition of the *Eaton Library Association*.
- By Mr. *Somerville*,—The Petition of *William Rutherford*, Elder, and others, Members of *St. Andrew's Church*, in *Perth*, in the County of *Lanark*, in connection with the Established Church of *Scotland*.
- By Mr. *Laberge*,—The Petition of the Library Institute of the Parish of *St. George de Henryville*.
- By Mr. *MacLeod*,—The Petition of the Municipality of *West Tilbury*, County of *Essex*.
- By Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of *John J. C. Abbott*, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *Jean Baptiste Guévremont*, of the Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*.
- By Mr. *Carling*,—The Petition of *John Jeffery* and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts in the County of *Middlesex*.
- By Mr. *Duncan*,—The Petition of *Edouard G. Paradis* and others, of the Townships of *Halifax* and *Chester*, County of *Arthabaska*.
- By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—The Petition of the *Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum*.
- By Mr. *Bell*,—The Petition of *James Rankin* and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts in the County of *Lanark*.
- By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of *James Boyes*, of the Parish of *St. Maurice*, County of *Champlain*.
- By the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*,—The Petition of *Arthur Rankin*, of the Township of *Sandwich*, in the County of *Essex*, Esquire.

- Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read :—
- Of the Widows' and Orphans' Friend Association of *Kingston*; praying for aid.
- Of *A. Pacaud*, Mayor and others, of the Parish of *St. Norbert d'Arthabaska*; praying that the Village of *Princeville*, in the Township of *Stanford*, may be substituted as the chief place of the Judicial District of *Arthabaska* instead of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*.
- Of the *Montreal St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum*; praying for aid.
- Of the Town Council of the Town of *Guelph*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal and Assessment Acts of Upper Canada.
- Of the Municipality of the Township of *Walsingham*; praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Laws Consolidation Act.
- Of *Thomas Barnett*, of the Township of *Stamford*, County of *Welland*; praying for aid, to enable him to erect a suitable building for his collection of specimens of Natural History.
- Of the *London Mercantile Library Association*; praying for aid.
- Of the Sisters of Charity of the Hotel Dieu of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying for aid.
- Of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *St. Hyacinthe* and others; pray-

ing aid for the Sisters of Charity in the said City, to enable them to enlarge their Hospital.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*; praying for the passing of an Act to separate the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*, and the City of *Toronto*, for Judicial purposes.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*,—and of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*; praying for the repeal of the Separate School Act.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Law of *Upper Canada*, and to the Act for the better management of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum of *Toronto*; and for a more just and equitable mode of determining the remuneration to be paid to Crown witnesses in Criminal suits.

Of *G. Sanderson* and others, and of *James Stretton* and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts in the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*; praying that the Tariff of Fees allowed them may be increased.

Of *Samuel Ferrie* and others, of the Township of *Kinloss*; praying for the opening of a Road between *Kinloss* and *Wawanosh*.

Of *John H. Jewitt* and others, of the Township of *Kinloss*; praying aid for a Road.

Of *Daniel Webster*, Senior, and others, of *Ashfield* and other Townships; praying aid for a Road.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*; praying that an Act may be passed for the registration of the names of persons qualified to vote at the election of Members of the Legislature.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*; praying that the expenses of the Administration of Criminal Justice in *Upper Canada*, may be wholly paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel* (to separate the said Counties and the City of *Toronto*); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*, (Amendments to Municipal Law of *Upper Canada*); and the Petition of *John McNaughton*, of the Township of *Hope*, in the County of *Durham*, and others, of the said County, be severally printed for the use of the Members of this House, and that the standing order in relation to motions for printing be suspended as regards the same.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Rymal*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery be directed to prepare a Return from the Records of the Elections to the present Legislative Assembly, shewing the aggregate number of votes polled for each candidate in each County, Riding, Township, City, Town, Parish, Precinct or Division in which there has been a contest, with the total number polled in each such Division or Precinct;—giving also the name of each Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer; and a like Return for those Divisions or Districts which have elected Legislative Councillors; also shewing, in contrast, the numbers polled at each of the said polling places at the General Election of 1854, and the population in each constituency at the last census.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Mr. *Ferres*, Mr. *Talbot*, Mr. *Galt*, Mr. *Dorion*, Mr. *Turcotté*, Mr. *Hogan*, Mr. *Brown*, and Mr. *Benjamin*, be appointed to devise the best means for securing a correct report of the Debates of this House for the future,

by the publication of a Mirror of Parliament, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment, which was on Wednesday last, proposed to be made to the third paragraph of the Question,

“That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for His Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, and for the expression of his happiness in meeting the Representatives of the Canadian people in this the first Session of a new Parliament:—and further to assure His Excellency—That when the last Session was closed in the month of June, we concurred with His Excellency in supposing that *England* was at peace with all the world, and that we learned with profound grief that at that very time a fearful mutiny was raging in the heart of our Eastern Empire—a mutiny which for the moment seemed to peril all that we had won in *India*—whilst by the atrocities committed in its course, it roused the indignation of the whole civilised world.

“That the people of *Canada*, as they have sympathized with the danger and the sufferings of their fellow-subjects, do in like manner rejoice at the vigour which has checked this rebellion, and will appreciate the steadfast courage and perseverance which have distinguished our countrymen in the East, and feel that it is indeed a source of pride to the *British Colonies* that with *Havelock* and *Outram* is associated the name of *Inglis*, and that we have sent from *Canada* some who fell gallantly fighting at *Delhi* and *Lucknow*;—and that while we know that the issue of this struggle is in the hands of Providence, we believe, with His Excellency, that we may without presumption, anticipate success to our arms, and the firm establishment of *British* rule in *Hindustan*.

“That we saw with anxiety, that towards the close of last year commercial relations both in *Europe* and in *America* have been very much disturbed. That we are fully aware that in these matters, the welfare of every country is more or less affected by the condition of others; and that an effectual remedy for such evils is therefore rarely to be found within the reach of any one community. We feel with His Excellency, that we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the prudence of our commercial men, and that we may be proud of the position of our banks, inasmuch as they stand almost alone on this Northern Continent, in having continued to meet, without shrinking, their obligations to pay in specie. That we are nevertheless sensible that there is no doubt that the pressure has been, and still is, severe on our merchants, our landowners, and our farmers. That we believe there is no doubt, also, that much may be done to amend and improve our own commercial legislation. That we thank His Excellency for recommending these matters to our attention:—and that the expediency of assimilating the Commercial Law of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*,—the Law of Imprisonment for Debt, and the Law of Insolvency in *Upper Canada*,—the Law regarding Fraudulent Assignments and Preferences, and that relating to the Interest of Money in Commercial transactions of every kind,—shall receive our most earnest consideration;—as shall also the revision of the *Jury Law* and the amendment and consolidation of the *Municipal Law* of *Upper Canada*.

“That we agree with His Excellency in thinking that there are no Statutory provisions more important to the country, than those which regulate the franchise, and the trial of Controverted Elections, and in his opinion, that the present Acts require amendment; that we shall not fail to do all in our power to improve and simplify the existing system, and that we believe, with His Excellency, that it would be expedient to secure, by Law, the proper registration and protection of all qualified Voters.

“ That any measure which His Excellency may cause to be laid before us, for amending and simplifying the whole system of management of our Public Lands, and facilitating their occupation by industrious settlers, will receive our attentive consideration.

“ That we rejoice with His Excellency that the number of Emigrants in the course of the year just ended was considerably in excess of that of the previous year.

“ That we have much pleasure in learning that a large extent of territory in different parts of the Province has been surveyed for the purpose of immediate occupation. We concur with His Excellency in believing that experience has proved that the opening of Roads through the forest has much facilitated the settlement of our wild lands, and that by making these Roads on a system at once uniform and comprehensive, there is every reason to expect the best results from the aid granted by the Legislature.

“ That we are convinced that the subject of the Fisheries in both sections of the Province is one which deserves our attention, and learn with satisfaction, that His Excellency believes they may be so dealt with, as hereafter to become a source of Revenue.

“ That we are gratified to know that in *Lower Canada*, the Legislative changes made in the Judicial system have been brought into operation, and that His Excellency trusts that more ready access to Justice and the speedy termination of Civil Suits will be the result of these provisions.

“ That we receive with much pleasure His Excellency's congratulations on the continued success of the *Canadian* Line of Steamers, and that we feel with him that they have already placed our intercourse with *Europe* on a new footing, and look forward with pleasure to the establishment of a Weekly Line to the *St. Lawrence* during the next Summer.

“ That we thank His Excellency for recommending to our notice the increasing value of the Lake commerce of *Canada*, and agree with him that our trade with *Chicago* and Western States promises to be important alike to the Upper and the Lower sections of the Province.

“ That we learn with deep interest, that during the recess a correspondence has taken place with the Imperial Government and with the Sister Colonies of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, in which the importance to Imperial interests of an Inter-colonial Railway and Military Road to *Halifax* has been pressed on the attention of the Home Government, and that we thank His Excellency for the assurance that this correspondence will be submitted for our consideration.

“ That concurring entirely in His Excellency's opinion, that this Province has already gone to the utmost limit of pecuniary aid to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, we learn with the highest satisfaction that His Excellency entertains a confident expectation that such aid will prove sufficient to secure the advantages promised by the completion of its works; and we have no doubt that the community at large are fully sensible of the benefits derived from this great and important undertaking.

“ That while we regret that the Commercial difficulties to which His Excellency has alluded, will be found to have affected our Revenue, we know that this was to be expected, and are thankful for his assurance that the diminution is such as to inspire no fears for the credit or the future prosperity of the Country.

“ That we are convinced that we shall find that due economy has been used in the expenditure of the funds entrusted to the Executive Government, and that effectual supervision over the Public Accounts has been maintained by the Board of Audit. And that His Excellency may rest assured that such supplies as may be required for the Public Service will be cheerfully granted by us.

“ That we thank His Excellency for the intimation that certain Correspondence

“ in relation to the *Hudson's Bay* Company and its Territory, will be laid before us; as well as an answer to our Address presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of the Seat of Government. That with regard to the first of these subjects, His Excellency may rely on our giving our most serious consideration to the propositions made by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Company, and on our earnest endeavor to weigh well the bearing of these propositions on the interests and rights of *Canada*; and that we shall receive with much satisfaction the papers which His Excellency is pleased to say will be submitted to us, showing the steps taken by the Provincial Government for the assertion of those interests and rights, and for their future maintenance.

And which Amendment was, That the words, “ But this House cannot but regret that Your Excellency has not been advised to recommend at the same time a re-consideration of the Tariff, with a view to the adoption of a more equitable scale of duties based on the *ad valorem* principle,” be added at the end thereof.

And the Question on the Amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Monday next.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Thibaudeau*, seconded by Mr. *Patrick*,
The House adjourned until Monday next.

Monday, 8th March, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *Edouard Noël de Tilly*, Merchant, and *Zéphirin Béland*, Yeoman, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de Tilly*, County of *Lotbinière*.

By Mr. *Papineau*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Lochaber*, County of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Piché*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Geneviève Lémerise*, Widow of the late *Charles P. D. Olivier*.

By Mr. *Langevin*,—The Petition of *Jean Baptiste Renaud* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *Joseph Hamel* and others, Land Surveyors of *Lower Canada*.

By Mr. *Sincennes*,—The Petition of the Library Association and Mechanics' Institute of *Sorel*; and the Petition of *Louis Proulx* and others, Mariners, Navigating the River *St. Lawrence* between *Quebec* and *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Holmes*,—The Petition of *Robert Bowers* and others, of the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Elderslie*.

By Mr. *Labelle*,—The Petition of *Théophile Girouard*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. Eusèbe de Stanfold*, County of *Arthabaska*; and the Petition of the Mechanics' Institute of *St. Vincent de Paul*.

By Mr. *Dorland*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Prince Edward*; and the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Picton*, County of *Prince Edward*.

By Mr. *Gill*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of the Parish of *St. Antoine de la Baie*.

By Mr. *Galt*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Orford*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—The Petition of the Ladies Benevolent Society of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Richard W. Scott*,—The Petition of *La Communauté des Révérendes Sœurs de la Charité*, of the City of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Simpson*,—The Petition of Messrs. *A. L. Hutchison* and Company, and others, of *Milwaukie, United States of America*; and the Petition of *George Watson* and others, of *Chicago, United States of America*.

By Mr. *Dorion*,—The Petition of the Polytechnic Institute of *Montreal*; the Petition of *William Bristow*, Esquire, *Casimir F. Papineau*, Esquire, Notary Public, and *Vincent Paul Wilfred Dorion*, Esquire, Advocate, all three residing in the City of *Montreal*, in the District of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *Christophe Préfontaine*, of the Parish of *St. Marc*, County of *Verchères*, District of *Montreal*, Yeoman.

By Mr. *LeBoutillier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *N. Pelletier*, Curé, and others, of the Village of *Princeville*, County of *Arthabaska*.

By Mr. *Burton*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Port Hope*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Alleyne*,—The Petition of the Male Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*, in connection with the Church of *England*; and the Petition of the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Foley*,—The Petition of *George Sheppard*, and others, Editors and Reporters of Newspapers, published in *Canada*.

By Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the Very Reverend *J. M. Bruyère*, Vicar General of the Diocese of *Toronto*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read :—

Of *Harry Chipman*, of the Township of *Bastard*; praying for the passing of an Act vesting in him, his heirs and assigns, the Government Road allowance between Lots Nos. 18 and 19 in the 5th Concession of the said Township.

Of the Town Council of *Brockville*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal and Assessment Acts of *Upper Canada*.

Of *James McKenzie* and others, Masters of Vessels, Pilots, and Mariners, navigating between *Quebec* and *Montreal*; and of the Reverend *Joseph Bailey*, Curé and others, of the Parish of *St. Pierre les Becquets*; praying for aid to build a wharf at the Port of *l'Évrard*, in the said Parish.

Of *Joseph Guilmette* and others, of the Township of *Chester*, County of *Arthabaska*; praying that the Village of *Princeville*, in the Township of *Stanford*, may be substituted as the chief place of the Judicial District of *Arthabaska*, instead of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *London*; praying that Municipalities holding stock in Joint Stock Companies may be authorized to vote at the Election of Directors, in proportion to the amount of Stock, held in the manner as other Stockholders.

Of the Church Society of the Diocese of *Huron*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of *Eliza M. Hervey*, Directress, and other Managers of the *Montreal* Home and School of Industry; praying for aid.

Of Mrs. *F. X. Roy* and others, Directresses of the Asylum of the Good Shepherd, at *Quebec*; praying for aid in behalf of that Institution.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Brant*, and of the Municipality of the Township of *Brantford*; praying that the Municipality of the Township of *Brantford* may be exempted from the operation of the 26th section of the Municipal Corporations Act.

Of *Charles Parker* and others, Merchants and others; praying for the enlargement of the *Welland* Canal.

Of *Patrick Finn* and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts, in the County of *Lincoln*; of *John Jeffery* and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts, in the County of *Middlesex*; and of *James Rankin* and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts in the County of *Lanark*; praying that the Tariff of Fees at present allowed them may be increased.

Of *Lewis Clement* and others; praying for arrears of pension due them.

Of *L. N. Portelance* and others, Mariners and others, of the Parish of *St. Charles des Grondines*; praying for the passing of an Act to regulate and determine the number of Bushels which a chaldron of coal shall contain.

Of the *Eaton Library Association*; praying for aid.

Of *William Rutherford*, Elder, and others, Members of *St. Andrew's Church* in *Perth*, in the County of *Lanark*, in connection with the Established Church of *Scotland*; praying that the power to manage all Church Property and other Temporalities belonging to the same in this Province, be granted to the Lay Members, Proprietors of Pews, Renters of Pews, and Adherents of the said Church in this Province, free of all control, jurisdiction, or any other interference of the spiritual officers of the said Church.

Of the Library Institute of the Parish of *St. George de Henryville*; praying for aid.

Of the Municipality of *West Tilbury*, County of *Essex*; praying that a Charter may be granted to construct a Ship Canal to connect the waters of the River *St. Clair* and *Lake Erie*.

Of *Edouard G. Paradis* and others, of the Townships of *Halifax* and *Chester*, County of *Arthabaska*; praying that the Township of *Chester* may be divided into two separate Townships; and also, that Lots Nos. 13 to 28, forming part of the Township of *Arthabaska*, may be annexed to the new Township of *East Chester*.

Of the Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum; praying for aid.

Of *James Boyes*, of the Parish of *St. Maurice*, County of *Champlain*; complaining that Mr. Justice *Aylwin*, while in a state of intoxication, unjustly and illegally condemned him to be imprisoned for contempt of Court, in the Common Gaol, where he was confined for the space of six hours, and praying an inquiry into the conduct of the said Judge, and relief in the premises.

Of *Sydney Bellingham*, setting forth:—That your Petitioner has been four times successively elected a Member to represent the County of *Argenteuil* in the said Assembly: That on the 4th day of January last past, your Petitioner was declared the Member duly elected for the said County, for the present Parliament, as having a majority of about 200 votes: That your Petitioner became a Candidate at the last Election upon a requisition of a majority of the electors of the said County, who assumed the management and defrayed the expenses of the said election: That when it became known to the said electors, that the said election was to be contested, they, at a public meeting convened for that purpose, subscribed funds to defend your Petitioner's seat, and selected *C. S. Burroughs*, of *St. Andrew's*, in the said County, Advocate, Esquire, to manage the said defence: That your Petitioner, confiding in the legality of his said election, and unconscious of having directly or indirectly violated any of the provisions of the election laws, frankly accepted the issue raised by the said contestation, though absent from *Lower Canada* during the fourteen days allowed by the 20th *Vic.*, cap. 23, for notice of contestation: That your Petitioner and the said electors do not shrink from the most searching and rigid scrutiny into their conduct during the said election, only asking, as an act of simple justice, for an impartial inquiry, and a respect for the requirements of the said Act: That the Contestant applied to his former partner, the Honorable Judge *Badgley*, to act as Commissioner in the said contestation: That your Petitioner and the said Electors had not therefore that assurance of the impartiality of the said Commission which

would enable them safely to proceed, more especially as the said Contestant and the said Commissioner were interested in divers speculations not yet determined : That it was with the greatest reluctance, and only impelled by an imperative sense of the duty due by him to his position and the interests of the said electors, that your Petitioner refused the said Honorable Judge *Badgley*, and objected to his acting as such Commissioner : That your Petitioner has always respected the honor and dignity of the Judiciary, as the legitimate guardians of the lives and fortunes of Her Majesty's subjects : That your Petitioner, acting in the interests of the said Electors, did refuse and object to the said Honorable *William Badgley* assuming the management of the said contestation : That the said recusation was served in writing upon the said Commissioner, stating, amongst other things, that the Contestant's petition, notification, and other writings by him tendered, were wholly irregular, informal, and insufficient in law : That the irregularities complained of consisted, amongst other things, of a paper writing pretending to be a Jurat attached to the notice of contestation, which neither stated the place where service was sworn to, nor place where party administering oath resided, nor where he pretends to have jurisdiction, nor did it bear any signature : That the said *C. S. Burroughs*, in company with another Advocate, proceeded to the Prothonotary's Office, in the City of *Montreal*, where the said notice of contestation was deposited, and caused a Clerk in the said Prothonotary's Office to take cognizance of the illegality of the said pretended Jurat, of which a true and exact copy is here produced, and annexed to this Petition : That the said Act, 20 *Vic.*, cap. 23, sec. 1, declares, nor shall such petition be received, unless a copy of such notice, and affidavit of the due service thereof by the person who made such service, be annexed to the said Petition : That your Petitioner has taken communication of a petition to your Honorable House, laid on the table of the said House, the 2nd of March, instant, complaining of the election for the said County : That the affidavit of service attached to the notice of contestation therein, is not the original pretended Jurat, attached to the notice of contestation presented to the Honorable *W. Badgley*, neither is it a true copy of the said pretended Jurat : That your Petitioner, by the evidence of three credible and trustworthy witnesses, can verify the fact, that the copy of the pretended Jurat (attached to the said notice of contestation) now produced by him, and annexed to this petition, is a true and exact copy of the pretended Jurat attached to the said notice of contestation, presented to the said Honorable *W. Badgley* : That your Petitioner can further cite the fact, that *E. Carter*, Esquire, Advocate, *Montreal*, was specially retained by the said contestant, to urge before the said Honorable *W. Badgley* the validity and legality of the said pretended Jurat, after its informality and defects were discovered : That the said Honorable *W. Badgley*, overlooking all the irregularities and the illegalities of the proceedings of the said contestant, declared them valid, and adjudged that your Petitioner had no right to prove the allegations in his answer, thus depriving your Petitioner and the said electors of all opportunity of defending their rights and privileges : Wherefore your Petitioner prays, that the said Honorable *W. Badgley* be ordered to transmit to your Honorable House, the original pretended Jurat, attached to the notice of contestation presented to him as aforesaid, and that justice be done in the premises.

Of *John McNaughton*, of the Township of *Hope*, in the County of *Durham*, Yeoman ; *Samuel Smith Powers*, of the same Township, Esquire ; *Duncan McLeod*, of the Town of *Port Hope* aforesaid, Merchant ; and *John Helm*, of the said Town of *Port Hope*, Iron-founder, setting forth :—That at the late Election in and for the East Riding of the County of *Durham*, holden in the month of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, for the Election of a Member to represent the said East Riding in the Legislative Assembly of the said Province, which Election was

holden under and by virtue of Her Majesty's Writ of Election, tested the twenty-eighth day of November, in the year aforesaid, *Francis Henry Burton* and *John Shuter Smith*, of the Town of *Port Hope* aforesaid, Esquires, were severally and duly nominated and proposed and seconded, as and were Candidates for Election to represent the said Riding as aforesaid. That at the said Election a Poll was demanded on the part and behalf of the said *John Shuter Smith*, and the same was granted and proceeded with, and that on the close of the said Election, to wit: On the twenty-eighth day of December aforesaid, the said *Francis Henry Burton* was declared, by *George Charles Ward*, Esquire, Registrar of said County, and the Returning Officer at said Election, as elected and returned to represent the said East Riding of *Durham* in said Legislative Assembly, and received an Indenture to that effect from the said Returning Officer. That the said *John Shuter Smith* before, and up to, and at the time of the said Election was, and from thence hitherto hath been, and still is, duly qualified according to law to be elected, and to sit as a Member of said Legislative Assembly. That the number of votes polled at said Election was two thousand four hundred and three; of which number, twelve hundred and twenty-one votes were Polled for the said *Francis Henry Burton*, and eleven hundred and eighty-two votes were Polled at said Election for the said *John Shuter Smith*, thereby making and leaving an apparent majority of thirty-nine votes in favor of the said *Francis Henry Burton*; which Votes and majority appear in the Poll Books taken and kept at said Election: That we, the said *John McNaughton*, *Samuel Smith Powers*, *Duncan McLeod*, and *John Helm*, before, at, and during all the time of said Election severally were, and still are, Freeholders and duly qualified Electors of the said Riding, entitled to vote at the said Election, and that we severally voted at said Election: That we are advised and convinced, and we aver and allege, that the said *Francis Henry Burton* was not duly or lawfully elected and chosen, but was unduly and unlawfully declared elected, and returned to represent the said East Riding of the County of *Durham* in the Legislative Assembly, and that this said Election is null and void, and that the said *John Shuter Smith* was at the said Election duly elected and should have been, and should be, declared as being duly elected and returned as the Member to represent the said East Riding in the said Legislative Assembly, for and on account of the causes, grounds and reasons hereinafter mentioned and alleged, that is to say, that the said *Francis Henry Burton*, by himself and his authorized Agents for that purpose, while he was a Candidate at said Election, as aforesaid, and at and during said Election, did directly and indirectly employ certain means of corruption, by giving certain sums of money, gratuity, and reward, and promises of the same to certain electors of said Riding, with intent to corrupt and bribe said electors of the said East Riding of *Durham* to vote for him at said Election, and also to certain other electors, or supposed electors of the said Riding, with intent to corrupt and bribe said electors or supposed electors of said Riding, to vote for him, the said *Francis Henry Burton*, at the said Election, and did also use and engage in, and employ other undue, and corrupt and illegal practices and bribery, to procure his said Election: That a large majority of the legal votes polled, recorded and given at said Election, were polled, recorded and given for the said *John Shuter Smith*: That a large number, to wit: Three hundred of the votes that were given, polled, and recorded for the said *Francis Henry Burton* at the said Election, were given by persons who did not, at the time of voting or of tendering their votes, possess or have the necessary property qualification to entitle them to vote at said Election, and that a large number of other votes were polled and given for the said *Francis Henry Burton* at said Election by persons who were not, at the time of voting or of tendering their votes, subjects of Her Majesty; and other large numbers of votes were also polled and given for the said *Francis Henry Burton*, at said Election, by persons who were then prohibited, by Law,

from voting at such Elections, and by persons who were then under the age of twenty-one years, and also by persons who voted for him, the said *Francis Henry Burton*, several times during said Election, and whose votes are several times polled and recorded for the said *Francis Henry Burton* at said Election; and other large numbers of votes were also given, polled, and recorded for said *Francis Henry Burton*, at said Election, by certain Electors of said Riding, who had received and accepted loans, gifts, or promises of sums of money in consideration of, and for the purpose of, corrupting such Electors respectively, to give their votes respectively, for the said *Francis Henry Burton* at the said Election, or as a compensation to such Electors, respectively, for their loss of time or expenses in going to or returning from voting at such Election, and on other pretences; and also, by Electors of said Riding who were bribed to give their respective votes for said *Francis Henry Burton* at said Election: That all the said votes so given, polled or recorded for said *Francis Henry Burton* as aforesaid, constitute part of the said Twelve hundred and twenty-one votes given for him at said Election, and are far more than the majority that appears for him on said Poll Books. That several persons who were entitled to vote at said Election tendered their votes for the said *John Shuter Smith* at the said Election, and were willing to take the oaths required by law, but their votes were not received by the Deputy Returning Officers, although they desired to vote: That the Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Manvers*, at said Election, did not make, or cause to be made, any entry or entries in the Poll Book kept for said Township, shewing whether the persons voting at said Poll claimed to vote as Tenants, Proprietors, Owners or Occupants, or how they claimed to vote, and it cannot be ascertained from said poll book how the persons voting at said Poll claimed to vote, and Your Petitioners allege and submit that no sufficient Poll Book was kept at said Poll, or for said Township; and we pray that the votes recorded therein be struck out, and not counted for the said *Francis Henry Burton*, and be struck out of the number of votes polled for said *Francis Henry Burton* at said election; and your Petitioners further allege that the grounds, causes and reasons aforesaid, or some of them, are more particularly set forth in a notice signed by us, your Petitioners, addressed to the said *Francis Henry Burton*, dated the ninth day of January, A. D., 1858, informing him of our intention to contest his said Election, and a copy of which said notice is hereunto annexed. That we are advised and believe, that the Statute 20th *Victoria*, chapter 23, requires that a copy of the said notice should be served on the sitting Member in person, or by leaving the same at his residence, with some grown-up person of his family, within fourteen days after the result of the said Election was determined by the Returning Officer, and that in this case, Monday, the eleventh day of January, aforesaid, was the last of such fourteen days; that owing to the time required to inquire into and to collect the necessary information as to the validity of the votes polled, and to make the necessary examination of the Poll Books, and prepare the said notice, the same was not ready before the ninth day of January aforesaid: That on the said ninth of January, your Petitioners caused steps to be taken to have the said notice served: That all reasonable and active efforts were made to effect service on the said *Francis Henry Burton* in person, or by leaving the same at his residence with some grown-up person of his family, but the said *Francis Henry Burton* absented himself from the Town of *Port Hope* aforesaid, his then place of residence, on and from the said ninth day of January aforesaid, until the thirteenth day of the same month, and all efforts to find out where he was proved unsuccessful. That the family of the said *Francis Henry Burton* and their servants, removed from his dwelling-house and place of residence in *Port Hope* aforesaid, early on Friday, the eighth day of January aforesaid, and continued absent therefrom, and the said dwelling house and place of residence continued locked up and closed; so

that admission could not be obtained to the same on, or from the said eighth day of January, until after the expiration of the said fourteen days, when the said family returned thereto, and the said *Francis Henry Burton*, and his said family, have since continued to occupy and reside in the same; and your Petitioners further allege that all efforts to effect service on the said *Francis Henry Burton*, at his residence, on some grown-up person of his family, having failed, a copy of the said notice was nailed and affixed to the front-door of the said dwelling house of said *Francis Henry Burton* for him, and another copy of the said notice was sent to him through the Post Office, at *Port Hope*, on the said eleventh day of January, enclosed as a letter, and addressed to him at *Port Hope*, aforesaid, as alleged in the affidavit hereunto annexed, which copy the said *Francis Henry Burton* has since received; and that the said *Francis Henry Burton*, within fourteen days after the said notice was affixed to the said front-door, answered the said notice, as required by law, which answer is also hereunto annexed. And your Petitioners further allege, that the fact of there being an intention to contest, and proceedings being taken to contest the Election of the said *Francis Henry Burton*, was well-known to the said *Francis Henry Burton* and his friends, and was announced by the said *John Shuter Smith*, in an address by him to the Electors of the said East Riding, in a newspaper, printed and circulated in the said East Riding, at least one week before the expiration of the said fourteen days, and the same was matter of public notoriety. And your Petitioners are convinced, and they allege, that the said *Francis Henry Burton* absented himself from the said Town of *Port Hope*, and from his place of residence, on the ninth, tenth, and eleventh days of January aforesaid, for the purpose of avoiding service of the said notice, and that his family removed, or were removed by his directions, and with his privity and knowledge, and remained absent; and his said dwelling-house and place of residence at *Port Hope* aforesaid, remained locked-up and closed on the said ninth, tenth, and eleventh days, and the greater part of the eighth day of January aforesaid, for a like purpose. And your Petitioners submit, that under the circumstances, the said *Francis Henry Burton*, by answering the said notice, must be held to have acquiesced in the legality of said service, notwithstanding the protest contained in his said answer, and that he cannot be allowed the benefit of both answering and denying the service of notice; and your Petitioners also submit that, under the circumstances, the said notice has been served in accordance with the spirit and intention of the Law; and that to hold otherwise, would enable any Member, whose return had been illegally and unwarrantably procured, to prevent all inquiry, by removing himself and his family from his place of residence on the day before the result of the Election is determined by the Returning Officer, and keeping himself secreted for a period of fourteen days thereafter, inasmuch as no provision exists for serving the notice before the declaration day: Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray, that the said notice may be deemed to have been duly served, as required by Law; and this, our Petition, be received by your Honorable House—and that your Honorable House will be pleased to take the premises into consideration, and to find and declare for the reasons, grounds and causes aforesaid, that the said *Francis Henry Burton* was not duly elected and returned; and that the said *John Shuter Smith* was duly elected, and ought to have been returned as the Member to represent and serve the said East Riding of the County of *Durham* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province; and to order that the name of the said *Francis Henry Burton* be erased from the return made of the said *Francis Henry Burton*, by the said Returning Officer, and the name of the said *John Shuter Smith* inserted in the room, place and stead of the name of the said *Francis Henry Burton*, or to declare said Election and return of the said *Francis Henry Burton* to be null and void, and to direct a new Writ to issue for the Election of a Member to serve and represent the said

East Riding of the County of *Durham* in the said Legislative Assembly; and to grant unto your Petitioners such other and further relief as to your Honorable House shall seem meet.

Of *John J. C. Abbott*, of the City of *Montreal*, setting forth:—That at the last Election of a Member to serve in your Honorable House, for the County of *Argenteuil*, held in the said County, in the month of December last past, your Petitioner was a Candidate for the Representation of the said County, and then was and now is an Elector of the said County duly qualified to vote at the said Election, and that *Sydney Bellingham*, of *Saint Catherines*, near *Montreal*, aforesaid, Esquire, was also a Candidate at the said Election, and was, on the fourth day of January instant, proclaimed duly elected to serve in Parliament as Member of your Honorable House for the said County: That on the day of Nomination of Candidates, at the said Election and before a Poll was granted, the said *Sydney Bellingham* was personally required by a duly qualified Elector of the said County to make the Declaration of Qualification, required by the twenty-eighth section of the Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, intituled, “An Act to re-unite the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*,” and by the forty-eighth section of the Elections Act of one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine; but that, notwithstanding such requirement, and the obligations imposed upon the said *Sydney Bellingham* by the said Acts, he did not, at any time before or during the said Election, deliver such Declaration made and attested, as required by the said Acts, to the Returning Officer for the said County, at the said Election, or cause such Declaration to be delivered to him: That the lands and tenements described in a paper-writing, delivered by the said *Sydney Bellingham* in a closed envelope to the said Returning Officer, during or before the said Election, purporting to be such Declaration of Qualification, did not and do not constitute a legal or sufficient qualification to render the said *Sydney Bellingham* capable of being elected a Member of your Honorable House; inasmuch as he, the said *Sydney Bellingham*, was not, during the said Election, or at the time of the delivery of the said paper-writing to the said Returning Officer, duly seized or possessed of the said lands and tenements for his own use and benefit; and inasmuch, also, as the said lands and tenements were not and are not of the value of five hundred pounds of sterling money of *Great Britain*, over and above all rents, mortgages, and incumbrances charged upon or due, and payable out of or affecting the same; and inasmuch, also, as the said *Sydney Bellingham* collusively and colorably became possessed of the said lands and tenements, or of part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying him to be returned a Member of your Honorable House: That, in fact, at the time of the said Election, the said *Sydney Bellingham* was not duly qualified to be returned a Member of your Honorable House; inasmuch as he was not, at the said time, possessed of the Property Qualification required for such Member, by the Statutes in such case made and provided: That on the twenty-ninth and thirtieth days of December last past, on which days the Poll for the said Election was held, the authorized agents and partizans of the said *Sydney Bellingham*, by menaces and intimidation of a nature to deter any prudent man from voting, and by actual violence, did, at the several Polls held on the said days, in that part of the Parish of *St. Jérôme*, lying within the said County, and in the Townships of *Gore*, *Wentworth*, and *Harrington*, prevent divers duly qualified Electors of the said County, desirous of recording their votes for your Petitioner, from so doing: That on the said days the authorized agents and partizans of the said *Sydney Bellingham*, by unlawful force and premeditated violence, took entire possession of the Polling-place in the said part of the said Parish of *St. Jérôme*, and unlawfully, and by force and arms, prevented all duly qualified Electors of the said County.

desirous of recording their votes for your Petitioner from entering the said Polling-place, notwithstanding that several of such Electors presented themselves at the said last mentioned Polling-place and endeavoured to obtain admission therein: That the portion of the Parish of *St. Jérôme* composed of the *Cotes St. Joseph, St. Eustache, Ste. Marguerite* and *Ste. Angélique*, being the portion thereof included in the said County, does not contain one hundred proprietors of lands or tenements qualified to vote at the said Election, and that by law no Polling place could be opened for the said portion of the said Parish of *St. Jérôme*, but that in fact a Poll was illegally opened and held in the said Parish of *St. Jérôme* for the said Election, for the said Parish and for the Inhabitants thereof generally, at which Poll persons from other portions of the said Parish than that included in the said County, were allowed to vote, and did vote for the said *Sydney Bellingham*, and that in fact no legal Poll was held for the said portion of the said Parish, or has been returned or sworn to by the Deputy Returning Officer for the said portion of the said Parish, or by the Poll Clerk thereof; and that such illegal opening and holding of the said Poll was contrived and caused by the agents and partizans of the said *Sydney Bellingham*, for his advantage, and contrary to law and justice: That the portion of the Township of *Morin*, comprised within the limits of the said County of *Argenteuil*, does not contain one hundred proprietors of lands or tenements qualified to vote at the said Election, and that by law no polling place for the said Election could be opened for the said portion of the said Township of *Morin*, but that in fact a Poll was illegally opened and held for the said Election in the said Township of *Morin*, and that such illegal opening and holding of the said Poll was contrived and caused by the agents and partizans of the said *Sydney Bellingham*, for his advantage, and contrary to law and justice: That on the said days, at the Polls held thereon in the said Parish of *St. Jérôme*, and in the Townships of *Morin* and of *Harrington*, the authorized agents and partizans of the said *Sydney Bellingham*, by unlawful force and premeditated violence and intimidation, prevented and obstructed your Petitioner's agents, by him in that behalf duly authorized in writing, from, and in acting as such, at the said last mentioned Polls: That the Deputy Returning Officers for the said part of the Parish of *St. Jérôme*, and for the Township of *Harrington*, being partizans of the said *Sydney Bellingham*, for the purpose of preventing all scrutiny of the votes to be there recorded for the said *Sydney Bellingham*, opened the Polls at the said last mentioned places on the said days, one hour and a half before the hour fixed for the opening of such Polls, and during the said hour and a half recorded on the Poll Books for the said places respectively, a large number of illegal votes for the said *Sydney Bellingham*: That the said irregularities, menaces, intimidation and violence, had a material effect adverse to your Petitioner upon the result of the said Election, and that the said irregularities, menaces, intimidation and violence, and particularly those committed and made use of at the Polls held for the said Elections in the Townships of *Gore* and *Morin*, and in the said Parish of *St. Jérôme*, were so committed and made use of in the presence of the said *Sydney Bellingham*, at his instigation, direct or indirect, and with his sanction, direct and indirect, and publicly expressed: That at the said Election, and at the Poll held for the purposes thereof, on the said twenty-ninth and thirtieth days of December last past, there were illegally recorded for the said *Sydney Bellingham* upon the Poll Books of the said Election, Six hundred and twenty-three illegal votes, by means whereof a colorable majority of the votes at the said Election appeared upon the said Poll Books to have been given for the said *Sydney Bellingham*, whereas in truth and in fact the majority of legal votes taken and recorded at the said Election were so taken and recorded for your Petitioner: That by reason of the premises and by Law, the Election and return of the said *Sydney Bellingham* are,

and each of them is wholly null and void, and that your Petitioner was duly elected, and ought to have been returned to serve in Parliament as Member of your Honorable House for the said County of *Argenteuil*: That in accordance with the provisions of the Act passed in the twentieth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to improve the mode of obtaining "evidence in cases of Controverted Elections," your Petitioner has, this day, given a notice in writing, in the manner prescribed by the said last-mentioned Act, to the said *Sydney Bellingham*, of your Petitioner's intention to contest his said Election, and in the said notice has specified particularly the facts and circumstances upon which he intends to contest the same, a copy of which notice, with an affidavit of the service thereof, are hereto annexed: Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays your Honorable House to take the premises into consideration, and to declare the said Election and Return of the said *Sydney Bellingham* wholly null and void, and that your Petitioner was duly elected, and ought to have been returned to serve in Parliament, as Member of your Honorable House, for the said County of *Argenteuil*; and that your Honorable House will order the return to the writ of Election issued for the said County to be amended accordingly, and afford your Petitioner such further, and other relief in the premises, as to your Honorable House shall seem fit.

Of *Jean Baptiste Guévremont*, of the Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, setting forth:—That at the period hereinafter mentioned, and for more than a year previous to the date of the Writ of Election hereinafter mentioned, your Petitioner was, and that he still is, duly qualified according to Law, to represent the County of *Richelieu*, in the Provincial Parliament of this Province, as a Member of the said Parliament: That on the nineteenth day of the month of December last, at the hustings, opened and kept at *Sorel*, the chief place of the said County of *Richelieu*, according to a Proclamation issued under the hand and seal of *P. R. Chevalier*, Esquire, of the Parish of *St. Ours*, in the said County of *Richelieu*, and by Law *ex-officio* Returning Officer of the said County, in pursuance of the Writ of Election directed and transmitted to him according to Law, for the Election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Province for the said County, your Petitioner became a Candidate, according to Law, at the said Election for the said County; as also did *Jacques Félix Sincennes*, Esquire, of the Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, in the County of *Richelieu*, in the said District, Gentleman, and in consequence thereof, and also according to Law, a Poll was held, being legally demanded, in the said County of *Richelieu*, at the places appointed by the Law relating to such Elections, on the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth days of December, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, for the purpose of recording the votes of the Electors in the said County, whether in favor of your Petitioner or in favor of the other Candidates, at the said Election: That, after the close of the voting according to Law, the Poll-books of the said County shewed, and still shew, apparently One thousand two hundred and four votes in favor of the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes*, and only One thousand one hundred and sixty-nine in favor of your Petitioner, shewing an apparent majority of thirty-five votes in favor of the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes*, and causing the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes* to be returned on the thirty-first day of December, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, as elected for the said County: That, nevertheless, this apparent majority was obtained only by a great number of votes being given in favor of the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes*, at the said Election, by persons unqualified to vote at the said Election, and by corrupt dealing, practised by the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes*, or on his behalf and for his benefit, directly or indirectly, towards and in respect of a great number of persons who also voted in your favor at the said Election, as will be more particularly shewn hereafter, and as your Petitioner can and will prove at the proper time and place: That in the fifteenth section of the Elections Act of One thousand

eight hundred and forty nine, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to amend, consolidate, and reduce into one Act, the several Statutory provisions now in force for the regulation of the Elections of Members to represent the People of this Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof;" it is, among other matters, enacted as follows: —And be it enacted, in and by the present section, which shall have force and effect in *Lower Canada* only, that for the purpose of voting under the provisions of this Act, the word 'Parish' shall be understood, wherever it occurs, in this Act, to include any tract of land which, at the date of the Writ of Election, shall be generally reputed to form a Parish, whether such tract have or have not been wholly or in part originally erected into a Parish, either by the Civil Authorities, or by a decree of the Ecclesiastical Authorities." That the entire tract of land known as the "*Concession du Grand St. Ours*" was, at the period of the date of the said writ of Election for the said County, and for a great number of years previously, that is to say, for more than thirty years, generally reputed to form a part of the Parish of *Contrecoeur*, in the County of *Verchères*, and did really form part thereof, and that therefore all the persons who may have been qualified, as holding any property or properties within the limits of the said "*Concession du Grand St. Ours*," to vote at the election of a Member of the said Parliament could not be, and in fact was not, under the Law last above cited, at the period of the date of the writ of Election for the election of a Member of the said Parliament to represent the said County of *Richelieu* so qualified to vote, save and except for the election of a Member of the said Parliament to represent the said County of *Verchères* in the said Parliament, in which said County of *Verchères* the said Parish of *Contrecoeur*, inclusive of the said "*Concession du Grand St. Ours*" is situated: Wherefore, and for the reasons above stated, inasmuch as all the real estate included within the said "*Concession du Grand St. Ours*" does not form any part of the said County of *Richelieu*, but is on the contrary a part of the said County of *Verchères*, all those persons, to the number of ninety-five, who voted at the said election of a Member to represent the said County of *Richelieu*, as being qualified, either as proprietors or as tenants or occupiers of real estate or estates situated within the limits of the said "*Concession du Grand St. Ours*" were not entitled so to vote, and did so vote contrary to law, and their respective votes are null and void and ought to be struck out of the Poll-book or Poll-books in which they were recorded in despite of the exclusion thereof by law and the objections made by your Petitioner at the time, or by others on my behalf, for the reasons which I have just enumerated: That the said ninety-five persons who so voted at the said election of a Member for the said County of *Richelieu*, grounding their qualifications on real estate or estates situated within the limits of the said "*Concession du Grand St. Ours*," did so vote in favor of the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes*, as the same can be verified by reference to the Poll-book or Poll-books in which those persons so recorded their votes in the said County of *Richelieu*: Here follow the names of the said persons who so voted in your favor at the said election of the said County of *Richelieu*, founding their qualifications on real estate situated in the said "*Concession du Grand St. Ours*," namely: *Grégoire Berthéaume, Pierre Angé, André Angé, Hyacinthe Angé, Michel Daviot, junior, Michel Daviot, senior, Charles Hughes, Marc Bourdon, Joseph Jusseaume, Raphael Beausoleil, Clément Jusseaume, Louis Quintal, André Angé, Joseph Daviot, Antoine Dumas, Charles Dumas, Jean Baptiste Perront, Joseph Mandeville, Paul Grenon, Jean Baptiste Duhamelle, Claude Mandeville, André Duhamelle, Joseph Pont-briand, Narcisse Leclaire, François Chapelaine, Simon Pin, Clément St. Onge, Pierre Duhamel dit Sansfaçon, Louis Menard, Édouard Potvin, Joseph Perront, Pierre Daviot, Pierre Dumas, Isidore Dumas, André Angé, junior, Joseph Leclaire, Bruneau Martin, Louis Martin, François Quiry,*

senior, *Clément Martin, Olivier Perront, Simon Jusseaume, Alexandre Aussant, François Hébert, Hyppolite Chapdelaine, François Lamontagne, Pierre Beaudreau, Paul Chapdelaine, Xavier St. Onge, senior, François Larivière, Antoine St. Jean, Louis Bourque, Antoine Chabotte, P. Antoine Leclerc, Jean Baptiste Bourque, Charles Dutremble, Louis Dumas, François Dutremble, Joseph Millette, Antoine Millette, Jacques Bourgeau, Joseph St. Jean, J. Baptiste Jusseaume, Clément Bisson, Jean Baptiste Chapdelaine, F. X. Gaudette, Augustin Jusseaume, junior, Placid Noël, Alexis Hubert, Jovide Berthieaume, Jean Baptiste St. Jean, François Menard, Louis Menard, Louis Angé, Antoine Duval, Joseph Duval, junior, Pierre Duval, Pierre Lefèvre, Jean Baptiste Prenon, Antoine St. Jean, Paschal Jean Lemonde, Joseph Moreau, Baptiste Martin, Joseph Belleval, Christophe Lemonde, Toussaint Menard, Joseph Belleval, Louis Caisse, J. Baptiste Jacques, Joseph Grenon, Edouard Viot, Etienne Berthieaume, Louis Gonzague Leblanc, Edouard St. Laurent, Joseph Rémond; the votes of which above-named persons appear in the Poll Book of the Parish of *St. Ours*, in the said County of *Richelieu*, under their respective numbers, to wit: 204, 205, 207, 208, 210, 211, 219, 221, 237, 238, 246, 250, 289, 355, 356, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 384, 389, 399, 411, 414, 415, 416, 435, 448, 450, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 470, 472, 492, 493, 521, 523, 522, 525, 526, 536, 537, 538, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 548, 559, 580, 585, 586, 587, 592, 593, 597, 598, 600, 603, 604, 605, 606, 609, 610, 611, 612, 623, 646, 647, 658, 662, 663, 669, 672, 685, 688, 691, 692, 694, 695, 717, 720, 729, 730, 734, 735, 739.*

That of the number of persons who voted, founding their qualification as aforesaid, on property situated in the said "*Concession du Grand St. Ours*," either as proprietors, tenants, occupiers, or usufructuaries, the persons whose names here follow, to wit:—*Marc Bourdon, Louis Angé, Pierre Daviot, Clément Bisson, Bruneau Martin, Clément Martin, François Quiry, senior; Joseph Belleval, Etienne Berthieaume*, already before-mentioned, were moreover not qualified at all to vote at the said Election for the said County of *Richelieu*, because they did not possess, either as proprietors, tenants, occupiers, or usufructuaries, any real estate of the real or yearly value required by Law, to qualify any person to vote at such Election: That in consequence of the nullity of the votes above mentioned to have been recorded in favor of the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes* in the said poll-book for the said Parish of *St. Ours*, the majority of legal votes given at the said Election for the said County, instead of being thirty-five in favor of the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes*, is sixty in favor of the said Petitioner: That, nevertheless, the votes, the nullity of which is shewn above, are not the only votes given for the said County of *Richelieu*, for the purpose of the said Election, but that two hundred and thirty other votes recorded in the said Poll-books in favor of the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes*, and given by the following persons, to wit:—*J. L. Lafontaine*, tenant, *Joseph Deviller*, tenant, *George Lavolette*, tenant, *Amable Brum*, proprietor, *Norbert Millette*, proprietor, *Clément Bowvier*, proprietor, *Adolphe Dorion*, tenant, *Jacques Beaulac*, tenant, *Clément Miller*, proprietor, *J. Baptiste Millette*, proprietor, *Joseph Boucher*, proprietor, *Joseph Cormier*, proprietor, *Norbert Leclerc*, tenant, *Joseph Mitivier*, proprietor, *Eusebe Bosquet*, proprietor, *Pierre Leblanc*, tenant, *François Harpin*, proprietor, *Michel Glutrey*, proprietor, *Olivier Cormier*, proprietor, *François Lamoureux*, proprietor, *Louis Anatole Trudeau*, proprietor, *Adolphe Lavolette*, tenant, *Joseph Cormier*, proprietor, *Alfred Ladebeauche*, tenant, *Joseph Roy*, tenant, *Cyprien Begin*, proprietor, *F. X. Desjarlais*, proprietor, *Joseph Faneuf*, tenant, *Jean Baptiste Bowvier*, tenant, *Cléophas Charbonneau*, tenant, *Joseph Le Claire*, proprietor, *Alexandre Laporte*, tenant, *Pierre Cormier*, proprietor, *François Authier*, tenant, *Joseph Gendron*, tenant, *Joseph Mathieu*, proprietor, *Alexis Dibois*, proprietor, *Louis Dutour*, proprietor, *Joseph Lamoureux*, proprietor, *Olivier Paquet*, proprietor, *Joseph Potvin*, proprietor, *Pierre Girard*, proprietor, *Joseph Larivière*,

proprietor, *F. X. Brault*, tenant, *Pierre Lamoureux*, proprietor, *J. Baptiste Larivière*, tenant, *Louis Thibeault*, proprietor, *Louis Lachambre*, tenant, *David Bonin*, proprietor, *Victor Gladu*, proprietor, *Alexis Grandfils*, proprietor, *Michel Mathier*, proprietor, *Jean Felix Leclaire*, proprietor, *Louis Bourque*, proprietor, *Pierre Charbonneau*, proprietor, *François Papillon*, tenant, *Joseph Begin*, proprietor, *Antoine Papillon*, tenant, *Paul Bernard*, tenant, *Theodule Lacouture*, proprietor, *François Marcant*, proprietor, *Edouard Migneau*, tenant, *Isidore Laporte*, proprietor, *Olivier Berthiaume*, proprietor, *André Lamoureux*, proprietor, *Arthur Faneuf*, tenant, *Antoine Delorme*, proprietor, *François Laporte*, proprietor, *Joseph Amillette*, proprietor, *Remy Langlois*, proprietor, *Louis Lavallée*, proprietor, *German Richard*, proprietor, *Antoine Anger*, proprietor, *Louis Amillette*, tenant, *François Quagny*, proprietor, *Joseph Vallé*, tenant, *Isidore Champagne*, proprietor, *Joseph Duverger*, proprietor, *François Charbonneau*, proprietor, *André Bousquet*, proprietor, *Néré Arpin*, proprietor, *Charles Thibault*, proprietor, *J. Baptiste Bousquet*, tenant, *Louis Faneuf*, tenant, *Charles Duverger*, proprietor, *Edouard Lavigne*, proprietor, *Pierre Bouvier*, proprietor, *Victor Leclaire*, proprietor, *Joseph Papillon*, tenant, *David Peltier*, proprietor, *Pierre Durivage*, proprietor, *Antoine Lamothe*, proprietor, *J. Baptiste Labossière*, proprietor, *Cyrille Larivière*, proprietor, *J. Baptiste Mandeville*, proprietor, *Jacques Salois*, junior, proprietor, *Pierre Bernard*, proprietor, *J. Baptiste Leblanc*, proprietor, *Louis Charpentier*, tenant, *Edouard Girouard*, proprietor, *Louis Fortier*, tenant, *Louis Morin*, proprietor, *J. Baptiste Francoeur*, tenant, *Antoine Gaudette*, proprietor, *Bruno Gaudette*, *Olivier Gervais*, proprietor, *Joseph Jacob*, proprietor, *François Bonin*, junior, proprietor, *André Ledoux*, tenant, *Joseph Menard Anger*, junior, proprietor, *Louis Trudeauau*, tenant, *Pierre Labossière*, junior, proprietor, *Joseph O'Coin*, proprietor, *Thomas Dupré*, proprietor, *Louis Perron*, proprietor, *Louis Allard*, proprietor, *Cyrille Vadéboncoeur*, proprietor, *Pierre Beaulac*, senior, tenant, *J. Baptiste Lamothe*, tenant, *Pierre Labossière*, senior, proprietor, *Amable Labossière*, proprietor, *Louis Menard*, proprietor, *Olivier Paquin*, proprietor, *Joseph Laviolette*, tenant, *Joseph Plante*, proprietor, *Jacob Allard*, proprietor, *Thomas Fontaine*, proprietor; which names are recorded in the said Poll Book of the said Parish of *St. Ours*, in the said County of *Richelieu*, under the respective numbers which follow, to wit:—6, 10, 20, 29, 34, 35, 36, 37, 42, 43, 49, 50, 55, 56, 57, 60, 72, 71, 76, 77, 87, 90, 92, 96, 102, 111, 116, 117, 124, 127, 130, 145, 147, 155, 156, 161, 165, 172, 192, 194, 198, 200, 214, 224, 247, 241, 272, 274, 279, 307, 315, 320, 321, 322, 327, 338, 344, 362, 378, 388, 390, 393, 407, 409, 422, 424, 425, 426, 438, 440, 442, 446, 461, 464, 465, 466, 471, 489, 490, 494, 495, 496, 498, 499, 502, 507, 508, 512, 518, 533, 534, 552, 555, 557, 567, 570, 577, 581, 589, 599, 622, 624, 631, 635, 638, 643, 645, 648, 649, 652, 656, 661, 666, 670, 671, 681, 686, 689, 690, 703, 708, 712, 714, 728, 732, 736, 745, 751, 752; likewise *Joseph Mondor*, proprietor, *Joseph Langlade*, tenant, *William Mountain*, proprietor, *Joseph Beauchemin*, tenant, *Joseph Marcoux*, proprietor, *Nazaire Guilloite*, proprietor, *Henry Ross*, tenant, *François Xavier Pagé*, tenant, *Antoine Derouin*, tenant, *Achille Lavigne*, tenant, *Joseph Cartier*, proprietor, *Constant Vigneau*, proprietor, *Paul Mercier*, tenant, *Theodore Marcotte*, proprietor, *Louis Monet*, proprietor, *Olivier Venet*, tenant, *François St. Germain*, proprietor, *Joseph Courchine*, tenant, *Narcisse Leblanc*, tenant, *Louis Ladebauche*, tenant, *Baptiste Lavallée*, tenant, *John Sheppard*, proprietor, *John Burroughs*, tenant, *Henry St. Germain*, tenant, *Honoré Barthe*, proprietor, *Olivier Letendre*, proprietor, *Benjamin Desilet*, tenant, *Baptiste Gaudette*, tenant, *Athanase Cournoyer*, tenant, *John Vidal*, proprietor, *Paul Ethier*, proprietor, *Richard Chaperonte*, tenant, *Norbert Parul*, proprietor, *Paul Leclaire*, tenant, *J. B. Archambeault*, tenant, *Zépharin Mathieu*, proprietor, *Alfred Douaire*, tenant, *J. Baptiste Vigneau*, tenant, *Edouard Crépeau*, proprietor, *Pierre Desjardins*, proprietor, *Joseph Dion*, proprietor, *Edouard Lanier*, tenant, *Joseph Girouard*, proprietor.

Vidal Beaudry, proprietor, *Philippe Gagné*, tenant, *Louis Boivin*, tenant, *Robert Godu*, tenant, *Léandre Chénévert*, tenant, *J. B. Labelle*, tenant, *Edouard Rientard*, tenant, *Adolphe Boucher*, tenant, *Joseph Laforêt*, proprietor, *Joseph Pagé*, proprietor, *J. B. Boisclair*, proprietor, *Paul Peloquin*, tenant, *Pierre Blette*, tenant, *Germain Richard*, tenant, *Antoine Potvin*, tenant, *Jean Richard*, tenant, *Joseph Dussault*, tenant, *J. G. Barthe*, tenant, *Pierre Dubois*, tenant, *Clément L'Évesque*, tenant, *Thémé Beaulac*, tenant, *Thomas Godreau*, tenant, *Charles Lavallée*, proprietor, *Thierry Blette*, tenant, *François Pouliot*, tenant, *Alexis Rouleau*, proprietor, *Herbert Lucanau*, proprietor, *Paul Leclair*, proprietor, *Clément Girard*, tenant, *Antoine Boisclair*, proprietor, *Antoine Thériault*, proprietor, *Zoël Beaulieu*, proprietor, *François Laviolette*, tenant, *Bazille Doucette*, tenant, *Antoine Potvin*, proprietor, *Jesse Messerney*, proprietor, *Pierre Lucas*, proprietor, *Charles Girouard*, proprietor, *Louis Denis*, tenant, *William Cross*, proprietor, *Joseph Royal*, tenant, *Éli Neveux*, proprietor, *Xavier Pouliot*, tenant, *Louis Rivet*, tenant, *John Rouleau*, tenant, *Alexis Lavallée*, tenant, *Joseph Pagé*, tenant, *Joseph Hogue*, tenant, *Noël Guillot*, proprietor, *Antoine Robitaille*, proprietor, *Seraphin Golin*, proprietor, *Maxime Lavallée*, proprietor, *Pierre Cartier*, tenant, *Michel Lavallée*, proprietor, *Eugène Lorion*, tenant, which said names are entered in the Poll-book of the Poll held in the Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, in the said County of *Richelieu*, under the following respective numbers, namely, 27, 56, 88, 110, 114, 122, 136, 174, 176, 178, 190, 204, 206, 218, 226, 228, 250, 258, 272, 296, 302, 306, 310, 332, 336, 374, 378, 384, 387, 391, 413, 431, 489, 507, 519, 523, 527, 533, 539, 559, 561, 563, 569, 587, 593, 597, 616, 619, 624, 627, 631, 668, 671, 687, 690, 699, 736, 744, 711, 712, 713, 752, 765, 767, 771, 777, 782, 794, 800, 816, 824, 830, 838, 842, 895, 902, 916, 918, 919, 942, 952, 956, 957, 958, 961, 963, 969, 974, 976, 983, 985, 986, 994, 1015, 1016, 1018, 1021, 1029, 1032, 1035, are also so many votes which are null, illegal, and which should, consequently, also be erased from the said Poll-books, as having been given by persons unqualified to vote at the said election either as proprietors, or usufructuaries, or as tenants, or as occupants of lands within the limits of the said County of *Richelieu*; the one portion of them having no real estate in the said County of *Richelieu*, at least of the value required by law, and others who voted as tenants within the limits of the said County were not really occupants, and were not tenants during the previous six months, with a lease for the time required by the Statutes now in force concerning the elections of members of the said Parliament, of property or properties within the extent of the said County, of sufficient value to qualify them according to law to vote at the said election of a Member to represent the said County of *Richelieu* in the said Parliament: That other persons, to the number of two, who did in like manner vote for the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes* at the said Election, namely—*Jacques Lamoureux*, *Narcisse Peloquin* entered in the said Poll-book of the Parish of *St. Ours*, in the said County of *Richelieu*, under the respective numbers 302 and 485, did so do without being qualified either as regards age, or in any other respect: That it also appears by the said Poll-book, that many persons, namely—*F. X. Lavistre*, *J. Baptiste Lamoureux*, *Didace Beaudreau*, *Jean Chapdelaine*, *Jos. Grenier*, *Joseph Duhamel*, *Calixte Girouard*, *Paul Leclair*, *Seraphin Gaudin*, did vote several times at the said Election for the said County of *Richelieu*, in favor of the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes*, this fact of voting more than once at the same election having the effect of rendering null all subsequent votes of persons who have already registered their votes: That it results from the grounds of complaint above enumerated, and your Petitioner purposes to establish by legal proof that the number of votes in favor of the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes* at the said Election is, and will be, diminished by at least one-fourth, which will have the effect of establishing, in favor of your Petitioner, a considerable majority of the legal votes recorded at the said Election, and will consequently cause your

Petitioner to be considered and declared the Member of Parliament legally elected by the said County of *Richelieu*, to represent the same in the said Parliament: That your Petitioner being, for the reasons above stated, desirous of having the said Election of the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes* set aside, as also the Return thereof, and for the purpose of contesting the said Election, and the said Return of the said Election of the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes*, did on the fourteenth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, between the hours of ten and eleven of the forenoon, cause to be served on the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes* a copy of the notice required by law, specifying the facts and circumstances hereinbefore enumerated as being the reasons and means on which your Petitioner intended to rely for contesting the said Election and the said Return of Election: That by reason of the absence of the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes* from his domicile on the thirteenth and fourteenth of January last, and from the fact that the said *Sincennes* did remain concealed, and did leave his house locked up and abandoned during those two days, in order to avoid the service on him of the said notice, with the forms, and in the manner prescribed by law, and from the fact that he, the said *Sincennes*, could not be found, notwithstanding all possible search and inquiries on the part of your Petitioner, and of the persons charged with making that service; the said service of the said notice on the said *Sincennes* was made by posting up a true copy of the said notice on the principal door of the domicile of the said *Sincennes*, in the Parish of *Sorel*; in the said District; another true copy on the principal door of the Church of the same Parish; another true copy on the Post Office of the same place, *Sorel*, and by leaving another true copy at the house of the nearest neighbour of the domicile of the said *Sincennes*, speaking at the last place to the neighbour himself in person, as the said service appears in the affidavits or returns of the said notice by *Prime Giroux*, residing in the Village of *Berthier*, in the District of *Montreal*, one of the Bailiffs of the Superior Court of *Lower Canada*, practising in and for the District of *Montreal*, *Eusebe Pelletier*, Painter, of the Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, in the County of *Richelieu*, in the District of *Montreal*, and *William Nelson*, Farmer, of the Parish of *Ste. Victoire*, in said District, all three being persons of education, in accordance with the spirit of the law, of more than twenty-one years of age, and of sound mind; which affidavits are annexed to the said notice of contestation of the said Election of the said *Sincennes*, and to which your Petitioner refers as forming part of these presents: That furthermore, subsequently, that is to say on the twentieth of January last, between the hours of nine and ten in the forenoon, your Petitioner did, by way of superogation, and in order to make known to the said *Sincennes* the said notice and its contents in a more certain manner, but without prejudice to the service already made, as above mentioned, procured a copy of the said notice to be served on the said *Sincennes*; but *Louis Malo*, of the said Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, being a person of education, according to the spirit of the Law, of discreet judgment, more than twenty-one years of age, speaking to the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes* in person, at his dwelling-house, in the said Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, as the same appears more at large in the affidavit or return of the said *Louis Malo*, to which your Petitioner refers, as forming a part of these presents: That the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes* did not, within the time appointed by Law, make an answer to the said notice, or at least that he did not cause any such answer to be served on your Petitioner: Wherefore, and for the reasons above alleged, your Petitioner prays that the said Election and return of the Election of the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes*, may be declared undue, illegal, null, and of no effect, and that they may be set aside and annulled. That the votes above enumerated, as having been offered and recorded in favor of the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes*, at the said Election, may be declared illegal now and of no effect that the said votes so recorded in favour of the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes* may be

struck out of the poll-books of the said Election; that the seat of the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes* in your Honorable House may be declared vacant; and, further, that your Petitioner may be declared to have the sole right and title to the said seat, and may be declared and considered to have been duly elected, and returned as elected, to represent the said County of *Richelieu* in the House of Commons of the Legislative Assembly of the Provincial Parliament of this Province, in the place and stead of the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes*; and your Petitioner further prayeth that the costs of this contestation of the said Election of the said *Jacques Félix Sincennes*, and of all other the proceedings relating thereto, as also the costs of these presents may be granted, or *distracts* in his favor.

Of *Arthur Rankin*, of the Township of *Sandwich*, in the County of *Essex*, Esquire, setting forth: That your Petitioner is, and was at the time of the Election of a Member of Your Honorable body, held for the said County of *Essex*, on the Twenty-fourth day of December last, an elector of the said County, duly qualified to vote at such Election, and also was a duly qualified Candidate at such Election: That your Petitioner claims to, and does contest the right of *John MacLeod*, of the Town of *Amherstburg*, in the County of *Essex*, Esquire, who was at such Election returned as Member for the County of *Essex*, to sit or vote as a Member of your Honorable House for the County of *Essex* in the ensuing Parliament, on the following grounds: First.—That the said *John MacLeod* had not a majority of the legal votes at the Election held for the said County, on the twenty-fourth day of December last past, but that your Petitioner had a majority of the legal votes, and ought to have been returned as the Member of the said County of *Essex* at the said Election: Secondly.—That after the closing of the Poll on the second day of January instant, being the second day of the polling at the said Election, and after the numbers of the Electors who had voted at the said Election in the Town of *Amherstburg* and Township of *Colchester*, had been declared by the Deputy Returning Officers for the Town of *Amherstburg* and Township of *Colchester*, a large number of spurious and fictitious votes were added on the Poll Books for the said Town and Township respectively, to the number of One hundred and fifty-three for the former, and One hundred and ninety-nine for the latter, and that by the means of such spurious and fictitious votes a colorable majority was obtained for the said *John MacLeod* at the said Election, whereas if such spurious and fictitious votes had not been added to the Poll-books in the said Town and Township, the majority would have been in your Petitioner's favor, and your Petitioner should have been, as your Petitioner ought to have been, declared duly elected: Thirdly.—That on the day of Nomination for the said Election the Returning Officer, *John McEwan*, Esquire, gave notice that the polling at the said Election would take place on the thirtieth day of December last, and afterwards, and after the said day of Nomination, changed the said day of polling without any public declaration thereof from the said thirtieth day of December to the thirty-first day thereof: Fourthly.—That there was no open, nor any declaration whatever, of the result of the said Election by the Returning Officer, as required by Law, nor was the said *John MacLeod* declared duly elected by the said Returning Officer, although the said Returning Officer surreptitiously and clandestinely executed an Indenture to the said *John MacLeod*, declaring the said *John MacLeod* to be the Member for the said County of *Essex*, for the said Legislative Assembly: Fifthly.—That your Petitioner had a majority of legal votes, and ought to have been declared elected: Sixthly.—That the Deputy Returning Officer for the Town of *Amherstburg* at the said Election illegally refused to take and record the votes of the persons named in the Schedule marked B, annexed to the notice of Protest served on the said *John MacLeod*, in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided, the said persons being duly qualified electors, who tendered their votes in favor of your Petitioner, one of the Candidates at the said Election, although the said persons then declared themselves ready and willing to take the

necessary oath or oaths of their qualification as such electors, which oath or oaths the said Deputy Returning Officer then refused to administer: Seventhly.—That the Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Colchester* at such Election, illegally refused to take and record the votes of the following persons, namely—*Michael Murphy, Harden Campbell, James Irwin* and *Jacob Cadaratt*, being duly qualified electors, who tendered their votes in favor of your Petitioner at the said Election, although the said persons then declared themselves ready and willing to take the necessary oath or oaths of their qualification as such electors, which oath or oaths the said Deputy Returning Officer then refused to administer: Eighthly.—That the said *John MacLeod*, being a Candidate at such Election, furnished as a gratuity one *William Partridge*, and one *Joseph Munger*, each with whiskey, with intent to corrupt or bribe each of them as electors, to vote for the said *John MacLeod*, at such Election: Ninthly.—That one *Pierre Laliberty*, one *Nelson Stevens*, one *Hutchinson*, of the Township of *Anderdon*, and one *Joseph Mason*, and one *Reuben Bentley*, and one *Joseph Graham*, were each, by the said *John MacLeod*, or his authorized agent or agents, given a gratuity, reward, or sum of money, with intent to corrupt or bribe each of them, as an Elector, to vote for the said *John MacLeod* at such Election: Tenthly.—That one *James Jessup*, that one *Pratt*, in the employment of the *Great Western Railway Company*, one *John Green*, one *Gregoire Monforton* and others, were at such Election threatened by the said *John MacLeod*, or his authorized agent or agents, with the loss of advantage and employment in their avocations respectively, with intent to keep each of them back from voting as electors for your Petitioner: Eleventhly.—That one *Joseph Renard*, one *James Jessup*, and one *John Hamilton*, being duly qualified electors at such Election, directly or indirectly, by the said *John MacLeod*, or his authorized agent or agents, were given promise of gratuity or reward, with intent to corrupt or bribe each of them as electors, to vote for the said *John MacLeod*, at such Election: Twelfthly.—That the said *John MacLeod*, during the said Election, and while a Candidate as aforesaid, used, and caused to be used violence, threats of violence and intimidation, and caused rioting at the Township of *Anderdon*, on the twenty-sixth, and at the Township of *Colchester* on the twenty-eighth, and at the Town of *Amherstburg* on the twenty-ninth day of December last, with a view to intimidation and to keep back voters at those several places from recording their votes for your Petitioner at such Election: Thirteenthly.—That the said *John MacLeod* and his authorized agents, caused the polling place at the Town of *Amherstburg* to be obstructed on the days during which the poll was held at that place, whereby one *Samuel Reilly* and others, duly qualified electors at that place, were prevented access to the said poll to vote for your Petitioner: Fourteenthly.—That the said *John MacLeod*, on Saturday, the second day of January instant, being the second day of polling in the said County, sent a number of persons from *Amherstburg* aforesaid, to the poll at the Township of *Sandwich*, to obstruct the said poll, and prevent duly qualified voters from free access thereto, which the said persons accordingly did, and thereby caused disturbance and rioting, and thereby prevented a large number of qualified electors from voting at the said poll: And your Petitioner claims that your Petitioner is at once entitled to be declared the sitting Member for the said County of *Essex*, by reason of the false and fraudulent addition of names on the Poll-books of the said Town of *Amherstburg* and the Township of *Colchester*; and that the said *John MacLeod* ought to be required to petition against your Petitioner's seat, if, after the establishing by your Petitioner of such fictitious and fraudulent votes, the said *John MacLeod* shall be advised so to do: Your Petitioner also claims that the votes given by the several persons named in the Schedule marked A, and annexed to the said notice and served therewith, should be struck off the poll as bad and illegal votes on the grounds of objection, or some or one of them set opposite their respective names;

and that your Petitioner has the majority of legal votes, and ought to have been returned as the Member for the said County of *Essex*: Your Petitioner therefore prays that your Honorable House will cause your Petitioner to be at once declared the sitting Member for the said County of *Essex*, and grant such further relief in the premises as to your Honorable House may seem meet.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Sydney Bellingham* be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Postmaster General of *Canada*, for the year and a-half, commencing 1st April, 1856, and ending 30th September, 1857.

For the said Report see Appendix (No. 1.)

The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment, which was, on Wednesday last, proposed to be made to the third paragraph of the Question :

“ That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, and for the expression of his happiness in meeting the Representatives of the *Canadian* people in this the first Session of a new Parliament:—and further to assure His Excellency, That when the last Session was closed in the month of June, we concurred with His Excellency in supposing that *England* was at peace with all the world, and that we learned with profound grief at that very time a fearful mutiny was raging in the heart of our Eastern Empire—a mutiny which for the moment seemed to peril all that we had won in *India*—whilst by the atrocities committed in its course, it roused the indignation of the whole civilized world.

“ That the people of *Canada*, as they have sympathized with the danger and the sufferings of their fellow subjects, do in like manner rejoice at the vigour which has checked this rebellion, and will appreciate the steadfast courage and perseverance which have distinguished our countrymen in the East, and feel that it is indeed a source of pride to the *British Colonies* that with *Havelock* and *Outram* is associated the name of *Inglis*, and that we have sent from *Canada* some who fell gallantly fighting at *Delhi* and *Lucknow*;—and that while we know that the issue of this struggle is in the hands of Providence, we believe, with His Excellency, that we may without presumption, anticipate success to our arms, and the firm establishment of *British* rule in *Hindustan*.

“ That we saw with anxiety, that towards the close of last year commercial relations both in *Europe* and in *America* had been very much disturbed. That we are fully aware that in these matters, the welfare of every country is more or less affected by the condition of others; and that an effectual remedy for such evils is therefore rarely to be found within the reach of any one community. We feel with His Excellency, that we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the prudence of our commercial men, and that we may be proud of the position of our Banks, inasmuch as they stand almost alone on this Northern Continent, in having continued to meet, without shrinking, their obligations to pay in specie. That we are nevertheless sensible that there is no doubt that the pressure has been, and still is, severe on our merchants, our landowners, and our farmers. That we believe there is no doubt, also, that much may be done to amend and improve our own commercial legislation. That we thank His Excellency for recommending these matters to our attention:—and that the expediency of assimilating the Commercial Law of *Upper* and *Lower*

" *Canada*,—the Law of Imprisonment for Debt, and the Law of Insolvency in
" *Upper Canada*,—the Law regarding Fraudulent Assignments and Preferences,
" and that relating to the Interest of Money in Commercial transactions of every
" kind,—shall receive our most earnest consideration ;—as shall also the revision
" of the Jury Law and the amendment and consolidation of the Municipal Law
" of *Upper Canada*.

" That we agree with His Excellency in thinking that there are no Statutory
" provisions more important to the country, than those which regulate the Fran-
" chise, and the trial of Controverted Elections, and in his opinion, that the
" present Acts require amendment ; that we shall not fail to do all in our power
" to improve and simplify the existing system, and that we believe, with His
" Excellency, that it would be expedient to secure, by Law, the proper Registra-
" tion and protection of all qualified Voters.

" That any measure which His Excellency may cause to be laid before us, for
" amending and simplifying the whole system of management of our Public
" Lands, and facilitating their occupation by industrious settlers, will receive our
" attentive consideration.

" That we rejoice with His Excellency that the number of Emigrants in the
" course of the year just ended was considerably in excess of that of the previous
" year.

" That we have much pleasure in learning that a large extent of territory in
" different parts of the Province has been surveyed for the purpose of immediate
" occupation. We concur with His Excellency in believing that experience has
" proved that the opening of Roads through the forest has much facilitated the
" settlement of our wild lands, and that by making these Roads on a system at
" once uniform and comprehensive, there is every reason to expect the best
" results from the aid granted by the Legislature.

" That we are convinced that the subject of the Fisheries in both sections of
" the Province is one which deserves our attention, and learn with satisfaction,
" that His Excellency believes they may be so dealt with, as hereafter to become
" a source of Revenue.

" That we are gratified to know that in *Lower Canada*, the Legislative changes
" made in the Judicial system have been brought into operation, and that His
" Excellency trusts that more ready access to Justice and the speedy termination
" of Civil Suits will be the result of these provisions.

" That we receive with much pleasure His Excellency's congratulations on the
" continued success of the *Canadian* Line of Steamers, and that we feel with
" him that they have already placed our intercourse with *Europe* on a new foot-
" ing, and look forward with pleasure to the establishment of a Weekly Line to
" the *St. Lawrence* during the next Summer.

" That we thank His Excellency for recommending to our notice the increasing
" value of the Lake commerce of *Canada*, and agree with him that our trade
" with *Chicago* and Western States promises to be important alike to the Upper
" and the Lower sections of the Province.

" That we learn with deep interest, that during the recess a correspondence
" has taken place with the Imperial Government and with the Sister Colonies of
" *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, in which the importance to Imperial interests
" of an Inter-colonial Railway and Military Road to *Halifax* has been pressed
" on the attention of the Home Government, and that we thank His Excellency
" for the assurance that this correspondence will be submitted for our consid-
" eration.

" That concurring entirely in His Excellency's opinion, that this Province has
" already gone to the utmost limit of pecuniary aid to the Grand Trunk Railway
" Company, we learn with the highest satisfaction that His Excellency entertains
" a confident expectation that such aid will prove sufficient to secure the advan-

"tages promised by the completion of its works; and we have no doubt that the community at large are fully sensible of the benefits derived from this great and important undertaking.

"That while we regret that the Commercial difficulties to which His Excellency has alluded, will be found to have effected our Revenue, we know that this was to be expected, and are thankful for his assurance that the diminution is such as to inspire no fears for the credit or the future prosperity of the Country.

"That we are convinced that we shall find that due economy has been used in the expenditure of the funds entrusted to the Executive Government, and that effectual supervision over the Public Accounts has been maintained by the Board of Audit. And that His Excellency may rest assured that such supplies as may be required for the Public Service will be cheerfully granted by us.

"That we thank His Excellency for the intimation that certain Correspondence in relation to the *Hudson's Bay* Company and its Territory, will be laid before us; as well as an answer to our Address presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of the Seat of Government. That with regard to the first of these subjects, His Excellency may rely on our giving our most serious consideration to the propositions made by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Company, and on our earnest endeavour to weigh well the bearing of these propositions on the interests and rights of *Canada*; and that we shall receive with much satisfaction the papers which His Excellency is pleased to say will be submitted to us, showing the steps taken by the Provincial Government for the assertion of those interests and rights, and for their future maintenance.

And which Amendment was, that the words "But this House cannot but regret that Your Excellency has not been advised to recommend, at the same time, a re-consideration of the Tariff, with a view to the adoption of a more equitable scale of duties, based on the *ad valorem* principle," be added at the end thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,
The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 9th March, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *Joseph Metsalabalet*, Chief, and others, of the *Abenakis* Tribe of Indians, residing at *Bécancoeur*.

By the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*,—The Petition of *Alexander Drysdale*, of the Township of *Garrafraxa*, in the County of *Wellington*, in that part of the Province of *Canada*, formerly called *Upper Canada*, Esquire; *Mathew Anderson*, of the Village of *Fergus*, in the said County and Province, Blacksmith; and *Samuel Broadfoot*, of the County aforesaid, Yeoman; three of Electors of the North Riding of the said County of *Wellington*.

By Mr. *Papineau*,—The Petition of *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, Esquire, Merchant; *Hilaire Allard*, Joiner; *François E. Dorion*, Gentleman, all three resid-

ng at the Village of *L'Avenir*, in the Township of *Durham*, in the County of *Drummond*; and *Pierre Nérée Dorion*, Esquire, Surveyor, residing at *Drummondville*, in the said County of *Drummond*.

By Mr. Price,—The Petition of *Stephen M. C. Taylor*, of the Village of *Plesisville de Somerset*, Merchant; *Pierre Chrysologue Pelletier*, of the Township of *Isabell*, Merchant; and *Ira B. Hall*, of the Township of *Ireland*, farmer.

By Mr. Dawson,—The Petition of *Robert Bell*, of the City of *Ottawa*, in the Province of *Canada*, Esquire.

By Mr. Dorion,—The Petition of *Leon Noël de Tilly*, co-Seignior of the Parish of *St. Antoine de Tilly*, in the County of *Lotbinière*.

By Mr. MacLeod,—The Petition of the Municipality of *Tilbury East*, County of *Kent*; and the Petition of the Municipality of *Romney*, County of *Kent*.

By Mr. Somerville,—The Petition of *Joseph Tallard* and others, of *Russelltown*, Parish of *St. Jean Chrysostôme*, County of *Chateauguay*; and the Petition of *W. Barrett* and others, of the Township of *Hemmingford*, County of *Huntingdon*.

By Mr. Baby,—The Petition of *Louis Bélanger* and others, of the Parish of *St. Simon*, County of *Rimouski*.

By Mr. Sherwood,—The Petition of *Alexander McLean*, of the Town of *Cornwall*, in the County of *Stormont*, Esquire; and the Petition of *Donald Campbell*, of the Township of *Osgoode*, County of *Carleton* and Province of *Canada*, Yeoman; *Robert Grant*, of the same place, Merchant; *Peter McNab*, of the same place, Esquire; *Duncan McLaren*, of the same place, Yeoman; *Moses Ethan Jobin*, of the same place, Yeoman; *Ira Morgan*, of the same place, Merchant; *John Savage*, of the Township of *Gloucester*, in the County and Province aforesaid, Yeoman; *Abraham Dosey*, of the Township of *Gloucester* aforesaid, Yeoman; and *Leonard Wood*, of the Township of *Gloucester* aforesaid, Esquire, duly qualified electors of the County of *Russell*.

By Mr. Sincennes,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *William Henry*.

By Mr. McKellar,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*.

By Mr. Dufresne,—The Petition of *Edward Scallon* and others, of the County of *Joliette*.

By Mr. Turcotte,—The Petition of *John McDougall*, of the City of *Three Rivers*, in the District of *Three Rivers*, in the Province of *Canada*, Esquire, Merchant.

By Mr. John Cameron,—The Petition of *John Boyd*, of the Town of *Simcoe*, Ironfounder; and of *John A. Axford*, of the Township of *Woodhouse*, Farmer, electors of the County of *Norfolk*; the Petition of *William Fitch* and *William Kerr Summer*, respectively of the Township of *Grimsbay*, in the County of *Lincoln*, electors of the said County of *Lincoln*; and the Petition of *Thomas Scott* and others, electors of the County of *Grey*.

By Mr. Simpson,—The Petition of *William A. Bald*, and others, of the Village of *Merrittville*, County of *Welland*.

By Mr. LeBoutillier,—The Petition of *James Shinick*, of *Percé*, County of *Gaspé*.

By the Honorable Mr. Smith,—The Petition of *Henry Ruttan*, of *Cobourg*, County of *Northumberland*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Macdonald,—The Petition of the *Kingston Board of Trade*.

By the Honorable Mr. Terrill,—The Petition of *John S. Holt*, of the West Parish of *St. Armand*, in the County of *Missisquoi*, *Lower Canada*, Esquire.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Christophe Préfontaine*, of the Parish and District of *Montreal*, a Candidate at the late Election for the County of *Verchères*, complaining of the Honorable Judge *Charles Mondelet*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

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And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*, seconded by Mr. *John Cameron*,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 10th March, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Aikens*,—The Petition of *Alexander Hamilton*, *James Ballantyne*, *Thomas Brown*, *John Ballantyne*, *James Robertson*, *Thomas Smith*, *Hugh McByres*, *Alexander Robertson*, and *James Simpson*, all of the County of *Perth*, Yeomen, whose names are subscribed thereto, duly qualified Electors.

By Mr. *Patrick*,—The Petition of the Town Council of *Prescott*.

By Mr. *MacLeod*,—The Petition of the Municipality of *Mersea*.

By Mr. *Cimon*,—The Petition of *Joseph Desgagners* and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de l'Isle aux Coudres*.

By Mr. *McKellar*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Chatham*; and the Petition of the Provisional Directors of the *St. Clair*, *Chatham*, and *Rondeau* Ship Canal Company.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—Two Petitions of *Jean Louis Beaudry*, *Thomas Morland*, and *Louis Marchant*, all three of the City of *Montreal*, in the Province of *Canada*, Esquires, Merchants, and residing in the said City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *H. Stephens* and others.

By the Honorable *Sidney Smith*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Cobourg*.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of *Charles François Fournier*, Esquire, of the Parish of *St. Jean Port Joli*, County of *L'Islet*, a Candidate at the late Election of a Member to represent the said County of *L'Islet* in the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*; *François Chalifour*, Yeoman, *Louis Gaspard Fortin*, Esquire, Surveyor, and *Joseph Chalifour*, Baker, all three of the Parish of *Notre Dame de Bonsecours de L'Islet*, Landowners and Electors, having a right to vote, and

being voters at the said late Election of a Member for the said County of *L'Islet*.

By Mr. *Simpson*,—The Petition of *Levi Rawson*, and others, of *Cleveland*, United States of *America*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *Edouard Noël de Tilly*, Yeoman, and *Zéphirin Béland*, Merchant and Yeoman, both of the Parish of *St. Antoine de Tilly*, in the County of *Lotbinière*.

By Mr. *Foley*,—The Petition of the Provisional Council of the County of *Bruce*.

By Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *James Pearson*, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Dorion*,—The Petition of *Marc Aurèle Plamondon*, Esquire, Advocate, *François Evanturel*, Esquire, Advocate, *Pierre Gabriel Huot*, Esquire, Notary Public, and *Henry J. Jamieson*, Esquire, all four of the City of *Quebec*, Candidates at the late Election to make choice of Representatives for the City of *Quebec*; the Petition of *François Evanturel*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, a Candidate at the late Election of a Member to represent the County of *Quebec* in the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*; the Petition of *Joseph Papin*, Esquire, Advocate, residing in the City of *Montreal*, in the District of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *Noël Chassé*, of the Parish of *St. Marie de la Beauce*, District of *Quebec*, Esquire, Notary Public, a Candidate at the late Election of a Member to represent the County of *Beauce*.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of *Louis Octave Bernier*, of the Parish of *Chateau Richer*, in the District of *Quebec*, Esquire, Notary.

By Mr. *Archambeault*,—The Petition of *Joseph Piché* and others, of the Parish of *St. Roch*, County of *L'Assomption*.

By Mr. *Bellingham*,—The Petition of *Nathan Williams* and *Gilbert C. Field*, of the County of *Lincoln*.

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of *Joseph K. Dean*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, Gentleman.

By Mr. *Mowat*,—The Petition of *John Gordon Brown*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, Gentleman.

By Mr. *Wallbridge*,—The Petition of *Owen R. Ketcheson*, *Ira Haskins* and *Amos Ketcheson*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Lochaber*, County of *Ottawa*; praying for aid to erect Bridges in the said County.

Of Mrs. *Geneviève Lémerise*, widow of the late *Charles P. D. Olivier*; praying that the pension at present allowed her may be increased.

Of *Jean Baptiste Renaud* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for certain amendments to the Act, 13 and 14 *Vic.*, cap. 28, to provide for the formation of Incorporated Joint Stock Companies for manufacturing, mining, mechanical, or chemical purposes.

Of *Joseph Hamel* and others, Land Surveyors of *Lower Canada*; praying for an Act of incorporation.

Of the Library Association and Mechanics' Institute of *Sorel*; praying for aid.

Of *Louis Proulx* and others, Mariners, navigating the River *St. Lawrence* between *Quebec* and *Montreal*; praying that measures may be adopted to determine the number of Bushels which a Chaldron of Coal shall contain.

Of *Robert Bowers* and others, of the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*; praying for certain amendments to the Division Courts Act.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Elderslie*; praying that the location of the County Town of *Bruce* may be referred to the Governor General in Council for final decision.

Of *Théophile Girouard*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. Eusèbe de Stanfold*, County of *Arthabaska*,—and of the Reverend *N. Pelletier*, Curé, and others, of the Village of *Princeville*, County of *Arthabaska*; praying that the Village of *Princeville*, in the Township of *Stanfold*, may be substituted as the chief place of the Judicial District of *Arthabaska*, instead of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*.

Of the Mechanics' Institute of *St. Vincent de Paul*; praying for aid.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Prince Edward*; praying for certain amendments to the New Municipal Bill.

Of the Town Council of Town of *Picton*, County of *Prince Edward*—and of the Town Council of the Town of *Port Hope*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal and Assessment Acts of Upper Canada.

Of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of the Parish of *St. Antoine de la Baie*; praying for aid.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Orford*; praying that no Act may be passed conveying the privilege to *S. C. Clarke* to erect a dam across the River *St. Francis*, unless provision is made to secure the rights of the inhabitants of the Township.

Of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of *Montreal*; praying for aid.

Of *La Communauté des Révérendes Sœurs de la Charité*, of the City of *Ottawa*; praying for aid.

Of Messrs. *A. L. Hutchinson & Company* and others, of *Milwaukie, United States of America*,—and of *George Watson* and others, of *Chicago, United States of America*; praying that the *Welland Canal* may be enlarged.

Of the Polytechnic Institute of *Montreal*; praying for aid.

Of the Male Orphan Asylum of *Quebec* in connection with the Church of *England*; praying for aid.

Of the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*; praying for aid.

Of the Very Reverend *J. M. Bruyère*, Vicar General of the Diocese of *Toronto*; praying for aid in behalf of the Asylum known as the House of Providence, in the City of *Toronto*.

Of *William Bristow*, Esquire, *Casimer F. Papineau*, Esquire, Notary Public, and *Vincelas Paul Wilfred Dorion*, Esquire, Advocate, all three residing in the City of *Montreal*, in the District of *Montreal*, setting forth:—That your Petitioners were all at the different time and times hereinafter mentioned, electors duly qualified as such according to the laws in force in this Province, to vote as proprietors and as tenants of real estate situate in the said City of *Montreal*, at the election of three Members to represent the said City of *Montreal* in the Parliament of this Province, which Election has lately taken place in the said City of *Montreal*, in virtue of a writ issued for that purpose, and bearing date at *Toronto*, on the twenty-eighth day of November last past, addressed to *John Boston*, Esquire, Sheriff for the District of *Montreal*, and *ex officio* Returning Officer for the said City of *Montreal*, which Election terminated on the twenty-eighth day of December last past, at noon, by the proclamation which the said Returning Officer then made, that *John Rose*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire, Solicitor General for *Lower Canada*, was one of the Members elected to represent the said City of *Montreal*, in the said City of *Montreal*, in the said Parliament: That the said Petitioners, as such electors, have reason to complain, and do hereby complain, that the said election of the said *John Rose*, and the return which the said Returning Officer has made of the said Election, are irregular, illegal and null, and your Petitioners are entitled to claim that the said Election and the said return be annulled and set aside, for the following reasons, to wit:—1stly.—Because the Election of the said *John Rose* was carried through bribery and corruption, and that before, during and since the said Election, he has directly and indirectly, under divers pretences, and through his authorized agents, friends,

and other parties employed and engaged in promoting his said Election, paid and caused to be paid to a great number of the electors of the said City of *Montreal*, with the intent of corrupting and bribing the said electors, divers large sums of money, with a view to induce them to vote for him at the said Election, and that he has thereby obtained the votes of a large number of the electors of the said City of *Montreal*, who otherwise would not have voted for him, and which votes gave him a majority over *Luther H. Holton*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire, one of the Candidates at the said Election. 2ndly.—Because a great many of the electors of the said City of *Montreal*, and a great many other persons who were not electors, were induced to vote, and have voted for the said *John Rose* at the said Election, by the promises that were made and held out to them by himself, his authorized agents, friends, and other parties engaged and employed in promoting his Election, that they would be paid and rewarded for their votes, and by the promises that were made to them of some office, employment and other advantages, and that the number of votes so illegally obtained by him greatly exceeds the majority of votes he had over the said *Luther H. Holton*, one of the Candidates at the said Election. 3rdly.—Because a great many of the electors of the said City of *Montreal*, and other persons who were not electors, were induced to vote for the said *John Rose* at the said Election, by the threats that were made to them by himself, his authorized agents, friends, and persons employed and engaged to promote his Election, that they would lose their offices, employments, salaries, income and other advantages, and that the number of votes that he so illegally obtained exceeds the number of votes which he obtained at the said Election over those recorded at the said Election in favor of the said *Luther H. Holton*. 4thly.—Because a great many of the electors of the said City of *Montreal* were paid by the said *John Rose*, his authorized agents, friends, and other persons employed and engaged in promoting his Election, to induce them, and they have thereby been induced to abstain from voting at the said Election for the said *Luther H. Holton*, and the number of qualified electors who have been induced by such payment to abstain from voting for the said *Luther H. Holton* at the said Election, was sufficient to give to the said *Luther H. Holton* a majority of votes at the said Election, had they been allowed to record freely their votes in his favor. 5thly.—Because a great many of the electors of the said City of *Montreal* were, by promises made and held out to them by the said *John Rose*, his authorized agents, friends, and other parties employed and engaged to promote his election, of money or of the loan of money, office, employment, gratuity or reward, induced to abstain from voting at the said Election for the said *Luther H. Holton*. 6thly.—Because a great many electors of the said City of *Montreal* were, by threats that were made to them previous to, and pending the said Election, by the said *John Rose*, his authorized agents, his friends, and other parties employed and engaged in promoting his Election, that they would lose their offices, salaries, employment or other advantages, induced to abstain from voting at the said Election, would have given a majority of votes to the said *Luther H. Holton*, over the number recorded in favor of the said *John Rose*. 7thly.—Because by threats of personal violence and of criminal prosecution, and of law suits which were made by the said *John Rose*, his authorized agents, his friends, and other parties employed and engaged to promote his Election, with the intent to intimidate, a number of the said electors were induced to vote for him at the said Election, and a number of the said electors were induced to abstain from voting for the said *Luther H. Holton*, whereby he, the said *John Rose*, obtained a large number of votes exceeding the majority he has obtained at the said election over the said *Luther H. Holton*, and the said *Luther H. Holton* was deprived of a number of votes which would have been sufficient to give him a majority of votes over the said *John Rose*. 8thly.—Because the said *John Rose*, his authorized agents, friends, and other parties engaged to promote his

Election, have opened and supported, and caused to be opened and supported at his costs and charges, in the said City of *Montreal*, previous to, and during the said Election, and more particularly on the twenty-first and twenty-second days of December last, houses of Public Entertainment, for the accommodation of the electors favorable to his Election, where liquor and intoxicating drink were furnished and distributed freely to the electors at his expense, and at the expense of such authorized agents, friends, and other parties engaged in promoting his said Election. 9thly.—Because a number of persons were engaged by him, his authorized agents, his friends, and other parties employed to promote his Election, for the illegal purpose of taking possession of the different Polling-places, and of preventing the electors favorable to other Candidates to vote at such Election, and that on the twenty-first and on the twenty-second days of December last, the parties so employed did take possession of several of the Polls held in the said City of *Montreal*, and of the access thereto, and more particularly of the Polls number one, two and three, in the *St. James* Ward, and numbers one and two of the *St. Lawrence* Ward, and that they kept possession of the said Polls during a portion of each of the said two days, and thereby, and by threats and violence, prevented from voting for the said *Luther H. Holton* a large number of electors favorable to the Election of the said *Luther H. Holton*, and whose votes would have given to the said *Luther H. Holton* a majority of votes at the said Election. 10thly.—Because several of the Deputy Returning Officers have acted with partiality in refusing to record a great many votes tendered at the said different Polls for the said *Luther H. Holton*, by electors duly qualified to vote at the said Election, and that the votes so refused would have given a majority of votes to the said *Luther H. Holton*, had they not been refused by the said Deputy Returning Officers. 11thly.—Because a great many persons not qualified to vote at the said Election have caused their votes to be recorded and enregistered for the said *John Rose* at the said Election, and amongst others, a great many persons who were not British subjects by birth or naturalization, a great many others who had not yet attained the age of twenty-one years, and a great many others who were not proprietors of real estate, and who voted as proprietors, and a great many others who were not either proprietors nor tenants in the said City of *Montreal*, and also a large number of other persons who had not been possessed, either as proprietors or as tenants, of real estate in the said City of *Montreal* of a sufficient value, or during a sufficient period before the said Election, to entitle them to vote at the said Election, and who had no qualification whatsoever to vote, and that the number of votes that he, the said *John Rose*, so obtained of unqualified electors exceeds the majority of votes which he has obtained at the said Election over the said *Luther H. Holton*. 12thly.—Because a great many persons voted several times for the said *John Rose* at the said Election. 13thly.—Because a great number of Public Officers disqualified by law to vote at the said Election have voted for him, the said *John Rose*. 14thly.—Because a large number of persons who have been engaged by him, and on his behalf, to act as Counsels, Agents, Attorneys, Clerks, and in other capacities, at the different Polling-places in the said City of *Montreal* and elsewhere, during the said Election, for the purpose of forwarding his Election, and who have received payment, and who were thereby disqualified to vote, have nevertheless voted for him at the said Election. 15thly.—Because the said *John Rose* had not the majority of the legal votes enregistered in the different Poll Books at the said Election, and because *Luther H. Holton* had the majority of the legal votes given at the said Election. 16thly.—Because the said *Luther H. Holton* having obtained the majority of the votes of the legally qualified electors of the said City which were given at the said Election, ought to have been proclaimed duly elected to Represent the said City of *Montreal* in Parliament: That for the above reasons the said Election of the said *John Rose* is irregular, illegal, null and void, as well as

the return of the same made by the said Returning Officer, and so ought to be declared by your Honorable House, and that the said *Luther H. Holton* was duly elected at the said Election and ought to have been declared elected by the said Returning Officer, instead of the said *John Rose*: That your Petitioners, for the purposes of their present Election Petition, and of the Contestation of the said return and Election of the said *John Rose*, have given to the said *John Rose* notice of their intention to contest his said Election and the return thereof, by serving on him a copy of the said notice, on the eleventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, and that they have, moreover, furnished the security required by law to enable them to contest the said Election: Wherefore your said Petitioners pray your Honorable House to cause an inquiry to be made in the form and mode provided by law, into the facts and grievances above mentioned, and upon such inquiry to declare and decide that the said Election of the said *John Rose*, and the return thereof which has been made by the said Returning Officer, are irregular, illegal, null and void, and also to declare and decide that the said *Luther H. Holton* was duly elected at the said Election as one of the Members to represent the said City of *Montreal* in the said Provincial Parliament, and that it be ordered that the name of the said *John Rose* be struck out and erased from the return made by the said Returning Officer for the City of *Montreal*, and that the name of the said *Luther H. Holton* be inserted in the said Return in lieu of that of the said *John Rose*, and, further, that your Honorable House may on the present Election Petition otherwise adjudicate and order, as in the opinion of your Honorable House may seem best calculated to do justice to the complaint of your Petitioners; the whole, with costs, against the said *John Rose*.

Of *Christophe Préfontaine*, of the Parish of *St. Marc*, County of *Verchères*, District of *Montreal*, Yeoman, setting forth:—That he was one of the Candidates at the last Election which took place in the County of *Verchères* of a Member to represent the said County in your Honorable House, and that he was an elector in the said County, and duly qualified to vote at the said Election: That the said Election, which took place under a writ dated at *Toronto* the twenty-eighth day of November last, was closed on the twenty-sixth day of December last by the declaration then made by the Returning Officer for the said County, declaring the Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* elected by a majority of thirty-six votes over your petitioner: That with a view to contest the said Election, your Petitioner did, on the seventh of January last, serve on the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, in the manner provided by law, a notice of his intention to contest the said Election, specifying the facts and circumstances on which your Petitioner intended to base his contestation: That on the nineteenth day of January last your Petitioner received the Honorable *George Etienne Cartier's* answer to his notice of contestation: That on the twenty-second day of January last your Petitioner gave the recognizance required by law for the purposes of the said contestation: That on the twenty-second day of January last your Petitioner presented to the Honorable *Charles Mondelet*, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court for *Lower Canada*, residing at *Montreal*, a Petition setting forth the facts above stated, and praying the said Honorable Judge to hear evidence on all the matters of fact specified in the contestation and in the answer thereto, and to appoint a time and place for proceeding therein: That your Petitioner did, at the same time, lay before the said Honorable Judge a copy of the petition he intended to present to your Honorable House against the said election, a copy of the attested notice served on the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* as before mentioned, and of the affidavit in proof of the said service, a copy of the answer given by the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* to the said notice of contestation, together with the recognizance and the affidavit of sufficiency on the part of the sureties as required by the Election Petitions Act of eighteen hundred and

fifty-one : That the said Honorable Judge *Mondelet* has not appointed a time and place for proceeding to take evidence as he was required, and as the law commands, but that he took your Petitioner's petition into consideration, and that on the twenty-fifth day of January last he notified your Petitioner that he did not purpose fixing a time and place for taking evidence on the matters of fact mentioned in the said notice of contestation, and in the answer of the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, and that he has not, since that time, made any order in the matter of the said petition of your Petitioner, nor fixed any day for receiving the evidence, and that he has not sent to the Chief Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, as required by law, the recognizance and the copy of the petition filed with him as aforesaid, and which have been before him since the twenty-second day of January last : That in consequence of the refusal on the part of the said Honorable Judge *Mondelet* to carry out the law, both by refusing to take evidence on the matters of fact contained in the notice of contestation above-mentioned, and by neglecting to send to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly the recognizance and copy of the petition laid before him as before mentioned, your Petitioner is unjustly and unlawfully exposed to lose his right of contesting the said election : Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays that your Honorable House may be pleased to take this his petition into consideration, and command whatever in your wisdom, and in the exercise of the privileges of your Honorable House, may be deemed conformable to the ends of justice, and necessary, in order to prevent your Petitioner from being unjustly and unlawfully deprived of a right which the law allows him.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment, which was, on Wednesday last, proposed to be made to the third paragraph of the Question,

“That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for His Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, and for the expression of his happiness in meeting the Representatives of the Canadian people in this the first Session of a new Parliament :—and further to assure His Excellency—That when the last Session was closed in the month of June, we concurred with His Excellency in supposing that *England* was at peace with all the world, and that we learned with profound grief that at that very time a fearful mutiny was raging in the heart of our Eastern Empire—a mutiny which for the moment seemed to peril all that we had won in *India*—whilst by the atrocities committed in its course, it roused the indignation of the whole civilised world.

“That the people of *Canada*, as they have sympathized with the danger and the sufferings of their fellow-subjects, do in like manner rejoice at the vigour which has checked this rebellion, and will appreciate the steadfast courage and perseverance which have distinguished our countrymen in the East, and feel that it is indeed a source of pride to the *British Colonies* that with *Havelock* and *Outram* is associated the name of *Inglis*, and that we have sent from *Canada* some who fell gallantly fighting at *Delhi* and *Lucknow* ;—and that while we know that the issue of this struggle is in the hands of Providence, we believe, with His Excellency, that we may without presumption, anticipate success to our arms, and the firm establishment of *British* rule in *Hindustan*.

“That we saw with anxiety, that towards the close of last year commercial relations both in *Europe* and in *America* had been very much disturbed. That we are fully aware that in these matters, the welfare of every country is more or less affected by the condition of others ; and that an effectual remedy for such evils is therefore rarely to be found within the reach of any one community. We feel with His Excellency, that we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the prudence of our commercial men, and that we may be proud of

“ the position of our Banks, inasmuch as they stand almost alone on this Northern Continent, in having continued to meet, without shrinking, their obligations to pay in specie. That we are nevertheless sensible that there is no doubt that the pressure has been, and still is, severe on our merchants, our landowners, and our farmers. That we believe there is no doubt, also, that much may be done to amend and improve our own commercial legislation. That we thank His Excellency for recommending these matters to our attention:—and that the expediency of assimilating the Commercial Law of *Upper and Lower Canada*,—the Law of Imprisonment for Debt, and the Law of Insolvency in *Upper Canada*,—the Law regarding Fraudulent Assignments and Preferences, and that relating to the Interest of Money in Commercial transactions of every kind,—shall receive our most earnest consideration;—as shall also the revision of the Jury Law and the amendment and consolidation of the Municipal Law of *Upper Canada*.

“ That we agree with His Excellency in thinking that there are no Statutory provisions more important to the country than those which regulate the franchise, and the trial of Controverted Elections, and in his opinion, that the present Acts require amendment; that we shall not fail to do all in our power to improve and simplify the existing system, and that we believe, with His Excellency, that it would be expedient to secure, by law, the proper Registration and protection of all qualified Voters.

“ That any measure which His Excellency may cause to be laid before us, for amending and simplifying the whole system of management of our Public Lands, and facilitating their occupation by industrious settlers, will receive our attentive consideration.

“ That we rejoice with His Excellency that the number of Emigrants in the course of the year just ended was considerably in excess of that of the previous year.

“ That we have much pleasure in learning that a large extent of territory in different parts of the Province has been surveyed for the purpose of immediate occupation. We concur with His Excellency in believing that experience has proved that the opening of Roads through the forest has much facilitated the settlement of our wild lands, and that by making these Roads on a system at once uniform and comprehensive, there is every reason to expect the best results from the aid granted by the Legislature.

“ That we are convinced that the subject of the Fisheries in both sections of the Province is one which deserves our attention, and learn with satisfaction, that His Excellency believes they may be so dealt with, as hereafter to become a source of Revenue.

“ That we are gratified to know that in *Lower Canada*, the Legislative changes made in the Judicial system have been brought into operation, and that His Excellency trusts that more ready access to Justice and the speedy termination of Civil Suits will be the result of these provisions.

“ That we receive with much pleasure His Excellency’s congratulations on the continued success of the *Canadian* Line of Steamers, and that we feel with him that they have already placed our intercourse with *Europe* on a new footing, and look forward with pleasure to the establishment of a Weekly Line to the *St. Lawrence* during the next Summer.

“ That we thank His Excellency for recommending to our notice the increasing value of the Lake Commerce of *Canada*, and agree with him that our trade with *Chicago* and Western States promises to be important alike to the Upper and the Lower sections of the Province.

“ That we learn with deep interest, that during the recess a correspondence has taken place with the Imperial Government and with the Sister Colonies of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, in which the importance to Imperial interests

“ of an Inter-colonial Railway and Military Road to *Halifax* has been pressed
 “ on the attention of the Home Government, and that we thank His Excellency
 “ for the assurance that this correspondence will be submitted for our consider-
 “ ation.

“ That concurring entirely in His Excellency’s opinion, that this Province has
 “ already gone to the utmost limit of pecuniary aid to the Grand Trunk Railway
 “ Company, we learn with the highest satisfaction that His Excellency entertains
 “ a confident expectation that such aid will prove sufficient to secure the advan-
 “ tages promised by the completion of its works; and we have no doubt that the
 “ community at large are fully sensible of the benefits derived from this great
 “ and important undertaking.

“ That while we regret that the Commercial difficulties to which His Excel-
 “ lency has alluded, will be found to have affected our Revenue, we know that
 “ this was to be expected, and are thankful for his assurance that the diminution
 “ is such as to inspire no fears for the credit or the future prosperity of the Country.

“ That we are convinced that we shall find that due economy has been used in
 “ the expenditure of the funds entrusted to the Executive Government, and that
 “ effectual supervision over the Public Accounts has been maintained by the Board
 “ of Audit. And that His Excellency may rest assured that such supplies as
 “ may be required for the Public Service will be cheerfully granted by us.

“ That we thank His Excellency for the intimation that certain Correspondence
 “ in relation to the *Hudson’s Bay* Company and its Territory, will be laid before
 “ us; as well as an answer to our Address presented to Her Most Gracious
 “ Majesty, on the subject of the Seat of Government. That with regard to the
 “ first of these subjects, His Excellency may rely on our giving our most serious
 “ consideration to the propositions made by Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for
 “ the Colonies to the Company, and on our earnest endeavour to weigh well the
 “ bearing of these propositions on the interests and rights of *Canada*; and that
 “ we shall receive with much satisfaction the papers which His Excellency is
 “ pleased to say will be submitted to us, showing the steps taken by the Provin-
 “ cial Government for the assertion of those interests and rights, and for their
 “ future maintenance.

And which Amendment was, that the words, “ But this House cannot but
 “ regret that Your Excellency has not been advised to recommend at the same
 “ time a re-consideration of the Tariff, with a view to the adoption of a more
 “ equitable scale of duties, based on the *ad valorem* principle,” be added at the
 end thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned
 Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Thibaudeau*, seconded by Mr. *Desaulniers*,
 The House adjourned.

Thursday, 11th March, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House—Returns from the Registrars of the
 County of *Stormont*, for the year 1856, and for the Counties of *Simcoe*,
Peterborough, *Wentworth*, *Norfolk*, *Wellington*, *Elgin*, *Durham*, *Lennox* and *Ad-
 dington*, *Essex*, *Northumberland*, *Huron* and *Bruce*, *Grey*, *Haldymand*, *Peel*,

Frontenac, Lincoln, York, and Welland, pursuant to the Act 16 Vic., cap. 187, sec. 9, for the year 1857.

For the said Returns, see Appendix (No. 5.)

Also, Accounts of the Trinity Houses of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, for the year ending 31st December, 1857.

For the said Accounts, see Appendix (No. 6.)

Also, Accounts of the Trustees of the *Montreal* Turnpike Roads, to 31st December 1857.

For the said Accounts, see Appendix (No. 7.)

Also, Return of the *British America* Assurance Company, to 30th June, 1857,—and Report of the Provident Life Assurance and Investment Company, for the year ending 31st August, 1857.

For the said Return and Report, see Appendix (No. 8.)

Also, Report of the Medical Superintendent of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum at *Toronto*, for the year 1857 ;—and Report and Statement of the affairs of *L'Hospice Saint Joseph de la Maternité de Québec*, for the year 1857.

For the said Reports, see Appendix (No. 9.)

Also, Statement of the affairs of the *Ontario, Simcoe, and Huron* Railroad Union Company, for the year ending 31st December, 1857,—and of the *Welland* Railway Company, to the 28th February, 1858.

For the said Statements, see Appendix (No. 10.)

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

By the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*,—Three Petitioners of the Municipal Council of the County of *Lambton* ; and the Petition of *Martin McKinnon* of the Township of *Vaughan*, County of *York*.

By Mr. *Christie*,—The Petition of *Elial Martin* and others.

By Mr. *Piché*,—The Petition of *François Xavier Dezy* and others, of the Parish of *La Visitation de l'Isle du Pads*, County of *Berthier*.

By Mr. *Cook*,—The Petition of *Lucas Feader* and others, of the Village of *Iroquois* and Township of *Matilda*, County of *Dundas*.

By Mr. *Mowat*,—The Petition of *Robert Brampton*, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Sincennes*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of *St. Ours*.

By Mr. *Hogan*,—The Petition of *Charles Roger*, of the Town of *Port Hope*, Editor.

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Eliza M. Massue* and others, Ladies Directresses of the Charitable Association of Catholic Ladies of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Webb*,—The Petition of the *Melbourne* Mechanics' Institute and Library Association.

By Mr. *Scatcherd*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex*.

By Mr. *LeBoutillier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Charles N. Boudreau* and others, of the *Magdalen Islands*.

By Mr. *Simpson*,—The Petition of *A. Chesebrough* and others, of *Sandusky, United States of America* ; the Petition of *E. P. Dorr* and others, of *Buffalo, United States of America* ; the Petition of Messieurs *Starr* and *Payne* and others, of *Erie, United States of America* ; and the Petition of *A. S. Page* and others, of *Oswego, United States of America*.

By Mr. *Tassé*,—The Petition of *F. L. Quenneville* and others, Pilots navigating the River *Ottawa*, and others, of the Parishes of *St. Martin* and *St. Laurent*.

By Mr. *Dorion*,—The Petition of Sister *M. J. Hainault dite Deschamps* and others, Sisters of Charity in charge of the General Hospital in the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Carling*,—The Petition of *David Glass*, Mayor, and others, of the City of *London*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *Joseph Metsalabalet*, Chief, and others, of the *Abenakis* Tribe of Indians, residing at *Bécancour*; praying to be allowed to concede their lands as other Tribes of Indians in this Province.

Of the Municipality of *Tilbury* East, County of *Kent*; and of the Municipality of *Romney*, County of *Kent*; praying for the passing of an Act authorising the construction of a Ship Canal to connect the waters of the River *St. Clair* with Lake *Erie*.

Of *Joseph Tallard* and others, of *Russelltown*, Parish of *St. Jean Chrysostôme*, County of *Chateauguay*; praying that all the lots from No. 5 to No. 12, inclusive, in the 14th Range, and the whole of the 5th Range of *Russelltown*, may be separated from the Parish of *St. Jean Chrysostôme*.

Of *W. Barrett* and others, of the Township of *Hemmingford*, County of *Huntingdon*; praying for the passing of an Act to separate the Township of *Hemmingford* into two separate Townships.

Of *Louis Bélanger* and others, of the Parish of *St. Simon*, County of *Rimouski*; praying aid for roads.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *William Henry*; praying for aid to improve the navigation of the River *Yamaska*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*; praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Laws of *Upper Canada*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*; praying that no Townships may be set apart from the County of *Kent*, to form part of any new County.

Of *William A. Bald* and others, of the Village of *Merrittville*, County of *Welland*; praying that the Village of *Merrittville* may be incorporated, to be called the Village of *Welland*.

Of *James Shinick*, of *Percé*, County of *Gaspé*; praying that a Superintendent of Roads may be appointed by the Executive, for the said County.

Of *Henry Ruttan*, of *Cobourg*, County of *Northumberland*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the proper Department to take surrenders of his present Patent, and to issue another Patent, embracing all his improvements, both on ventilating and the machine for warming the ventilating air in cold weather.

Of the *Kingston* Board of Trade; praying for certain amendments to the Usury Laws.

Of *Alexander Drysdale*, of the Township of *Garrafraxa*, in the County of *Wellington*, in that part of the Province of *Canada* formerly called *Upper Canada*, Esquire; *Mathew Anderson*, of the Village of *Fergus*, in the said County and Province, Blacksmith; and *Samuel Broadfoot*, of the Township of *Nicholl*, in the County aforesaid, Yeoman; three of the Electors of the North Riding of the said County of *Wellington*, who voted at the Election hereinafter mentioned, setting forth:—That at the last Election of a member to serve in Parliament for the said Riding in the month of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, *James Webster* and *Charles Allan* were Candidates to represent the said Riding in Parliament: That a poll having been demanded, was taken by the Returning Officer for the said Riding, on Wednesday and Thursday, the twenty-third and twenty-fourth days of the month of December, in the

year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven : That the said *Charles Allan* was, by the Returning Officer, declared to have had a majority of votes at the said Election, and to have been duly elected, and was returned as Member duly elected, to serve in Parliament for the said Riding : That before and at, and during the said Election, the said *Charles Allan* was by himself and by his authorized agents guilty of divers acts of bribery and corruption, in order to corrupt and procure, and did by himself and his agents, and by many other persons employed in his behalf, by giving sums of money, employment, and office, corrupt and bribe divers persons, having, or claiming to have, votes at the said election, to give their votes in favor of him, the said *Charles Allan*, or to forbear to give their votes in favor of the said *James Webster*, and particularly *John Gamble*, of the Township of *Garrafraxa*, in the said Riding, yeoman, a certain sum of money, to wit, the sum of two pounds two shillings and six pence ; and *Thomas Gamble*, of the same place, yeoman, by promising and offering to him the sum of two pounds and ten shillings ; *Henry Breese*, of the same place, tavernkeeper, by promising to, and offering to him a sum of money, to wit, the sum of five pounds ; *George Maxwell*, of the same place, yeoman, by offering and giving to him a sum of money, to wit, the sum of three pounds ; *Thomas Dawson*, of the same place, yeoman, by giving to him a sum of money, to wit, the sum of one pound four shillings and four pence ; *Adam Patten*, of the Township of *Arthur*, in the said Riding, yeoman, by giving to him certain moneys, to wit, the sum of six pounds and five shillings, and also provisions, to wit, twenty pounds of beef, and divers other gifts, and promising and giving employment to the said *Adam Patten* during the said election ; *William Pater-son*, of the same place, yeoman, by giving to him a sum of money, to wit, the sum of one pound ; *Oxydius Mayr*, of the Township of *Pilkington*, in the said Riding, by giving to him the sum of ten shillings, and a certain quantity of flour, to wit, one hundred pounds weight ; *John McLean*, of the Township of *Nichol*, in the said Riding, Merchant, for conveying voters for the said *Charles Allan* to the Poll in the said Township, with a party flag having the name of the said *Charles Allan* displayed thereon ; *Robert Blackwell* and *Thomas Garbatt*, of the Township of *Peel*, in the said Riding, yeoman, by promising to them the office of Magistrates in and for the said County of *Wellington* ; *William Shett-ridge*, of the same place, yeoman, by promising to him the like office of Magis-trate for the said County ; *George S. Reve*, *John Dobbins* and *Andrew Lightbody*, of the Township of *Garrafraxa*, in the said Riding, yeomen, by promising to them the like office of Magistrates in and for the said County ; *Joseph Carbutt*, of the same place, physician, by making to him a like promise, as also Coroner in and for the said County ; *James Finlay*, of the Township of *Nichol*, in the said Riding, yeoman, by promising to procure him to be appointed a Magistrate for the said County : That the said *Charles Allan*, by the said corrupt and illegal practices is wholly incapacitated and ineligible to serve in Parliament for the said Riding, and that the said Election and return of the said *Charles Allan* were, and are wholly void : That fraud, intimidation and duress, were, by the said *Charles Allan*, his agents and friends, and by others on his behalf, practised at divers Polling-places in the said Riding upon divers persons having votes at the said Election, by means whereof many persons who, but for such illegal pur-poses, would have voted for the said *James Webster*, were restrained from voting, particularly at the Polling-place at the Village of *Elora*, for the Township of *Pilkington*, on the twenty-third day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, being the first day of the polling of votes for the said Election, a large number of persons of the Town of *Guelph*, electors of the said Riding, who otherwise would have voted for the said *James Webster*, were forcibly prevented by the agents and partizans of the said *Charles Allan*, and were kept back by his agents and partizans from voting at the said Election

in favor of the said *James Webster*: That the said *Charles Allan*, by the said illegal practices was, and is wholly incapacitated and ineligible to serve in Parliament for the said Riding, and that the said Election and return of the said *Charles Allan* were, and are wholly null and void: That the said *Charles Allan*, by himself and his authorised agents, and others acting in that behalf during the said Election, did, in divers places in the said Riding, with intent to corrupt and bribe the electors thereof, open and support divers houses of Public Entertainment for the accommodation of the electors of the said Riding, particularly "*Nightingale's Tavern*," on the *Owens Sound* road, in the Township of *Arthur*; "*Scanlan's Tavern*," in the Village of *Kenleworth*; the tavern kept by Widow *McKay*, on the south side of the said *Owens Sound* road, in the Township of *Arthur* aforesaid, opposite to the said Village of *Kenleworth*; the Tavern of *Samuel Black*, in the Township of *Garrafraxa*, opposite and near to the Poll opened for the said Township at *Garrafraxa*, "the Commercial Hotel" in the Village of *Elora*, in the Township of *Pilkington*, kept by one *John Bain*; the tavern kept by one *Thomas McCrea*, at the place in the said Township of *Pilkington*, known as *McCrea's Corners*, or *Alma*; the tavern known, or lately known, as the "*Fergus Corners*," in the Village of *Fergus*, kept by one *Joseph Fergusson*; the tavern known as the "*Farmers' Arms*," kept by one *John Thompson*: That the said *Charles Allan*, by the said corrupt and illegal practices, was and is wholly incapacitated and ineligible to serve in Parliament for the said Ridings, and the said Election and return of the said *Charles Allan* were and are wholly null and void: That gross, extensive, systematic and abusive intimidation was by the said *Charles Allan*, his agents, friends and managers, and other persons on his behalf, on divers of the electors of the said Riding, who intended to vote for the said *James Webster*, particularly in the Townships of *Peel* and *Pilkington*, by the use of fire-arms and other deadly and offensive weapons, and especially in the Township of *Peel*, in the Polling-booth, and in the room adjacent thereto, while the Poll was open, by one *Thomas G. Haight*, one *John Dempsey*, and one *George Thompson* and others, violent partizans of the said *Charles Allan*, who intentionally prevented divers electors, supporters of the said *James Webster*, from entering the Polling place, and proceeding to record their votes; and while *Timothy O'Callaghan*, *John Farrell*, and other supporters of the said *James Webster*, attempted to approach the said Poll, the agents and partizans of the said *Charles Allan*, with sticks, and the said *Thomas G. Haight*, with fire-arms, strove to drive back the said electors, whereupon the Deputy Returning Officer came to the assistance of the said electors, whereupon the said *John Dempsey* and others retired from the said Polling place, and waylaid the said *O'Callaghan*, *Farrell* and others, on their return from the said Polling-place, at or near the Village of *Alma*, otherwise known as *McCrea's Corners*, set upon and attacked the said *O'Callaghan*, *Farrell* and others, seriously wounding the said *O'Callaghan* and others, and depriving the said *Farrell* of his life, by reason whereof divers electors, who otherwise would have voted for the said *James Webster*, were deterred from proceeding to record their votes in favor of the said *James Webster*: That the said *Charles Allan*, by reason of violent and illegal practices, was and is wholly incapacitated and ineligible to serve in Parliament for the said Riding, and the said election and return of the said *Charles Allan* were and are wholly null and void: That the Poll at the Village of *Elora*, in the said Township of *Pilkington*, was on the Polling days of the said Election closed by the Deputy Returning Officer for a long space of time on each of those days, between the hours of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and two o'clock in the afternoon of each of those days respectively: That the Deputy Returning Officer of *Pilkington* illegally adjourned the taking of votes on the said Polling days for a long space of time, to wit:—two hours on the first day of Polling, and one hour on the second day of polling, by means whereof divers votes were lost to the said *James*.

Webster: That the Deputy Returning Officer for the said Township of *Pilkington*, although requested in writing by the said *James Webster* so to do, neglected and refused to appoint Constables willing and sufficient to keep the advance to the said Poll clear, and that the only Constables appointed at the said Polling-place, were agents or partizans of the said *Charles Allan*, by means whereof divers votes were lost to the said *James Webster*: That the agents and partizans of the said *Charles Allan*, at the said Township of *Pilkington*, violently ejected *George Alexander Drew*, the duly authorized agent, and scrutineer of the said *James Webster*, from the Poll, opened in the said Township of *Pilkington*, by means whereof divers unlawful votes were recorded for the said *Charles Allan* to the prejudice of the said *James Webster*: That the said *Charles Allan* did, on the said Polling days, at the Tavern of *Samuel Black*, in the Township of *Garrafraca*, personally provide and give entertainment to various and numerous electors there present met for the purpose of promoting the Election of the said *Charles Allan*, all which was corruptly and unlawfully done at the expense, cost and charges of him, the said *Charles Allan*: That by reason of the premises, the said Election and return of the said *Charles Allan*, were and are wholly null and void: Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honorable House will take the premises into consideration, and will declare the said Election and return of the said *Charles Allan* to be wholly null and void, and will give to the Petitioners such further and other relief as to the House shall seem meet.

Of *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, Esquire, Merchant; *Hilaire Allard*, Joiner; *François E. Dorion*, Gentleman; all three residing at the Village of *L'Avenir*, in the Township of *Durham*, in the County of *Drummond*; and *Pierre Nérée Dorion*, Esquire, Surveyor, residing at *Drummondville*, in the said County of *Drummond*, setting forth: That the Petitioners are all Electors duly qualified to vote at the election of a Member to represent the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, which lately took place in the said Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska* in virtue of a writ issued to that effect, and bearing date at *Toronto*, the 28th November last, addressed to *Edward Cox*, Esquire, Registrar for the said County of *Drummond*, and Returning Officer for the said Election, which said Election terminated on the 8th January instant, by the proclamation made by the said Returning Officer, then and there declaring that *Christopher Dunkin*, Esquire, Advocate of the City of *Montreal*, in the Province of *Canada*, was duly elected Member to represent the said Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, in the said Legislative Assembly of this Province, and that the said *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* was, moreover, at the time of the said Election, qualified to be elected to represent the said United Counties, and was one of the candidates at the said Election: That your Petitioners have just reason to complain, and they do, by their present Petition, complain that the said Election of the said *Christopher Dunkin* is not the result of the free expression of the suffrages of the majority of the Electors of the aforesaid Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, but that it is due to fraud, violence, subornation, intimidation, corruption, and other influences employed during, before, and after the said Election by the said *Christopher Dunkin*, his agents, and other persons employed by him to promote his said Election, or who were favorable thereto, and also to the illegal votes which were registered in his favor: That the said Election of the said *Christopher Dunkin*, and the return made thereof by the Returning Officer are irregular, illegal and void, and ought so to be declared for the following, amongst other reasons, viz.:—Because during the said Election the said *Christopher Dunkin* did, directly and indirectly, employ means of corruption to carry the said Election, by giving and promising considerable sums of money, rewards and other advantages, both by himself and by his agents authorized for that purpose, with the view of corrupting the electors, and of inducing them to vote for him at the said Election, and to hinder and

prevent them from voting for any other Candidate. 2nd.—Because the said *Christopher Dunkin* opened, and caused to be opened at his own costs and expense, during the whole period of the said Election, and more particularly on the day of the nomination of the Candidates, and during the whole period which elapsed from that day until after the proclamation of the Election, as aforesaid, taverns and houses of Public Entertainment for the accommodation of the electors, and in which they were made to eat and drink at his cost and expense, to induce them to vote for him at the said Election. 3rd.—Because the said *Christopher Dunkin* did so open, and cause to be opened, and kept open during the said Election, and more particularly during the two days of the voting, taverns and houses of Public Entertainment for the accommodation of the electors in the Townships of *Durham, Grantham, Wickham, Warwick, Kingsey, Tingwick, Arthabaska, Stanfold, Bulstrode, Chester, Aston, Blanford* and *Upton*, the which taverns and houses of Public Entertainment were so kept open at his cost, charges and expense, either directly or indirectly. 4th.—Because a great number of the electors qualified to vote at the said Elections only enregistered their votes in favor of the said *Christopher Dunkin*, because they were paid by him and his agents employed by him to promote the said Election, or because they received promises of rewards to induce them to vote, and lastly, because they were entertained and made to drink in the taverns and houses opened for that purpose, at the expense of the said *Christopher Dunkin*. 5th.—Because the said Election of the said *Christopher Dunkin*, was carried by violence and intimidation. 6th.—Because men armed with sticks and other weapons, took possession of the Poll held in the Township of *Grantham*, and by force and violence prevented electors favorable to the return of the said *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, from registering their votes in his favor, and that by these means at least three hundred electors entitled to vote at the said Poll held in the Township of *Grantham* were prevented from voting. 7th.—Because on the second day of the voting, to wit, on the 5th January instant, about eleven o'clock in the forenoon, *Vinceslas Paul Wilfred Dorion*, Esquire, Advocate, of the City of *Montreal*, duly authorized to represent the said *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, at the said Election, at the Poll held in the Township of *Warwick* aforesaid, in the said County, was by force and violence expelled from the said Poll, and prevented from observing the voting and from protecting the interests of the Candidate whom he was authorized to represent, and that after having so expelled the representative of the said *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, from the said Poll in *Warwick*, the friends and partizans of the said *Christopher Dunkin*, and his agents, caused to be registered illegally by the Returning Officer and his Clerk, a considerable number of illegal votes, and particularly above four hundred and fifty. 8th.—Because a great number of electors favorable to the return of the said *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, did not enregister their votes in the said Township of *Warwick*, on account of the threats and violence used by the said *Christopher Dunkin*, his friends and agents. 9th.—Because the majority of the votes only appeared upon the Poll Books in favor of the said *Christopher Dunkin*, because he and his agents, and those employed by him for the said Election, made use of threats, promises, violence and corruption, to intimidate and corrupt the electors, and this contrary to the law. 10th.—Because the Deputy Returning Officers in the Townships of *Grantham* and *Warwick*, acted with partiality in favor of the said *Christopher Dunkin*, that they refused to appoint and swear in Constables to preserve order and protect the electors favorable to the said *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, and to afford them access to the Polls for the purpose of voting: For all the foregoing reasons your Petitioners pray that your Honorable House, taking their petition into your consideration, and taking proceedings thereupon, investigation having first been had, will declare the Election of the said *Christopher Dunkin*, and the return made

thereof by the Returning Officer, to be null and of no effect, and give such further order as your Honorable House may in its wisdom deem expedient.

Of *Stephen M. C. Taylor*, of the Village of *Plessisville de Somerset*, Merchant; *Pierre Chrysologue Pelletier*, of the Township of *Halifax*, Merchant; and *Ira B. Hall*, of the Township of *Ireland*, Farmer, setting forth: That under and in virtue of Her Majesty's Writ of Election, bearing date at the City of *Toronto*, on the twenty-eighth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, issued for the Election of a Member to represent the County of *Megantic*, in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, an Election was opened and began in the Township of *Inverness*, in the said County, on the twenty-sixth day of December, in the said year, being the nomination day of the said Election, by *John R. Lambly*, Esquire, Registrar of the First Division of the said County, being, and acting as the Returning Officer for the said Election: And at and during the said Election, your Petitioners were, and still are, electors of, and voters for the said County, and as such had a right to vote, and did vote at the said Election for a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament for the said County of *Megantic*: That *Richard Connery Pentland*, of the *Banlieu of Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate, *Thomas Mackie*, of the Township of *Leeds*, Merchant, and *Noël Hébert*, of the Parish of *Ste. Sophie*, otherwise known as *Halifax North*, Esquire, Merchant, and *James Reid*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Physician, were Candidates at the said Election, and that the aforesaid *Noël Hébert* was by the said *John R. Lambly*, Returning Officer as aforesaid, returned as duly elected to represent the said County, as aforesaid; that the said *Noël Hébert* was illegally and unduly returned to represent the said County in the said Provincial Parliament by the said *John R. Lambly*: Because at the Polls held at the Parishes of *Ste. Sophie*, otherwise known as *Halifax North*, *Ste. Calixte*, otherwise known as *Somerset South*, and *Ste. Julie*, otherwise known as *Somerset North*, in the County of *Megantic*, the agents and representatives of *Richard C. Pentland*, *Thomas Mackie*, and *James Reid*, Esquires, then Candidates duly nominated for the said Election, were illegally, and by force and violence on the part of the friends and partizans of the said *Noël Hébert*, forcibly expelled and driven from the said Polls above mentioned, and that after their expulsion, and in their absence, votes were enregistered for the said *Noël Hébert* only, during the fifth day of January last, being the last Polling day of the Election, illegally and fraudulently until the end of the said Election: Because on the second Polling day of the said Election the partizans of the said *Noël Hébert* illegally, and by violence, took possession of the Polls above mentioned, and by means of such violence held and kept possession of the same until the end and termination of the said Election, and having so taken possession of the said Polls, did, by said violence and intimidation, exclude, and keep excluded, the partizans of the said *Richard C. Pentland*, *Thomas Mackie* and *James Reid*, of the said Parishes, from the said Polls therein held, and prevented the electors of the said several Parishes who were favorable to the said *Richard C. Pentland*, *Thomas Mackie*, and *James Reid*, from enregistering their votes in favor of the said *Richard C. Pentland*, *Thomas Mackie*, and *James Reid*, and enregistered as voters for him, the said *Noël Hébert*, the names of children even as young as two years, as also the names of persons not qualified to vote at the said Election: Because at the Polls above mentioned the partizans, agents and supporters of the said *Noël Hébert*, by violence and intimidation, interrupted and prevented on several occasions the free and independent enregistering of votes for the said *Richard C. Pentland*, *Thomas Mackie*, and *James Reid*: Because the majority of votes enregistered for the said *Noël Hébert* were so enregistered illegally, and by means of intimidation, force and violence, practised by the said *Noël Hébert*, his agents and partizans, and by other illegal means, and because the said *Noël Hébert* had not the majority of votes of persons legally qualified to vote at the said Election: Because

the said several Polls at the said Parishes of *Ste. Sophie*, otherwise known as *Hali-fax North*, *Ste. Calixte*, otherwise known as *Somerset South*, and *Ste. Julie*, otherwise known as *Somerset North*, were opened, and votes were enregistered in favor of the said *Noël Hébert* before the hour of nine in the forenoon of the said days of Polling, and were kept open and votes were therein registered in favor of the said *Noël Hébert*, in the said Polls, after the hour of five in the afternoon of the said days of Polling, and because had not the said violence and intimidation been resorted to by the said *Noël Hébert*, and his partizans, he, the said *Noël Hébert*, would not have been proclaimed Member for the said County of *Megantic*: Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honorable House will take the premises into consideration, and find and declare that the said *Noël Hébert* ought not to have been duly elected and returned as Member to serve in Parliament for the said County, and that your Honorable House will declare the Election and return of the said *Noël Hébert* null and void, and direct a new Writ to issue for the Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the said County, and that your Honorable House will grant to your Petitioners such further relief in the premises as to your Honorable House shall seem meet.

Of *Robert Bell*, of the City of *Ottawa*, in the Province of *Canada*, Esquire, setting forth: That at the last General Election for the City of *Ottawa* of a Member to represent the said City in the present Parliament, *Richard William Scott*, one *Alexander Gibb*, one *Francis Cockburn Powell*, and your Petitioner, the said *Robert Bell*, were the Candidates to represent the said City: That the said *Francis Cockburn Powell* retired before the Polling days at the said Election: That only four votes were recorded at the said Election for the said *Alexander Gibb*, and that consequently the contest at the said Election lay between the said *Richard William Scott* and your Petitioner, the said *Robert Bell*: That at the said Election the said *Richard William Scott* was declared and returned as duly elected by the Returning Officer: That a majority of the good and legal votes was recorded at the said Election in favor of your Petitioner, the said *Robert Bell*, who ought to have been duly elected and returned as the Member for the said City, instead of the said *Richard William Scott*, whose majority is only a colorable one, being composed of persons not entitled to the franchise, and of persons who voted more than once at the said Election, and of fictitious persons, and of persons who voted as proprietors, and have no votes as proprietors: That the said *Richard William Scott*, his agents and supporters, were guilty of bribery at the said Election, and did also tender and promise to divers voters, and persons entitled to vote at the said Election, other rewards in consideration that they would vote for the said *Richard William Scott* at the said Election: That by reason of the premises the said *Richard William Scott* was unduly and illegally proclaimed as having been duly elected the Member to represent the said City in the said Legislative Assembly, and the pretended Election of him, the said *Richard William Scott*, was, and is, by reason of the premises, null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever: And your Petitioner prays that your Honorable House will be pleased to take the premises into consideration, and to find and declare that the said *Richard William Scott* ought not to have been elected and returned as the Member for the said City; and that your Petitioner, the said *Robert Bell*, was duly elected, and ought to have been returned as such Member, as aforesaid, and that thereupon your Honorable House will direct the return for the said City to be amended accordingly, by erasing therefrom the name of the said *Richard William Scott*, and by inserting instead thereof the name of your Petitioner, the said *Robert Bell*, or that your Honorable House will declare the Election and return of the said *Richard William Scott* null and void, or direct a new Writ to issue for the Election of one Member to serve in Parliament for the said City: And that your Honorable House will grant to your Petitioner such

further, and other relief in the premises, as to your Honorable House shall seem meet.

Of *Léon Noël de Tilly*, Co-Seignior of the Parish of *St. Antoine de Tilly*, in the County of *Lotbinière*, setting forth: That at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière* of a Member to represent the said County in Parliament, it being a General Election, which took place in the said County of *Lotbinière* in December and January last, the said Petitioner and *John O'Farrell*, Esquire, Advocate, of the City of *Quebec*, the sitting Member, were the Candidates: That at the said Election a Poll was demanded and granted, and that at the close of the said Election, to wit, on the 2nd of January last, the said *John O'Farrell* was declared and proclaimed to be duly elected to represent the said County of *Lotbinière* in Parliament, by *Rémi Noël de Tilly*, Returning Officer for the said County, and that the said Petitioner had a large majority of the legal votes registered in his favor, and that he should have been declared elected by the Returning Officer instead of the said *John O'Farrell*: That the Returning Officer counted and included as legal votes, the pretended votes contained in the pretended Poll Book of *St. Sylvestre*, one of the Parishes in which a Poll was held during the said Election, and that the said votes, to the number of above 2,600, composed the pretended majority of the said *John O'Farrell*, by means of which he was declared elected by the Returning Officer: That the said pretended Poll Book of *St. Sylvestre* is null and void on the face of it: That the pretended votes entered in the said pretended Poll Book were not so entered in conformity with the law, and that in no case in the said Poll Book kept, or pretended to have been kept by the Deputy Returning Officer and his Poll Clerk, *George Côté*, and *James McCullough*, has any mention been made of the calling, standing, or trade, or of the residence of the persons whose names are so inserted as electors having voted, and that it is not stated in the said pretended Poll Book by the insertion of the word "proprietor" or "tenant," whether the said persons voted as proprietors or tenants, and that throughout the greater part of the said Poll Book the names of the two said Candidates at the said Election are not even mentioned: That it appears by the said Poll Book of *St. Sylvestre*, that the said Poll was not held during the whole period of the said Election by the Deputy Returning Officer, and that *James McCullough*, the Poll Clerk, acted as Deputy Returning Officer without having appointed any other Poll Clerk, and without it appearing either that the said Deputy Returning Officer was absent, nor for what reason he was so absent: That the said pretended Poll Book of *St. Sylvestre* is not signed and sealed by the Deputy Returning Officer, as required by law: That the said Poll Book is null on the face of it, evidently falsified and stamped with the grossest fraud, and that the pretended votes registered in the said Book should be struck out, and that the said *Léon Noël de Tilly*, the present Petitioner, received, and has the large majority of the votes legally registered at the said late Election for the said County of *Lotbinière*: Wherefore the said Petitioner humbly prays that your Honorable House will declare that the said *John O'Farrell* has not been lawfully proclaimed to be elected for the said County of *Lotbinière*, and that the said return of the Election in the said County of *Lotbinière*, and the Election of the said *John O'Farrell*, be declared null, and that this Petitioner be declared to be elected to represent the said County of *Lotbinière* in place of the said *John O'Farrell*, and that the return of the said *Rémi Noël de Tilly*, the Returning Officer, be in consequence amended, and that the House will grant such further relief as you may deem meet in the matter of the present Petition.

Of *John S. Holt*, of the West Parish of *St. Armand*, in the County of *Missisquoi*, Lower Canada, Esquire, setting forth: That whereas by Her Majesty's Writ of Election, bearing date at the City of *Toronto*, in the Province of *Canada*, the twenty-eighth day of November last, addressed to *Richard Dickinson*, Esquire, Registrar for the County of *Missisquoi*, and *ex officio* Returning Officer for

said County, an Election was held in the said County for the Election of a Member to represent said County in the Legislative Assembly of the said Province, which said Election commenced on the twenty-first day of December last, at the Village of *Bedford*, in the Township of *Stanbridge*, in the said County, at which Election *Hannibal H. Whitney*, of the City and District of *Montreal*, Esquire, and I, the said *John S. Holt*, were then and there duly nominated as the sole Candidates to represent the electors of said County, in the said Legislative Assembly: And, whereas, by the decision of the said Returning Officer then and there made, the majority of the electors then and there present having been declared to be in favor of the return of me, the said *John S. Holt*, as such Member; he, the said *Hannibal H. Whitney*, then and there demanded a Poll, which Poll was then and there granted according to law; which said Poll was opened on the twenty-eighth day of the said month of December last, in the respective Townships and Parishes comprised within the limits of the said County of *Missisquoi*, and held thereat during the said day and the following day, according to law, at which Polls he, the said *Hannibal H. Whitney*, and I, the said *John S. Holt*, were both voted for as such Candidates, and at which Election I, the said *John S. Holt*, was duly qualified to be a Candidate, and to be elected such Member to represent said County in said Legislative Assembly: And, whereas, on the thirtieth day of December last, at the Village of *Bedford* aforesaid, by the decision of the said *Richard Dickinson*, acting as such Returning Officer, he, the said *Hannibal H. Whitney*, was then and there proclaimed duly elected: and returned as such Member to represent said County in said Legislative Assembly, which said pretended Election and return I, the said *John S. Holt*, complain of as undue, illegal, null and void: Now, therefore, I, the said *John S. Holt*, having duly notified the said *Hannibal H. Whitney* that I intended to contest his said pretended Election, and having duly notified him of the facts and circumstances upon which I relied in support of my said contestation, within the time prescribed by law, and having given security for costs, and complied with all the requirements of the Statute in that behalf, do respectfully pray your Honorable Body that you will be pleased to declare the said pretended Election and return undue, illegal, null and void, and that you will be pleased to order a new Writ of Election to issue for said County of *Missisquoi*, for the following reasons, to wit: I.—Because he, the said *Hannibal H. Whitney*, during the said Election, to wit, on the twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth days of December last, did, for the purpose of procuring his Election, open and support, and did cause to be opened and supported, at his costs and charges, houses of Public Entertainment for the accommodation of the electors at said Election, in the several Townships and Parishes, comprising said County of *Missisquoi*, to wit, the hotels of *Levi Stevens*, Esquire, innkeeper; *W. C. Jacquays*, innkeeper; and of *Amos R. Sweet*, and *Gardner H. Sweet*, innkeepers, in the Township of *Dunham*; the hotels of *Hiram Edson*, innkeeper; *Orson T. Harris*, innkeeper; *Patrick Martin*, innkeeper; and *George R. Martin*, innkeeper, in the Township of *Stanbridge*, and the grocery of *John N. Mills*, in said *Stanbridge*; the hotel of *Benjamin Smith*, innkeeper, in the Parish of *St. Armand* East; the hotels of *Richard Buck*, innkeeper, and of *Oliver Cook*, innkeeper, in the Parish of *St. Romuald de Farnham*; the hotel of *David S. Clark*, at the Village of *Clarenceville*; the house of *Robert Dereck*, at the Parish of *St. Thomas*, all in the said County of *Missisquoi*, in contravention of the Statute in such case made and provided. II.—Because he, the said *Hannibal H. Whitney*, during the said Election, to wit, on the twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth days of December last, by his authorized agents, to wit: *Levi Stevens*, Esquire, innkeeper, *Thomas Wood*, Esquire, trader, *Gardner H. Sweet*, Esquire, innkeeper, *David*

Brown, gentleman, *Galloway L. Kemp*, gentleman, all of the Township of *Dunham*; *John Gough*, harnessmaker, *Samuel H. Mills*, gentleman, and *John N. Mills*, grocer, and *Philip Whitney*, trader, all of *Stanbridge*; *Robert McFee*, trader, of the Village of *Clarenceville*; *Charles R. Cheeseman*, Esquire, of the Parish of *St. Armand West*; *Louis Bourdon*, Esquire, *Richard Buck*, innkeeper, *Joseph Baneau*, gentleman, *Lubin LeBlanc*, trader, of the Parish of *St. Romuald de Farnham*, all in the said County of *Missisquoi*, did, for the purpose of promoting his Election, open and support, and caused to be opened and supported at his costs and charges, houses of Public Entertainment for the accommodation of the electors at said Election, adjacent to the Polling-places, in the several Parishes and Townships comprising said County, contrary to the Statute in that case made and provided. III.—Because he, the said *Hannibal H. Whitney*, during said Election, on the several days last above-mentioned, and more especially on the said twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth days of December last, in the said County of *Missisquoi*, did directly and indirectly, by himself and his agents authorized for that purpose, to wit: *Levi Stevens*, Esquire, *Thomas Wood*, Esquire, *David Brown*, gentleman, *Jesse M. Scofield*, yeoman, *Gardner H. Sweet*, Esquire, *George B. Vanantwerp*, yeoman, and *Abram Pickle*, stage proprietor, all of the said Township of *Dunham*; *Alonzo R. Harris*, Esquire, *Edmund C. Knight*, yeoman, *John Gough*, harnessmaker, *John N. Mills*, grocer, *Samuel H. Mills*, gentleman, *Caleb G. Martindale*, yeoman, *William Clark*, trader, *Joseph Dodlin*, yeoman, *Philip Whitney*, trader, *Caleb Corry*, yeoman, *Charles A. Rice*, founder, and *Henry DesRivières*, Esquire, all of *Stanbridge*; *Charles R. Cheeseman*, Esquire, and *Jonathan Eaton*, trader, of *St. Armand West*; *James Lee*, Esquire, *Rodman H. Whitney*, yeoman, *Mason Scofield*, yeoman, *Charuncey Abbott*, Esquire, *William M. Pattison*, trader, and *John B. Seymour*, gentleman, all of the East Parish of *St. Armand*; *Louis Bourdon*, Esquire, *Joseph Baneau*, gentleman, *Lubin LeBlanc*, trader, *Richard Buck*, innkeeper, *John B. Valiquet*, physician, all of the Parish of *St. Romuald de Farnham*; *Robert McFee*, trader, of the Village of *Clarenceville*, all in the said County of *Missisquoi*, with the intent to corrupt and bribe divers electors of said County, to the number of eight hundred, to vote for him as such Candidate at such Election, give divers large sums of money, gratuities, bills and notes, and did make divers promises of rewards to divers electors of said County, to wit, to the number of eight hundred of such electors, with like corrupt intent, contrary to the Statute in such case made and provided. IV.—Because the said Election and return of him, the said *Hannibal H. Whitney*, as such Member, was corruptly and illegally caused and obtained by bribery, and by the giving of rewards and bribes, to divers electors at said Election, by himself and his agents authorized by him for that purpose, without which said rewards and bribes, and corrupted and bribed votes, a large majority of the votes of the qualified electors of said County would have been in favor of your Petitioner.

Of *Alexander McLean*, of the Town of *Cornwall*, in the County of *Stormont*, Esquire, setting forth: That an Election of a Member to represent the County of *Stormont* in the Provincial Parliament, closed on the ninth day of January last past; your Petitioner and one *William D. Mattice* were candidates, and he, the said *William D. Mattice*, was, on the said ninth day of January aforesaid, proclaimed or returned as duly elected: That on the twenty-second day of the month of January aforesaid, your Petitioner, according to the Statute in such case made and provided, caused to be served on the said *William D. Mattice* a notice of your Petitioner's intention to contest the said Election, a true copy whereof is herenunto annexed: That on or about the third day of February instant, your Petitioner received an answer to such notice: That your Petitioner begs to refer your Honorable House to the several grounds set forth in the said notice, and the evidence taken before the Judge of the County Court of the United Counties

of *Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry*, according to the Statute in such case made and provided, and submits that on the said several grounds, the Election of the said *William D. Mattice* should be declared void, and that your Petitioner be declared duly elected, and be allowed to take his seat as Member of the said County of *Stormont* instead of the said *William D. Mattice*.

Of *John McDougall*, of the City of *Three Rivers*, in the District of *Three Rivers*, in the Province of *Canada*, Esquire, Merchant, setting forth: That by and in virtue of Her Majesty's Writ of Election, dated at the City of *Toronto*, the twenty-eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and issued for the Election of a Member to represent the Town of *Three Rivers* (now the said City of *Three Rivers*), in the Legislative Assembly of the said Province, an Election was commenced in the said City of *Three Rivers*, on the twenty-eighth day of December of the said year, being the day fixed for the nomination of the Candidates at the said Election, and for the said Election itself, by *Isaac Gouverneur Ogden*, Esquire, Sheriff of the said District of *Three Rivers*, who was the Returning Officer for the said Election, and acted as such: 1st.—That before and during all the time of the said Election, your Petitioner was duly qualified in law to sit as Member in the Legislative Assembly of this said Province, and that he is so still: 2nd.—That before, at the opening and at the commencement of the said Election, *William McDonell Dawson*, Esquire, and your Petitioner, became and were Candidates at the said Election, and remained Candidates during the whole time of the said Election: 3rd.—That on the said twenty-eighth day of December of the said year, at the opening and at the commencement of the said Election, your Petitioner did voluntarily, and without being required by any one, make and deliver to the said Returning Officer, in the form and manner required by law, a declaration in writing of his qualification as Candidate at the said Election with respect to real property, and that on the same day, and at the same time, after the said Election was opened and commenced, but before the granting of a Poll by the said Returning Officer, your Petitioner, as well as the said Returning Officer, did severally require the said *William McDonell Dawson*, then present, and a Candidate at the said Election, to make and produce in writing the declaration required by law, of his real property qualification as such Candidate: 4th.—That on the same twenty-eighth day of December of the said year, the said Returning Officer, after having completed the formalities required by law, and required the electors of the said Town of *Three Rivers* (now the City of *Three Rivers*), then present at the said Election, to name a person whom they wished to chose at that Election to represent them in the Legislative Assembly of this said Province, did declare that the suffrages, as indicated by the show of hands, were in favor of your Petitioner; but that the said *William McDonell Dawson*, and an elector there present, together and severally demanded a Poll; whereupon the said Returning Officer granted a Poll to take and enregister the votes of the electors of the said Town (now the said City), and did then announce that the fourth and fifth days of January instant, were the days fixed for the opening and the holding of the said Poll, for receiving thereat and enregistering the votes of the said electors: 5th.—That on the said fourth and fifth days of January instant, a Poll was opened and held in the four wards of the said City, for receiving and enregistering the votes of the said electors; and that on the eighth day of the said month of January instant, the said Returning Officer did proclaim and return the said *William McDonell Dawson*, as being duly elected Member to represent the said Town of *Three Rivers* (now the said City of *Three Rivers*), in the Legislative Assembly of this said Province: 6th.—That the said *William McDonell Dawson* was illegally and irregularly proclaimed and returned elected Member to represent the said Town of *Three Rivers* (now the said City of *Three Rivers*), in the Legislative Assembly of this said Province, by the said Returning Officer: 1st.—Because before, during the whole time of the said Election,

and after the said Election, the said *William McDonell Dawson* held, and still holds as permanent a post or office in the gift of the Crown in this Province, to which there was then, always has been, and still is attached an annual salary, derived from the Crown; the said post or office being that of Superintendent of Woods and Forests in the Crown Lands Department in the said Province, to which is attached an annual salary, which the said *William McDonell Dawson* has always received since he has held the said post, and which he still receives: That being in possession of the said post or office of Superintendent of Woods and Forests in the Crown Lands Department of this said Province, during the whole time of the said Election, and ever since, the said *William McDonell Dawson* was by law ineligible, and is so still, and could not be elected and returned as Member of the Legislative Assembly of this said Province; That on the said fourth day of January instant, your Petitioner and his agents did announce and declare publicly to the assembled electors at the said Poll, in all the wards of the said City where it was held for receiving and enregistering their votes, and before any votes had been given and enregistered for the one or the other of the said Candidates, that the said *William McDonell Dawson* held such a permanent post or office in the gift of the Crown, in this Province, to which was attached an annual salary derived from the Crown, which rendered him ineligible as Member of the Legislative Assembly of this said Province, and that all the votes which would be given in his favor would be lost: That a certain number of votes were given and enregistered at the said Election, on the said fourth and fifth days of January instant, in favor of the said *William McDonell Dawson* in the manner which shall be hereafter explained: That for the reasons above mentioned, the votes enregistered for the said *William McDonell Dawson* at the said Election, should be considered as null, and declared to be illegal votes, and as such should be struck off the Poll books, opened and kept at the said Election, and the election of the said *William McDonell Dawson* declared null, and of no effect to all intents and purposes whatsoever: Wherefore, your Petitioner humbly prays your Honorable House to take into consideration the above allegations and premises, and to declare that the said *William McDonell Dawson* was, during all the time of the said Election, unqualified to be elected and returned as Member of the Legislative Assembly of this said Province, ineligible as such Member, and incompetent to sit and vote in the said Legislative Assembly; that his election and return be declared null, and of no effect to all intents and purposes whatsoever; and that your Honorable House further declare that your Petitioner was duly elected, and should have been returned as Member to represent the said Town of *Three Rivers* (now the said City of *Three Rivers*), in the Legislative Assembly of this said Province, and that for this end your Honorable House will direct that the return for the said Town (now the said City), be in consequence amended by striking out therefrom the name of the said *William McDonell Dawson*, and inserting therein in place thereof that of your Petitioner; and that your Honorable House will make such orders in respect thereof as to law and justice appertain: And furthermore, your Petitioner humbly submits—that before, during the whole time of the said Election, and since, the said *William McDonell Dawson* did not possess, and that he still does not possess, as a freeholder in law or in equity for his own use and benefit, lands or tenements held in free and common soccage, and that he was not then, and is not now, well seized and possessed for his own use and benefit of lands or tenements held in free or *en roture* in the Province of *Canada*, of the value of five hundred pounds sterling money of *Great Britain*, above all rents, charges, mortgages and hypothecary debts, which may be attached, due and payable on such lands, or to which they may be liable: That having been required by your Petitioner, and by the said Returning Officer at the said Election, on the twenty-eighth day of December, of the said year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, the day

for the nomination of Candidates at the said Election, and before the granting of the Poll, to make and file the declaration required by law of his qualification as Candidate at the said Election, with respect to real property, the said *William McDonell Dawson* did since produce and hand in to the said Returning Officer a declaration containing the following designation of the lands or tenements on which he qualified himself, namely—"Lot number nine in the first concession; *Rideau*, front of the Township of *Nepean*, excepting about three acres, fronting on the *River Rideau*, heretofore reserved by the Ordnance Department for canal purposes, in the County of *Carleton*, in that part of this Province formerly called *Upper Canada*, with buildings and appurtenances thereon; and lots number ten and twelve on the west side of *Albert Street*, in the Town of *Southampton*, in the Township of *Saugeen* and County of *Bruce*; also, in that part of the Province heretofore called *Upper Canada*," which said lots of land the said *William McDonell Dawson* did not then possess—that is to say, before and during the time of the said Election, and still is not possessed of as freeholder, in law or in equity, for his own use and benefit, and of which he was not then and is not yet seized and possessed for his own use and benefit, and that he did not then hold them, nor does he hold them up to this time, in free or *en roture*, in the Province of *Canada*; and which lots of land were not then, and are not now, of the value of five hundred pounds, sterling money of *Great Britain*, above all rents, charges, mortgages and hypothecary debts, which are attached, due and payable on those lots of land, or to which those lands are subject: That in consequence of the above, and of his want of qualification as a Candidate at the said Election, and as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this said Province, with respect to real property, the said *William McDonell Dawson* was and is ineligible, and could not be elected and returned as Member of the said Legislative Assembly: That on the said fourth day of January instant, your Petitioner and his agents did announce and declare publicly to the electors assembled at the said Polls, in all the wards of the said City in which it was held, for receiving and enregistering their votes, and before there had been given and enregistered any votes for the one or the other of the said Candidates, that the said *William McDonell Dawson* had no real estate whatever, and that he was not qualified as a Candidate at the said Election, and as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this said Province, with respect to real property, which rendered him ineligible as Member of the said Legislative Assembly, and that all the votes which should be given in his favor, would be lost: That a certain number of votes were given and enregistered at the said Election, on the said fourth and fifth days of January instant, in favor of the said *William McDonell Dawson*, in the manner which shall be hereafter explained: That for the reasons above mentioned, the votes enregistered for the said *William McDonell Dawson* at the said Election, should be considered as lost and null, and declared to be illegal votes, and as such should be effaced from the Poll books, opened and kept at the said Election, and the election and return of the said *William McDonell Dawson* declared null and of no effect to all intents and purposes whatsoever: Wherefore, your Petitioner humbly prays your Honorable House to take into consideration the above allegations and premises, and to declare that the said *William McDonell Dawson* was, during all the time of the said Election, not qualified to be elected and returned as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this said Province, ineligible as such Member, and incompetent to sit and vote in the said Legislative Assembly; that his election and return be declared null, and of no effect to all intents and purpose whatever; and that your Honorable House further declare that your Petitioner was duly elected and should have been returned as Member to represent the said Town of *Three Rivers* (now the said City of *Three Rivers*), in the Legislative Assembly of this said Province, and to this end your Honorable House will require that the return for the said

Town (now the said City), be in consequence amended, by effacing therefrom the name of the said *William McDonell Dawson*, and inserting instead that of your Petitioner; and that your Honorable House will make such orders in respect thereof as to law and justice appertain: And your Petitioner further humbly submits—that before and during the said Election and the voting, the said *William McDonell Dawson* did, directly and indirectly, by himself and by his agents, friends and partizans authorized, employ divers means of corruption—giving sums of money, offices, places, situations, gratifications, rewards, obligations, *bons* and notes, to divers electors of the said Town (now the said City), and of the *Banlieu* of *Three Rivers*, whose votes were given and enregistered in favor of the said *William McDonell Dawson*, menacing divers other electors with the loss of their office, employment, salary, income, and advantages, for the purposes of corrupting and suborning them, in order to make them vote for the said *William McDonell Dawson*, and preventing divers others among them from voting for your Petitioner; and that during the same time the said *William McDonell Dawson* did, by employing similar means of corruption, corrupt and suborn divers of the said electors to vote for the said *William McDonell Dawson*, and prevented divers of the said electors from voting for your Petitioner: That before and during the said Election and the voting, the said *William McDonell Dawson* did, by himself and by his authorized agents and friends, open and support at his cost and expense, houses of public entertainment for the reception of the electors, and where the said electors were entertained, and received drink and food, and that the said *William McDonell Dawson*, and other persons in his name and with his authority did, with the view to promote the election of the said *William McDonell Dawson*, provide and furnish at the cost and expense of the latter, to the entertainment of divers meetings of electors, assembled for the purpose of bringing about the success of the said *William McDonell Dawson's* Election, and that the said *William McDonell Dawson* did pay and engage to pay for the said entertainment, which entertainment was not furnished to the said meetings of electors at the expense of the said *William McDonell Dawson*, or at the expense of other person or persons on the part of the said *William McDonell Dawson*, or on their part at the usual dwelling-place of the said *William McDonell Dawson*, or at their dwelling-place: That before and during the said Election and voting, the said *William McDonell Dawson*, and other persons in his name and for him, did give and lend sums of money, and also offices, places, situations, gratifications and rewards, obligations, notes, *bons* and other things of value, and did make promise thereof to divers electors for the purpose of making them vote for the said *William McDonell Dawson* at the said Election, and to divers other electors, in order to prevent them from giving their votes in favor of your Petitioner, and as a compensation to divers other electors for their loss of time and expense going to vote and returning from voting for the said *William McDonell Dawson*, and to divers other persons under pretext that the said *William McDonell Dawson*, and other persons in his name and for him, engaged them as carters, and under divers other pretexts, such as bringing effects and things of little value for large sums, and other pretexts: That more than two hundred votes were given and enregistered in favor of the said *William McDonell Dawson* at the said Election, by persons not possessing at the time of the said Election, nor before, nor at the time when they voted, the qualifications required by law for voting at the said Election; those who voted as proprietors not being proprietors or lawful *bona fide* freeholders of real estate, situated in the City or *Banlieu* of *Three Rivers*; nor usufructuaries of such real estate of the value required by law; and those who voted as tenants or occupants, not being in fact lawful and *bona fide* tenants or occupants of real estate, or not paying sufficient rent to give them the right of voting at the said Election: That a large number of per-

sons voted, each more than once for the said *William McDonell Dawson*, at the said Election: That a large number of persons, not being of the full age of twenty-one years, voted in favor of the said *William McDonell Dawson* at the said Election: That for the purpose of promoting his Election, and having himself proclaimed and returned elected Member to represent the Town of *Three Rivers* (now the City of *Three Rivers*), in the Legislative Assembly of this said Province, notwithstanding the small number of electors qualified to vote at the said Election who supported him, and who formed a very small majority of the electors qualified to vote at the said Election, and notwithstanding the corruption which he had employed and did employ, the said *William McDonell Dawson* did, himself, and by his agents, friends and partizans, engage and pay out of his own moneys a large number of violent and quarrelsome men, at *Quebec* and other places, to use violence and intimidation at the said Election to prevent voting in favor of your Petitioner, and to favor voting for himself and in his favor, causing unqualified persons to vote for him as well as persons who had already voted; and that in fact, all those men so engaged by the said *William McDonell Dawson* and for him, assisted by a large number of other men acting in the interest of the said *William McDonell Dawson*, went to the Poll, armed with sticks, clubs and fire-arms, from the time previous to the commencement of the voting, on the fourth day of January instant, before nine o'clock in the morning, and there remained until the close, that is to say, until the 5th day of the same month of January instant, after five o'clock in the evening, went several times from one to another of the wards in the said City, in which the said Poll was held, using great violence everywhere; took possession by force of the Polls or Poll, in each of the said wards, striking several peaceable persons and wounding many seriously with their said sticks and clubs, and intimidating all the peaceable persons who supported your Petitioner at the said Election; and that by means of this violence and this excess, the said *William McDonell Dawson* and his agents, friends, supporters and partizans, prevented a large number of electors from voting for your Petitioner, and caused a large number of votes to be given and enregistered in favor of the said *William McDonell Dawson*, of persons who had no right to give them, some of them having nothing to qualify them for voting at the said Election, others having voted more than once, others having voted without having attained the full age of twenty-one years, and others, in fine, having voted under fictitious names: That in order to assure himself the apparent majority of votes at the said Election, knowing well that he could only count on a small minority of the electors qualified to vote at the said Election, the said *William McDonell Dawson*, and his agents, friends, supporters, partizans, did lead and bring up to the Poll at the commencement of the voting, and keep there during the whole time of the voting, a large number of men, armed with sticks, clubs and fire-arms, who continually used violence and intimidation, refused to deliver up their sticks, clubs and fire arms to the Returning Officer, and to other persons in authority, who required and ordered them to do so, and did at different times during the voting, before it and after it, fire off and discharge fire-arms, and threaten a large number of the electors with violence, also uttering threats and making demonstrations calculated to intimidate the electors, and prevent them from voting at the said Election, and that in consequence of this violence and those excesses, several electors who wished to vote at the said election, did not dare to do so for fear of suffering bad treatment on the part of those men so armed, and of the supporters and partizans of the said *William McDonell Dawson*: That the majority of the votes enregistered in favor of the said *William McDonell Dawson* at the said Election is only apparent and fictitious; that there were not one hundred votes given and enregistered in favor of the said *William McDonell Dawson* in the Poll-books by persons qualified to vote at the said Election;

while all the votes given and enregistered in favor of your Petitioner in the same books, are those of electors, qualified to vote at the said Election: That, therefore, the said *William McDonell Dawson* should not have been proclaimed and returned elected Member to represent the Town of *Three Rivers* (now the City of *Three Rivers*), in the Legislative Assembly of this said Province; but that on the contrary, your Petitioner should have been proclaimed and returned elected Member to represent the said Town (now the said City): That for the reasons above mentioned, more than two hundred votes enregistered for the said *William McDonell Dawson* at the said Election, should be considered as null, and declared to be illegal votes, and as such should be effaced from the Poll-books opened and held at the said Election, that an inquiry should take place with respect to the votes given at the said Election, in order to strike out and efface from the said Poll-books the illegal votes given at the said Election, that it should be declared that your Petitioner had the majority of the legal votes at the said Election, and that the election and return of the said *William McDonell Dawson*, as Member to represent the Town of *Three Rivers* (now the City of *Three Rivers*), in the Legislative Assembly of this said Province, should be declared null, and of no effect to all intents and purposes whatsoever: Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays your Honorable House to take into consideration the foregoing allegations and premises, and declare that the said *William McDonell Dawson* should not have been elected and returned Member to represent the said Town of *Three Rivers*, (now the said City of *Three Rivers*), in the Legislative Assembly of this said Province, and that your Petitioner was duly elected, and should have been returned Member to represent the said Town (now the said City) in the said Legislative Assembly; that thereupon your Honorable House will require that the return for the said Town (now the said City) be, in consequence amended, by effacing therefrom the name of the said *William McDonell Dawson*, and inserting in lieu thereof the name of your Petitioner, or that your Honorable House will declare the Election and Return of the said *William McDonell Dawson* null and of no effect, or will require that a new Writ shall issue for the Election of a Member to represent the said Town of *Three Rivers*, (now the said City of *Three Rivers*), in the said Legislative Assembly; and that your Honorable House will make such orders in this respect as to right and justice appertain.

Of *John Boyd*, of the Town of *Simcoe*, Iron-founder; and *John A. Axford*, of the Township of *Woodhouse*, Farmer, Electors of the County of *Norfolk*, setting forth: That *Walker Powell*, Esquire, the Member elect for the County of *Norfolk*, is not justly entitled to take or retain his seat as the Representative of the County of *Norfolk* in your Honorable House, for the following reasons, viz:—1.—That the votes taken and recorded for the said *Walker Powell*, in the Township of *Walsingham*, in the said County of *Norfolk*, on the second and fourth days of January last past, were not taken nor recorded at or near the place in the said Township of *Walsingham* as required by Law: 2.—That the Polls in and for the Townships of *Windham*, *Houghton*, and *Walsingham*, in the said County of *Norfolk*, were not kept open by the Deputy Returning Officers for those Townships, for the reception of votes during the hours required by Law, on the second and fourth days of January last, being days appointed and proclaimed by the Returning Officer for the County of *Norfolk*, for polling the votes in the said Townships: 3.—That votes were taken and recorded for the said *Walker Powell* by the Poll Clerk for the Township of *Windham*, in the absence of the Deputy Returning Officer for that Township from the Poll, and that votes for Mr. *Walsh*, the opposing candidate, were tendered and refused by the said Poll Clerk during the absence of the said Deputy Returning Officer from the said Poll: Your Petitioners, therefore, pray your Honorable House to declare the Election of the said *Walker Powell*, as Member for *Norfolk*, to be

null and void, and to direct that another Election do take place in and for the said County of *Norfolk*, and to do otherwise in the premises as to justice appertain.

Of *William Fitch*, *John Nixon*, and *William Kerr Sumner*, respectively of the Township of *Grimsby*, in the County of *Lincoln*, Electors of the said County of *Lincoln*, setting forth: That under the Proclamation and return made by the Returning Officer on the ninth day of January, A. D. 1858, the Honorable *William Hamilton Merritt* was declared elected to serve in Parliament as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, for the County of *Lincoln*, subject to such special circumstances as are contained in the return of the Returning Officer: That your Petitioners are electors of the said County of *Lincoln*, and had a right to vote at the said Election, and that your Petitioners voted at the said Election: That your Petitioners complain that the said *William Hamilton Merritt* was unduly and improperly elected and returned to serve in Parliament as aforesaid, and also that no return has been made according to the registration of the Writ issued for the Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the County of *Lincoln*, and the facts and circumstances upon which your Petitioners contest the said Election and return, and that no return has been made according to the requisition of the Writ, are as follows: 1.—That the said *William Hamilton Merritt* did not, with a view to becoming a Candidate at the said Election, make at any time, either before or after the Writ of Election, and before the nomination, any declaration voluntarily or otherwise, of his property qualification, as mentioned in the forty-eighth and forty-ninth sections of an Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to amend, consolidate and reduce into one Act the several statutory provisions now in force for the Regulation of Elections of Members to represent the people of this Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof;" nor did he make such declaration on the nomination day, although formally and lawfully demanded on that day before a Poll was granted, by one *John B. Cutler*, of *Smithville*, a duly qualified elector of the said County; and that the said *William Hamilton Merritt* was not present at the said Election, nor within the Province of *Canada*, either before or after the return of the Writ of Election, nor at any time during the currency thereof, and that though disqualified and ineligible, the voters of the said County well-knowing his disqualification and ineligibility, voted for him, thereby throwing away their votes, and thereby making them of no effect. 2.—That the said *William Hamilton Merritt* was not, either at the time of his nomination, at the time of the Election, at the time of the declaration, or at the time of the return of the said Writ of Election, and is not now seized at law or in equity as of Freehold, for his own use and benefit, of lands or tenements held in free and common soccage, or seized or possessed, for his own use and benefit, of lands or tenements held in fief or in roture in the Province of *Canada*, of the value of five hundred pounds of sterling money of *Great Britain*, over and above all rents, mortgages, charges and encumbrances, charged upon, or due and payable out of, or affecting the same, as required by the Statute in that case made and provided, and though disqualified and ineligible, the voters of the said County well knowing his disqualification and ineligibility, voted for him, thereby throwing away their votes and making them of none effect: That at the said Election one *Abishai Morse*, of the Village of *Smithville*, in the Township of *Grimsby*, in the County of *Lincoln* aforesaid, was a Candidate for Election and return to serve as Representative in the Legislative Assembly of this Province for the County of *Lincoln*, and your Petitioners object to and complain of the possible Election and return of the said *Abishai Morse*, on the grounds following: 1.—That the said *Abishai Morse* did not, with a view to his becoming a Candidate at the said Election, either before or after the Writ of said Election, and before the nomination, or on the day of declaration, resign the Office of Postmaster at the Village of *Smithville*, in the

County of *Lincoln* aforesaid, as he should have done in order to his eligibility, according to the Statute in that behalf made and provided, being chapter twenty-two of the twentieth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, and in the third session of the Fifth Parliament of *Canada*. 2.—That the said *Abishai Morse* was not, either at the time of the issuing of the said Writ of Election, at the time of his nomination, at the time of the Election, or at the time of the declaration, qualified to be a Member of Parliament, by reason of his being Postmaster of the Village of *Smithsville* aforesaid. 3.—That during the progress of the said Election, the electors of the said County of *Lincoln* were duly notified by hand-bills, proclamations, and other means, that the said *Abishai Morse* was not qualified to be elected a Member of the Parliament of *Canada*, from the fact of his holding the Office of Postmaster aforesaid, and that though thus disqualified and ineligible, sundry of the electors of the said County voted for him, thereby throwing away their votes, and thereby making them of none effect: That at the said Election one *James William Osgoode Clark*, of the Township of *Louth*, in the County of *Lincoln*, was a Candidate for Election and return as the Representative in the Legislative Assembly for the County of *Lincoln*: Your Petitioners therefore pray that the said Election and return of the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, as Representative in the Legislative Assembly for the County of *Lincoln*, may be declared illegal and void, and that the possible Election and return of the said *Abishai Morse* may be declared illegal and void, and that the said *James William Osgoode Clark*, Esquire, may be declared duly elected and returned as Representative in the Legislative Assembly for the County of *Lincoln*, and may be authorized to take his seat as such, or that a new Writ may issue for the Election and return of a Representative in the Legislative Assembly for the County of *Lincoln*: And that your Petitioners may have such further, and other relief in the premises, as may be deemed just.

Of *Thomas Scott* and others, Electors of the County of *Grey*, setting forth: That under the Proclamation and return made by the Returning Officer of the County of *Grey*, on the ninth day of January, A. D., 1858, *John Sheridan Hogan*, Esquire, was declared duly elected to serve in Parliament as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, for the County of *Grey*: That your Petitioners had a right to vote at the said Election, and some of your Petitioners voted at the said Election: That your Petitioners complain that the said *John Sheridan Hogan* was unduly elected, and also unduly returned to serve in Parliament as aforesaid, and also that no return has been made according to the requisition of the Writ issued for the Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the County of *Grey*, and the facts and circumstances upon which your Petitioners contest the said Election and return, and that no return has been made according to the requisition of the Writ, are as follows: 1.—The said *John Sheridan Hogan* was not at the time of Election, and is not now, duly seized at law, or in equity, as of freehold for his own use and benefit, of lands or tenements held in free and common soccage, or duly seized as aforesaid, for his own use and benefit, of lands and tenements held in fee or in roture in the Province of *Canada*, of the value of five hundred pounds sterling money of *Great Britain*, over and above all rents, mortgages, charges and encumbrances charged upon, or due and payable out of, or affecting the same. 2.—The said *John Sheridan Hogan* has collusively or colorably obtained a title to, or become possessed of the lands and tenements upon which to qualify, or some part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying, or enabling him to be returned as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*. 3.—The Returning Officer, in pursuance of the Writ of Election, did, by Proclamation under his hand, fix the twenty-third day of December, A. D. 1857, as the nomination day, and did also fix the first and second day of January, A. D. 1858, as the days on which, in case a Poll should be demanded and granted, such Poll should be opened for taking and recording

the votes of the electors according to law, and at the said nomination on the said twenty-third day of December aforesaid, in pursuance of the Statute in such case made and provided, a Poll was demanded and granted, whereupon the Returning Officer, immediately after having granted such Poll and before adjourning his proceedings, did publicly proclaim from the hustings the first and second days of January, A.D., 1858, being the day previously fixed in and by his first proclamation, for the purpose of then taking and recording the votes of the Electors according to Law, and the Poll was accordingly opened and held at each and every of the Polling-places in the County of *Grey*, on the said first day of January, A.D., 1858, and the next following day, and on those two days only and on no other day, and your Petitioners object that the day so fixed and proclaimed by the Returning Officer for opening and holding the Poll, being the first day of January (1858), commonly called New Year's day, was contrary to the Statute in such case made and provided, and that in consequence of the said proceedings respectively, the said proclamation, taking of Poll, election and return, are severally illegal and void: 4.—Previously to and at the said Election, the said *John Sheridan Hogan* or his agents were guilty of bribery and corruption in various ways, and bribed and corrupted various Electors of the said County of *Grey*, both directly and indirectly, by giving money, gratuity or reward, or promise of the same, with the intent to corrupt and bribe them to vote for him, the said *John Sheridan Hogan*, or to keep them back from voting for any other candidate, and in particular, the said *John Sheridan Hogan* corrupted and bribed one *James Kerr*, of the Township of *Euphrasia*, in the said County, in that he, the said *John Sheridan Hogan*, or his authorized agents, gave or promised to give him, the said *James Kerr*, the sum of forty dollars or some other sum of money, or promise thereof, with the intent to corrupt or bribe the said *James Kerr* to vote for the said *John Sheridan Hogan*, or to keep him back from becoming a candidate himself, or from voting for himself, the said *James Kerr*, or for any other candidate: 5.—The said *John Sheridan Hogan* opened and supported, at his costs and charges, houses of public entertainment for the accommodation of the Electors, that is to say:—At *White's*, in the Township of *Holland*; at the sign of the *Boyne Water*, in the Township of *Artemesia*; at *Stephenson's*, at *Parret's*, and at *LaRush's* respectively, in the Township of *St. Vincent*; at *Martin's Store*, in the Township of *Euphrasia*; and at certain other taverns, stores, or places in the said County, or that the same was done by his authorized agents or by some persons in his interest, for the purpose of promoting his Election: 6.—The said *John Sheridan Hogan*, being a candidate for the representation of the County of *Grey*, and various other persons on his behalf did, with intent to promote his Election, provide or furnish entertainment at his expense to meetings of Electors, assembled for the purpose of promoting such Election, previous to and during such Election, and paid for, and promised or engaged to pay for, such entertainment at various places, and more particularly at *White's*, in the Township of *Holland*; at the sign of the *Boyne Water*, in the Township of *Artemesia*; at a Tavern in *Priceville*, in the said Township of *Artemesia*; at *Hunter's Hotel*, in *Durham*; at *Campbell's*, at *Sloan's* and *Follis' Inns*, in *Derby*; and at *May's Hotel*, and at *Snowden's Hotel*, in *Owen Sound*; and at *Martin's Store*, in the Township of *Euphrasia*, and at other places in the said County. 7.—To promote his Election, the said *John Sheridan Hogan*, and other persons on his behalf, and at his instance, did, in the open air, at or near to the place where the Poll was being held; in the Township of *Euphrasia*, supply a quantity of whiskey, and other entertainment, or cause the same to be done, to the electors and other persons there assembled, which caused certain acts contrary to law, to be done injurious to the interests of the other Candidates, and which especially tended to prevent a free access to the Polling-place, and the polling of votes without intimidation or fear: That

your Petitioners have served the said *John Sheridan Hogan* with a notice of intention to contest his Election and return for the County of *Grey*, and said notice was served on the said *Hogan* on Monday, the eighteenth day of January, A.D., 1858, as appears by affidavit of *William Skynner*, of the City of *Toronto*: That at the said Election, *Richard Carney*, of the Town of *Owen's Sound*, in the County of *Grey*, Esquire, and Dr. *James Hamilton*, of the Town of *Dundas*, in the County of *Wentworth*, were Candidates: Your Petitioners therefore complain of the undue Election and return of the said *John Sheridan Hogan*, to serve in Parliament as Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, for the County of *Grey*, and your Petitioners also complain that no return has been made according to the requisition of the Writ of Election, issued for the Election of a Member to serve in Parliament in the said Legislative Assembly, for the County of *Grey*, and your Petitioners pray that the said Proclamation, taking of Poll, and Election and return of the said *John Sheridan Hogan*, may be declared severally illegal and void, and that a new Writ may issue for the said County of *Grey*, or that the said *John Sheridan Hogan* may be declared not duly returned or elected, and said *Richard Carney*, or *James Hamilton*, declared duly returned and elected, and that your Petitioners may have such further, and other relief in the premises, as may be deemed just.

Of *Edward Scallon* and others, Inhabitants and Electors of the County of *Joliette*, setting forth: That under the law of Elections in this Country, no person can be a Member of your Honorable House unless, among other conditions to be fulfilled, he possesses, on the day of his election, real property of the value of five hundred pounds sterling money of *Great Britain* above all rents, charges, and hypothecary debts, which may be attached, due, and payable on such lands, or to which they may be subject: That in contravention and contempt of the said Election laws, *Joseph Hilarion Jobin*, Esquire, Notary, of the City of *Montreal*, in the said Province of *Canada*, declared, elected, and proclaimed a Member of your Honorable House on the eighth day of the month of January last, of the present year, for the said County of *Joliette*, and sitting Member in the present Parliament, does not possess the real property qualification required by the said Election laws: And furthermore, your Petitioners allege, that the land on which the said *Joseph Hilarion Jobin* qualified at the last Election, is charged with the sum of fifteen hundred and sixty-seven pounds six shillings and seven-pence current money of *Canada*, that is to say: One thousand and sixteen pounds six shillings and seven-pence current money of hypothecary debts enregistered in the Registry Office in and for the County of *Berthier*, and five hundred and fifty-one pounds current money, also hypothecary debts, in the Registry Office in and for the County of *Joliette*, as it appears by the certificates from the said two Registry Offices annexed to the present Petition, and to which your Petitioners refer; and that the said land is only worth the sum of five hundred pounds current money of the Province of *Canada*, as it appears by the certificate of the Secretary-treasurer of the Municipality of the County of *Joliette*, proving that on the valuation roll of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Paul*, the said land is valued only at the said sum of five hundred pounds current money: Under those circumstances the Election of the said *Joseph Hilarion Jobin*, as Member of the Provincial Parliament, is null and of no effect: Wherefore, your Petitioners pray you to take their present Petition into serious consideration, and to order an investigation into his real property qualification, to adjudicate hereon, and to declare the Election of the said *Joseph Hilarion Jobin* null, and further to make such orders as to law and justice appertain.

Being read, and the Question being put that the Petition be now received;
It passed in the Negative.

Of *Donald Campbell*, of the Township of *Osgoode*, in the County of *Carleton*, and Province of *Canada*, Yeoman; *Robert Grant*, of the same place, Merchant; *Peter McNab*, of the same place, Esquire; *Duncan McLaren*, of the same place, Yeoman; *Moses Ethan Jobin*, of the same place, Yeoman; *Ira Morgan*, of the same place, Merchant; *John Savage*, of the Township of *Gloucester*, in the County and Province aforesaid, Yeoman; *Abraham Dosey*, of the Township of *Gloucester* aforesaid, Yeoman; and *Leonard Wood*, of the Township of *Gloucester* aforesaid, Esquire; duly qualified Electors of the County of *Russell*; setting forth: That at the Election in and for the County of *Russell*, of one Member to represent the same in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, which Election was opened and commenced at a hustings erected in the Village of *Metcalf*, in the Township of *Osgoode*, which said Township of *Osgoode*, together with the Township of *Gloucester*, are by law detached from the County of *Carleton*, and attached to the said County of *Russell* for the purpose of representation, on the nineteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, being the nomination day appointed for the said Election, *George Byron Lyon Fellowes*, of the City of *Ottawa*, Esquire, and *John William Loux*, of the City of *Ottawa* aforesaid, Merchant, were the Candidates: That at the said Election a Poll was demanded on the part and behalf of the said *George Byron Lyon Fellowes*; that the same was granted and proceeded with, and that at the close of the said Election, to wit: on the thirtieth day of the said month of December last, the said Candidate, *George Byron Lyon Fellowes*, was declared returned as duly elected to represent the said County of *Russell* in the present Parliament of this Province, and received an indenture to that effect from the Returning Officer at the said Election; that the number of votes Polled at the said Election was one thousand seven hundred and fourteen, of which eight hundred and sixty-four were for the said Candidate, *George Byron Lyon Fellowes*, and eight hundred and fifty for the said Candidate, *John William Loux*, thereby making and leaving a majority of fourteen in favor of the said *George Byron Lyon Fellowes*, as by the said Poll-books, taken and kept at the said Election, and returned to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, with the Writ of Election by the Returning Officer at the said County of *Russell*, reference being thereunto had, will more fully and at large appear: That your Petitioner's, duly qualified electors, at the said County of *Russell*, at the said Election, having voted thereat, and still being electors at the said County of *Russell*, conceive, and are advised and convinced, and do aver, that the said *George Byron Lyon Fellowes* was not duly and lawfully elected and chosen, and was unduly and unlawfully returned to represent the said County of *Russell* in the said Parliament, for and on account of the grounds, causes and reasons hereinafter contained, mentioned and set forth, that is to say:—because the said majority of the said *George Byron Lyon Fellowes*, and a large number over the same, to wit—three hundred and twenty-seven and more was only a colorable majority, and was composed of persons not entitled to vote at the said election: Because three hundred and forty-one of the votes which purport to have been given and recorded as legal votes for and on behalf of the said *George Byron Lyon Fellowes*, at the Poll held during the said Election, in and for the Township of *Cambridge*, in the said County of *Russell*, and which three hundred and forty-one votes are entered on the original poll-book at the said Township as inhabitants of *Troy*, *Rome* and *Albany* respectively, were those of persons who were not, nor was any of them, possessed of any property qualification whatever entitling them, or any of them, to vote at the said Election: That such three hundred and forty-one persons, whose names appear on the said Poll-books as having voted for the said *George Byron Lyon Fellowes* as aforesaid, were not, nor was any of them present at the said Election or Poll-house, nor were they, or any of them at the time of the said Election, British subjects by birth or naturalization, or inhabitants of

this Province; but, on the contrary thereof, they were all aliens and inhabitants of the *United States of America*; Because *George M. Cryslor*, the Deputy Returning Officer for the said Township of *Cambridge*, and *John S. Casselman*, his Poll Clerk at the said Poll, and others in collusion with them, fraudulently caused to be taken, written down and inscribed on the poll-books at the said Township of *Cambridge*, the said three hundred and forty-one names of persons as voters for the said *George Byron Lyon Fellowes*, which three hundred and forty-one names are those of persons who are stated on the said Poll-book to be inhabitants of *Troy, Rome* and *Albany* respectively, none of whom were voters at such Election, nor were present at the said Poll-house; because fifty and upwards of the said three hundred and forty-one names so entered on the poll-book as voters for the said *George Byron Lyon Fellowes*, were so entered on the said poll-book by the said *George M. Cryslor*, or *John S. Casselman*, his Poll Clerk, or others in collusion with them, after the Poll of the said Township of *Cambridge* had closed, and after the hour of five of the clock in the afternoon of the second of the polling days at such Election: Because the whole number of persons who actually came forward to the said Poll, and polled their votes at the said Poll, in the Township of *Cambridge*, was forty-nine, which forty-nine are designated in the said Poll-book as inhabitants of the said Township of *Cambridge*, the remainder, to the number of three hundred and forty-one aforesaid, is made up of names of fictitious persons, fraudulently and improperly entered on the said poll-book by the said *George M. Cryslor*, or his Poll Clerk, or others in collusion with them, and with their privity and assent: Because the said *George M. Cryslor*, as such Deputy Returning Officer, for the purpose of enabling him, his Poll Clerk and others to commit the said frauds, and to enter the said fictitious votes in the said Poll-book, for the said *George Byron Lyon Fellowes*, excluded from the said Poll-house the representatives of the said *John William Loux*, and would not suffer or permit any representative of the said *John William Loux* to be or remain within the said Poll-house during the time the Poll for the said Township of *Cambridge* was open: your Petitioners further shew unto your Honorable House, that the County of *Russell*, for the purpose of representation only, is composed of the Townships of *Cumberland, Clarence, Russell, and Cambridge*, in the County of *Russell*, and of the Townships of *Gloucester* and *Osgoode*, in the County of *Carleton*: That there is no County Court Judge residing or having jurisdiction, within the said County of *Russell*, as established for the purposes of representation, and that consequently, your Petitioners could not, as they have been advised and believe, take advantage of the provisions of the Statute of this Province, passed in the twentieth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, chaptered twenty-three, and intituled "An Act to improve the mode of obtaining Evidence in cases of Controverted Elections:" Your Petitioners, therefore, pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to take the premises into consideration, and to find and declare for the reasons, grounds and causes aforesaid, that the said *George Byron Lyon Fellowes* was not duly elected and returned, and that the said *John William Loux* was duly elected, and ought to have been returned as the Member to serve in Parliament for the said County of *Russell*, and order that the name of the said *George Byron Lyon Fellowes* be erased from the return made of the said *George Byron Lyon Fellowes* by the Returning Officer at the said County of *Russell*, and the name of the said *John William Loux* inserted in the room, place and stead of the name of the said *George Byron Lyon Fellowes*; and to grant unto your Petitioners such other and further relief in the premises as to your Honorable House shall seem meet and proper.

Being read,

Mr. *Fellowes* moved, seconded by Mr. *Burton*, and the Question being proposed:—That the said Petition be not received;

Mr. *Sherwood* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hogan*, and the Question being put, That the further consideration of the Question be postponed until To-morrow; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Matrice,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>55. White.</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Tassi,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Coulée,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Darust,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>56. Webb.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question being put, That the Petition be not received; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tassi,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Coulée,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Darust,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>58. Webb.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A. Powell, Walker</i>	
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S. Rymal,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Davson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>54. White.</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Gill* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*, and the Question being proposed, That the time for receiving Petitions for Private or Local Bills and Reports thereon, be extended two weeks beyond the time fixed by the Rules of this House.

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, That all the words after "extended" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "to two months from the opening of the Session, inserted instead "thereof;"

And the Question being put on the Amendment; it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put,

Ordered, That the time for receiving Petitions for Private or Local Bills and Reports thereon, be extended to two months, from the opening of the Session.

Ordered, That the Report of the Medical Superintendent of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum at *Toronto*, for the year 1857, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That his Warrant for the appointment of Members to serve on the General Committee of Elections, was upon the Table:— And the said Warrant was read, as followeth:—

Pursuant to the thirtieth section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," I do hereby appoint the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Member for the Town of *Cornwall*; the Honorable *T. J. J. Loranger*, Member for the County of *Laprairie*; *Joseph Hartman*, Esquire, Member for the North Riding of the County of *York*; *Joseph Edouard Turcotte*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Champlain*; *James Moir Ferres*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Brome*; and *Angus Morrison*, Esquire, Member for the North Riding of the County of *Simcoe*, to be Members of the General Committee of Elections for the present Session.

Given under my hand, this eleventh day of March, 1858.

Henry Smith, Junior,
Speaker, Legislative Assembly,

Ordered, That the said Warrant be printed.

Pursuant to the 45th section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," the Clerk read over an Alphabetical List of the Names of all the Members of the House.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment which was on Wednesday the third instant, proposed to be made to the third paragraph of the Question;

“That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for His Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, and for the expression of his happiness in meeting the Representatives of the *Canadian* people in this the first Session of a new Parliament:—and further to assure His Excellency—That when the last Session was closed in the month of June, we concurred with His Excellency in supposing that *England* was at peace with the whole world, and that we learned with profound grief that at that very time a fearful mutiny was raging in the heart of our Eastern Empire—a mutiny which for the moment seemed to peril all that we had won in *India*—whilst by the atrocities committed in its course, it roused the indignation of the whole civilized world.

“That the people of *Canada*, as they have sympathized with the danger and the sufferings of their fellow-subjects, do in like manner rejoice at the vigour which has checked this rebellion, and will appreciate the steadfast courage and perseverance which have distinguished our countrymen in the East, and feel that it is indeed a source of pride to the *British Colonies* that with *Havelock* and *Outram* is associated the name of *Inglis*, and that we have sent from *Canada* some who fell gallantly fighting at *Delhi* and *Lucknow*;—and that while we know that the issue of this struggle is in the hands of Providence, we believe, with His Excellency, that we may without presumption, anticipate success to our arms, and the firm establishment of *British* rule in *Hindustan*.

“That we saw with anxiety, that towards the close of last year commercial relations both in *Europe* and in *America* had been very much disturbed. That we are fully aware that in these matters, the welfare of every country is more or less affected by the condition of others; and that an effectual remedy for such evils is therefore rarely to be found within the reach of any one community. We feel with His Excellency, that we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the prudence of our commercial men, and that we may be proud of the position of our Banks, inasmuch as they stand almost alone on this Northern Continent, in having continued to meet, without shrinking, their obligations to pay in specie. That we are nevertheless sensible that there is no doubt that the pressure has been, and still is, severe on our merchants, our landowners, and our farmers. That we believe there is no doubt, also, that much may be done to amend and improve our own commercial legislation. That we thank His Excellency for recommending these matters to our attention; and that the expediency of assimilating the Commercial law of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*,—the Law of Imprisonment for Debt, and the Law of Insolvency in *Upper Canada*,—the Law regarding Fraudulent Assignments and Preferences, and that relating to the Interest of Money in Commercial transactions of every kind,—shall receive our most earnest consideration;—as shall also the revision of the Jury Law and the amendment and consolidation of the Municipal Law of *Upper Canada*.

“That we agree with His Excellency in thinking that there are no Statutory provisions more important to the country than those which regulate the Franchise and the trial of Controverted Elections, and in his opinion, that the present Acts require amendment; that we shall not fail to do all in our power to improve and simplify the existing system, and that we believe with His Excellency, that it would be expedient to secure, by Law, the proper Registration and protection of all qualified Voters.

“That any measure which His Excellency may cause to be laid before us, for amending and simplifying the whole system of management of our Public

“Lands, and facilitating their occupation by industrious settlers, will receive our attentive consideration.

“That we rejoice with His Excellency that the number of Emigrants in the course of the year just ended was considerably in excess of that of the previous year.

“That we have much pleasure in learning that a large extent of territory in different parts of the Province has been surveyed for the purpose of immediate occupation. We concur with His Excellency in believing that experience has proved that the opening of Roads through the forest has much facilitated the settlement of our wild lands, and that by making these Roads on a system at once uniform and comprehensive, there is every reason to expect the best results from the aid granted by the Legislature.

“That we are convinced that the subject of the Fisheries in both sections of the Province is one which deserves our attention, and learn with satisfaction, that His Excellency believes they may be so dealt with, as hereafter to become a source of Revenue.

“That we are gratified to know that in *Lower Canada*, the Legislative changes made in the Judicial system have been brought into operation, and that His Excellency trusts that more ready access to Justice and the speedy termination of Civil Suits will be the result of these provisions.

“That we receive with much pleasure His Excellency's congratulations on the continued success of the *Canadian* Line of Steamers, and that we feel with him that they have already placed our intercourse with *Europe* on a new footing, and look forward with pleasure to the establishment of a Weekly Line to the *St. Lawrence* during the next Summer.

“That we thank His Excellency for recommending to our notice the increasing value of the Lake commerce of *Canada*, and agree with him that our trade with *Chicago* and Western States promises to be important alike to the Upper and the Lower sections of the Province.

“That we learn with deep interest, that during the recess a correspondence has taken place with the Imperial Government and with the Sister Colonies of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, in which the importance to Imperial interests of an Inter-colonial Railway and Military Road to *Halifax* has been pressed on the attention of the Home Government, and that we thank His Excellency for the assurance that this correspondence will be submitted for our consideration.

“That concurring entirely in His Excellency's opinion, that this Province has already gone to the utmost limit of pecuniary aid to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, we learn with the highest satisfaction that His Excellency entertains a confident expectation that such aid will prove sufficient to secure the advantages promised by the completion of its works; and we have no doubt that the community at large are fully sensible of the benefits derived from this great and important undertaking.

“That while we regret that the Commercial difficulties to which His Excellency has alluded, will be found to have affected our Revenue, we know that this was to be expected, and are thankful for his assurance that the diminution is such as to inspire no fears for the credit or the future prosperity of the Country.

“That we are convinced that we shall find that due economy has been used in the expenditure of the funds entrusted to the Executive Government, and that effectual supervision over the Public Accounts has been maintained by the Board of Audit. And that His Excellency may rest assured that such supplies as may be required for the Public Service will be cheerfully granted by us.

“That we thank His Excellency for the intimation that certain Correspondence in relation to the *Hudson's Bay* Company and its Territory, will be laid before us; as well as an answer to our Address presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of the seat of Government. That with regard to the

“ first of these subjects, His Excellency may rely on our giving our most serious
 “ consideration to the propositions made by Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for
 “ the Colonies to the Company, and on our earnest endeavour to weigh well the
 “ bearing of these propositions on the interests and rights of *Canada*; and that
 “ we shall receive with much satisfaction the papers which His Excellency is
 “ pleased to say will be submitted to us, showing the steps taken by the Provin-
 “ cial Government for the assertion of those interests and rights, and for their
 “ future maintenance.

And which Amendment was, That the words “ But this House cannot but
 “ regret that Your Excellency has not been advised to recommend at the same
 “ time a re-consideration of the Tariff, with a view to the adopting of a more
 “ equitable scale of duties based on the *ad valorem* principle,” be added at the
 end thereof;

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until to-morrow.

John O’Farrell, Esquire, Member for the County of *Lotbinière*, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his Seat in the House.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Fortier*, seconded by Mr. *Turcotte*,
 The House adjourned.

Friday, 12th March, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Gill*,—The Petition of *A. Lozeau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de la Baie du Febvre*, County of *Yamaska*; the Petition of *Joseph Lemaitre*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. Thomas de Pierreville*, County of *Yamaska*; the Petition of the Reverend *A. A. Marcoux*, of the Parish of *St. Zephirin*, County of *Yamaska*; and the Petition of *Joseph Manseau*, President, and others, Trustees of the Common of the Seigniory of *Baie du Febvre*.

By Mr. *Coutlée*,—The Petition of *Alexander Perry* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ignace du Coteau du Lac*, County of *Soulanges*.

By Mr. *Archambeault*,—The Petition of the Institute of *L’Assomption*.

By Mr. *Ouimet*,—The Petition of the Directors and Professors of the Deaf and Dumb Institution of *St. Viateur*, County of *Hochelaga*.

By Mr. *Daly*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Stratford*; and the Petition of *J. W. Maxwell* and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts of the County of *Perth*.

By Mr. *McMicken*,—The Petition of *Walkden Mowdesley*, Merchant, and others, residing along the line of the *Welland Canal*; and the Petition of *W. B. Hendershot* and others, of *Thorold*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—The Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade.

By Mr. *Simpson*,—The Petition of *John Powell* and others, Registrars of Counties; and the Petition of *L. W. Mercer* and others, of the Town of *Niagara*.

By Mr. *Clark*,—The Petition of *Joseph S. Keeler* and others, of the County of *Northumberland*.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Halton*.

By Mr. *John Cameron*,—The Petition of the Provincial Insurance Company of *Toronto*; and the Petition of the Board of Trustees of the University of *Queen's College*.

By Mr. *Ross*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Mary Ann Bankier*, and other Ladies, the Committee of the *Quebec Lower Town Infant School*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Town Council of *Prescott*,—of the Town Council of the Town of *Chatham*,—and of the Town Council of the Town of *Cobourg*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal and Assessment Acts of *Upper Canada*.

Of the Municipality of *Mersea*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the construction of a Ship Canal to connect the waters of the River *St. Clair* with Lake *Erie*.

Of *Joseph Desgagners* and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de l'Isle aux Coudres*; representing that the County of *Charlevoix*, by its proximity to the City of *Quebec*, does not require a County Gaol or a Court of Justice, but that the Island they inhabit is in much want of a Wharf for the accommodation of their shipping, and praying that the money intended for the construction of a prison may be applied to the other wants of the County, and to the construction of a wharf on the said *Isle aux Coudres*.

Of the Provisional Directors of the *St. Clair, Chatham, and Rondeau* Ship Canal Company; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of *H. Stephens* and others; praying to be Incorporated as "The *St. James* Club of *Montreal*."

Of *Levi Rawson* and others, of *Cleveland, United States of America*; praying that the *Welland Canal* may be enlarged.

Of the Provisional Council of the County of *Bruce*; praying for the passing of an Act empowering His Excellency the Governor General to revoke the Proclamation naming *Walkerton* the County Town of the County of *Bruce*, and that the choice be left to the qualified Municipal Electors.

Of *James Pearson*, of the City of *Toronto*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable him to construct a Railway or Tramway to connect with the Grand Trunk at or near *Georgetown*.

Of *Joseph Piché*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Roch*, County of *L'Assomption*; praying aid for the Female Academy in the said Parish.

Of *Alexander Hamilton, James Ballantyne, Thomas Brown, John Ballantyne, James Robertson, Thomas Smith, Hugh McByres, Alexander Robertson* and *James Simpson*, all of the County of *Perth*, Yeomen, whose names are subscribed hereto, duly qualified Electors at the Election herein mentioned, and voters thereat, setting forth: That your Petitioners were at the last Election of a Member to serve in the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, held in and for the County of *Perth* aforesaid, such duly qualified Electors, and that they actually voted at such Election: That a Poll was duly taken at and for such Election, when *Thomas Mayne Daly*, Esquire, was said to have been elected as a Member for the said County of *Perth*, and was returned by the Returning Officer as such Member: That your Petitioners have given due notice of their intention to contest the Election and return of the said *Thomas Mayne Daly*, according to the Statute in that case made and provided, and your Petitioners state and show the following facts and circumstances against the Election and return of the said *Thomas Mayne Daly* as aforesaid, that is to say: First.—That no sufficient declaration of qualification was made by him, the said *Thomas Mayne Daly*, and delivered to the Returning Officer for the said County previous to the proclamation of the said Returning Officer at the closing of the said Election;

pursuant to the Statute in such case made and provided, though the same was lawfully required by an Elector and by the said Returning Officer: Second.—That the lands and tenements mentioned and described in the paper or writing, purporting to be the declaration of qualification of the said *Thomas Mayne Daly*, which was delivered to the said Returning Officer before the proclamation of the said Returning Officer at the closing of the said Election, were not of the value of five hundred pounds of sterling money of *Great Britain* over and above all rents, mortgages, charges, and incumbrances charged upon, or due and payable out of or affecting the same: Third.—That he, the said *Thomas Mayne Daly*, was not duly seized at law or in equity, as of freehold for his own use and benefit, of the said lands and tenements at the date of the said paper, or writing, or declaration of qualification, nor on the thirteenth day of December last when he was proclaimed or returned as being elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly: Fourth.—That the said *Thomas Mayne Daly* collusively or colorably obtained a title to, or became possessed of the said lands and tenements, or some part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying or enabling him to be returned a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*: Fifth.—That the said *Thomas Mayne Daly* did, directly or indirectly, before and during the said Election, employ various means of corruption by giving sums of money, employment, gratuities, or rewards to Electors of the said County, or did threaten Electors of the said County of losing some office, salary, income, or advantage, with the intent to corrupt or bribe the said Electors to vote for him, or to keep back the said Electors from voting for *William McDougall*, Esquire, the other candidate at the said Election: Sixth.—That the said *Thomas Mayne Daly* did, at and during the said Election, open and support, or cause to be opened and supported, taverns or houses of public entertainment for the accommodation of Electors, as a means of procuring his Election contrary to the Statute in that case made and provided: That some of your Petitioners did, before the said *Thomas Mayne Daly* was declared elected, or returned as elected, protest against his Election and Return for the causes aforesaid, and did give to the Returning Officer a copy of their protest in writing, notwithstanding which, the said *Thomas Mayne Daly* has been Returned as a Member to serve in Parliament for the said County of *Perth*: That for the reasons and causes aforesaid, the said *Thomas Mayne Daly* was not eligible to be, nor capable of being Elected or Returned a Member of Parliament, or to sit and vote therein; and that the said unlawful acts, omissions, incapacities, and practices, were contrary to the freedom of Election, to the Standing Orders of this Honorable House, and to the Laws and Statutes in force concerning Elections, and for preventing bribery and corruption on the Election of Members to serve in Parliament, and have rendered the said Election and Return of the said *Thomas Mayne Daly* null and void: Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that this Honorable House will take the premises into consideration, and declare that the said *Thomas Mayne Daly* was not duly Elected to serve in this present Parliament, and ought not to have been Returned to serve in such Parliament, and that the said *William McDougall*, Esquire, being the only duly qualified candidate at the said Election, was duly Elected and ought to have been Returned, or that the said Election is void, and that a new Writ shall issue, and that this Honorable House will grant to your Petitioners such relief as to this Honorable House shall seem meet.

Of *Jean Louis Beaudry*, *Thomas Morland* and *Louis Marchand*, all three of the City of *Montreal*, in the Province of *Canada*, Esquires, Merchants, and residing in the said City of *Montreal*, setting forth: That your Petitioners, at the several periods hereinafter stated, and for more than six months previous to the issuing of the Writ hereinafter mentioned, were, and still are, duly qualified electors, having a right to vote at the Election herein referred to, for the choice of three persons to represent the City of *Montreal* in the Legislative Assembly of

this Province : That under and by virtue of a Writ bearing date, and issued at *Toronto*, on the twenty-eighth day of November last past, addressed to *John Boston*, Esquire, of the City of *Montreal*, Sheriff of the District of *Montreal*, the said *John Boston* did, by Proclamation by him duly made, name and appoint the fourteenth day of December last, for the purpose of nominating three fit and proper persons to represent the said City of *Montreal*, in the said Legislative Assembly : That on the said day of nomination six candidates were proposed and nominated, to wit: The Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, *John Rose*, *Henry Starnes*, *Luther H. Holton*, *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, and *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, Esquires, and upon a show of hands being had, and the majority declared to be in favor of the three Candidates last named, a Poll was demanded and granted, on behalf and in favor of the first three above-named Candidates, and the twenty-first and twenty-second days of December last were, by the said *John Boston*, Esquire, appointed for the taking and recording of votes in the several Wards of the said City : That before, and also on the said day of nomination, a demand was duly made from the said *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, Esquire, to produce and furnish, according to law, his qualification to become a Member and Representative of the said City in the said Legislative Assembly : That subsequently, to wit, on the twenty-eighth day of December last past, in the said City of *Montreal*, the said *John Boston*, Esquire, did, by his Proclamation then and there made, proclaim and declare as elected, the said *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, *John Rose*, and *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, Esquires, to represent the said City of *Montreal* in the said Legislative Assembly : That your Petitioners complain that the Election and return of the said *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, Esquire, as one of the Representatives of the said City of *Montreal*, in the said Legislative Assembly, was, and is undue, illegal, null and void, and that the same should be so declared, and be set aside and annulled, and his seat declared vacated for the following, among other reasons. Firstly.—Because his said Election was carried through bribery and corruption, and that before, during and since the said Election, he has directly and indirectly, under divers pretences, and through his authorized agents, friends and other parties, employed and engaged in promoting his said Election, paid, and caused to be paid to a great number of the electors of the said City of *Montreal*, with the intent of corrupting and bribing the said electors, divers large sums of money, with a view to induce them to vote for him at the said Election, and that he thereby obtained the votes of a large number of the electors of the said City of *Montreal*, who otherwise would not have voted for him, which votes so illegally obtained gave him a majority over The Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, Esquire, both of the City of *Montreal*, two of the Candidates at the said Election. Secondly.—Because a great many of the electors of the said City of *Montreal*, and a great many other persons who were not electors, were induced to vote, and did vote for him at the said Election, by the promises that were made and held out to them by him, his authorized agents, friends and other parties, engaged and employed in promoting his Election, that they would be paid and rewarded for their votes, and by the promises that were made to them of some office, employment and other advantage, and that the number of votes so illegally obtained by him greatly exceeds the majority of votes he had over the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, two of the Candidates at the said Election. Thirdly.—Because a great many of the electors of the said City of *Montreal*, and other persons who were not electors, were induced to vote for him at the said Election, by the threats that were made by him, his authorized agents, friends and persons employed and engaged to promote his said Election, that they would lose their offices, employment, salaries, income and other advantages, and that the number of votes that he so illegally obtained exceeds the number of votes he obtained at the said Election over those recorded at the said Election in favor of the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*.

Fourthly.—Because a great number of the electors of the said City of *Montreal* were paid by him, his authorized agents, friends, and other persons employed and engaged in promoting his Election, to induce them, and were thereby induced, to abstain from voting at the said Election for the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, and that the number of qualified electors who were so induced to abstain from voting at the said Election for the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, at the said Election, were sufficient to give, and would have given a majority of votes to the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, had such voters been allowed to record freely their votes in their favor. Fifthly.—Because a great many of the electors of the said City of *Montreal* were, by promises made and held out to them by him, his authorized agents, his friends, and other parties employed and engaged to promote his Election, of money, or of the loan of money, office, employment, gratuity or reward, induced to abstain from voting at the said Election for the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*. Sixthly.—Because a great many of the electors of the said City of *Montreal* were, by threats that were made to them previous to, and pending the said Election, by him, his authorized agents, his friends, and other parties employed and engaged in promoting his Election, that they would lose their offices, salaries, employment, or other advantages, induced to abstain from voting at the said Election for the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, and that the number of qualified electors who were so induced to abstain from voting at the said Election would have given a majority of votes to the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, over the number recorded in his favor. Seventhly.—Because, by threats of personal violence, of criminal prosecutions, and of law suits which were made by him, his authorized agents, his friends, and other parties employed and engaged to promote his Election, with the intent to intimidate, a number of the said electors were induced to vote for him at the said Election, and a number of the said electors were induced to abstain from voting for the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, whereby he obtained a large number of votes exceeding the majority he had at the said Election over the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, and the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, were deprived of a number of votes which would have been sufficient to give them a majority of votes over him. Eighthly.—Because he, his authorized agents and friends, and other parties engaged in promoting his Election, opened, supported, and caused to be opened and supported, at his costs and charges, in the said City of *Montreal*, previous to, and during the said Election, and more particularly on the twenty-first and twenty-second days of December last past, houses of Public Entertainment, for the accommodation of the Electors favorable to his Election, where liquor and intoxicating drinks were furnished and distributed freely to the said electors, at his expense, and at the expense of such authorized agents, friends, and other parties engaged in promoting his Election. Ninthly.—Because a number of persons were engaged by him, his authorized agents, his friends, and other parties employed to promote his Election, for the illegal purpose of taking possession of the different Polling-places, and of preventing the electors favorable to the other Candidates from voting at such Election; and that on the twenty-first and on the twenty-second days of December last, the said parties so engaged did take possession of several of the Polls held in the said City of *Montreal*, and of the access thereto, and more particularly of the Polls in the *St. Ann's* Ward, in the *St. Lawrence* Ward, in the *St. Antoine* Ward, in the *St. James* Ward, in the *St. Louis* Ward, and in the *St. Mary's* Ward, and that they kept possession of the said Polls during a portion of each of the said two days, and did thereby, and by threats and violence, prevent from voting for the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, a large number of electors favorable to the Election of the said

Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, and whose votes would have given to the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, a majority of votes at the said Election. Tenthly.—Because several of the Deputy Returning Officers acted with partiality in refusing to record a great many votes tendered at the different Polls for the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, by electors duly qualified to vote at the said Election, and that the votes so refused would have given a majority of votes to the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, had they not been refused by the said Deputy Returning Officers. Eleventhly.—Because a great many persons not qualified to vote at the said Election caused their votes to be recorded and registered for him at the said Election, and amongst others, a great many persons who were not British subjects, by birth or naturalization, and a great many others who had not yet attained the age of twenty-one years, and a great many others who were not proprietors of real estate, and who voted as proprietors, and a great many others who were neither proprietors nor tenants in the said City of *Montreal*, and also a large number of other persons who had not been possessed, either as proprietors or as tenants of real estate in the said City of *Montreal*, of a sufficient value, or during a sufficient period before the said Election, to entitle them to vote at the said Election, and who had no qualification whatsoever to vote, and that the number of votes he so obtained of unqualified electors exceeds the majority of votes which he obtained at the said Election over the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*. Twelfthly.—Because a great many persons voted each several times for him at the said Election. Thirteenthly.—Because a great number of public officers disqualified by law to vote at the said Election, nevertheless voted for him. Fourteenthly.—Because a large number of persons who were engaged by him, and on his behalf, to act as counsel, agent, attorney, clerk, and in other capacities, at the different Polling-places, and elsewhere in the said City of *Montreal*, during the said Election, for the purpose of forwarding his Election, and who received payment and remuneration for such services, and who were thereby disqualified to vote, nevertheless voted for him at the said Election. Fifteenthly.—Because he had not the majority of the legal votes enregistered in the different Poll Books at the said Election, and because the Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, had the majority of the legal votes given at the said Election. Sixteenthly.—Because the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, having obtained the majority of the votes of the legally qualified electors of the said City of *Montreal*, which were given at the said Election, ought to have been proclaimed duly elected to represent the said City of *Montreal* in Parliament. Seventeenthly.—Because he, the said *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, had no proper legal qualification to entitle him to be returned, and because the real estate on which he pretended, and assumed to qualify, was colourably and illegally obtained, and because the same was not, and is not, of the clear value of five hundred pounds sterling, over and above all rents, charges, mortgages and incumbrances charged upon, or due, and payable out of, or affecting the same, and because the title to the same was collusively and colourably obtained for the purpose of qualifying him as a Candidate at the said Election, and to be returned as a Member of the Legislative Assembly: That your Petitioners, desirous of controverting the said Election and return of the said *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, and with a view to the Contestation of the Election and return of the said *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, did, on the eleventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, cause to be served on the said *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, a copy of a notice as required by law, specifying the foregoing facts and circumstances as grounds upon which your Petitioners intended to contest his said Election and return, to which said notice the said *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, on the twenty-fifth day of January instant, caused a paper writing purporting to be a copy of an answer to be served: That your Petitioners

have, in all respects, complied with the requirements of law, to entitle them to controvert the said Election: And your Petitioners humbly pray redress in the premises, and that for the causes aforesaid the Election and return aforesaid of the said *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, Esquire, be declared undue, illegal, and null and void, and be set aside and annulled; that the several votes tendered and recorded in favor of the said *Thomas D'Arcy McGee* at the said Election, be declared illegal, null and void, and of no legal effect; that the said several votes so recorded in his, the said *Thomas D'Arcy McGee's*, favor, be struck from the Poll Books of the said Election; that the seat of the said *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, Esquire, in this Honorable House be declared vacated, and further, that it be held and declared that either the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* or *Henry Starnes*, Esquire, was, and is entitled to the said seat, and be held and considered as having been duly elected and returned at the said Election as one of the Representatives of the said City of *Montreal*, in the Legislative Assembly, instead of the said *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, Esquire; and further pray that costs be awarded in their favor upon the said contestation of the said Election and return of the said *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, Esquire, and upon all other proceedings thereon had, and of these presents.

Of *Jean Louis Beaudry*, *Thomas Morland* and *Louis Marchand*, all three of the City of *Montreal*, in the Province of *Canada*, Esquires, Merchants, and residing in the said City of *Montreal*, setting forth: That your Petitioners, at the several periods hereinafter stated, and for more than six months previous to the issuing of the Writ hereinafter mentioned, were, and still are, duly qualified electors, having a right to vote at the Election herein referred to, for the choice of three persons to represent the City of *Montreal* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province: That under and by virtue of a Writ bearing date, and issued at *Toronto*, on the twenty-eighth day of November last past, addressed to *John Boston*, Esquire, of the City of *Montreal*, Sheriff of the District of *Montreal*, the said *John Boston* did, by Proclamation, by him duly made, name and appoint the fourteenth day of December last, for the purpose of nominating three fit and proper persons to represent the said City of *Montreal*, in the said Legislative Assembly: That on the said day of nomination, six Candidates were proposed and nominated, to wit: The Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, *John Rose*, *Henry Starnes*, *Luther Hamilton Holton*, *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, and *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, Esquires, and upon a show of hands being had, and the majority declared to be in favor of the three Candidates last named, a Poll was demanded and granted, on behalf and in favor of the first three above named Candidates, and the twenty-first and twenty-second days of December last, were, by the said *John Boston*, Esquire, appointed for the taking and recording of votes in the several Wards of the said City: That before, and also on the said day of nomination, a demand was duly made from the said *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Esquire, to produce and furnish, according to law, his qualification to become a Member and Representative of the said City in the said Legislative Assembly: That subsequently, to wit, on the twenty-eighth day of December last past, in the said City of *Montreal*, the said *John Boston*, Esquire, did, by his Proclamation then and there made, proclaim and declare as elected the said *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, *John Rose*, and *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, Esquires, to represent the said City of *Montreal* in the said Legislative Assembly: That your Petitioners complain that the Election and return of the said *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Esquire, as one of the Representatives of the said City of *Montreal*, in the said Legislative Assembly, was, and is undue, illegal, null and void, and that the same should be so declared, and be set aside and annulled, and his seat declared vacated, for the following, amongst other reasons. Firstly.—Because his said Election was carried through bribery and corruption, and that before, during and since the said Election, he has directly and indirectly, under divers pretences, and through his authorized

agents, friends and other parties, employed and engaged in promoting his said Election, paid, and caused to be paid, to a great number of the electors of the said City of *Montreal*, with the intent of corrupting and bribing the said electors, divers large sums of money, with a view to induce them to vote for him at the said Election, and that he thereby obtained the votes of a large number of the electors of the said City of *Montreal*, who otherwise would not have voted for him, and which votes so illegally obtained gave him a majority over the Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, and *Henry Starnes*, Esquire, both of the City of *Montreal*, two of the Candidates at the said Election. Secondly.—Because a great many of the electors of the said City of *Montreal*, and a great many other persons who were not electors, were induced to vote, and did vote for him at the said Election, by the promises that were made and held out to them by him, his authorized agents, friends, and other parties engaged and employed in promoting his Election, that they would be paid and rewarded for their votes, and by the promises that were made to them of some office, employment, and other advantage, and that the number of votes so illegally obtained by him greatly exceeds the majority of votes he had over the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, and *Henry Starnes*, two of the Candidates at the said Election. Thirdly.—Because a great many of the electors of the said City of *Montreal*, and other persons who were not electors, were induced to vote for him at the said Election, by the threats that were made by him, his authorized agents, friends, and persons employed and engaged to promote his said Election, that they would lose their offices, employments, salaries, income and other advantages, and that the number of votes that he so illegally obtained exceeds the number of votes he obtained at the said Election over those recorded at the said Election in favor of the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, and *Henry Starnes*. Fourthly.—Because a great number of the electors of the said City of *Montreal* were paid by him, his authorized agents, friends, and other persons employed and engaged in promoting his Election, to induce them, and were thereby induced to abstain from voting at the said Election for the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, and that the number of qualified electors who were so induced to abstain from voting at the said Election for the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, and *Henry Starnes*, at the said Election, were sufficient to give, and would have given, a majority of votes to the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, had such voters been allowed to record freely their votes in their favor. Fifthly.—Because a great many of the electors of the said City of *Montreal*, were, by promises made and held out to them by him, his authorized agents, his friends, and other parties employed and engaged to promote his Election, of money, or of the loan of money, office, employment, gratuity or reward, induced to abstain from voting at the said Election for the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, and *Henry Starnes*. Sixthly.—Because a great many of the electors of the said City of *Montreal*, were, by threats that were made to them previous to, and pending the said Election, by him, his authorized agents, his friends, and other parties employed and engaged in promoting his Election, that they would lose their offices, salaries, employment, or other advantages, induced to abstain from voting at the said Election for the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, and *Henry Starnes*, and that the number of qualified electors who were so induced to abstain from voting at the said Election would have given a majority of votes to the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* and *Henry Starnes*, over the number recorded in his favor. Seventhly.—Because, by threats of personal violence, of criminal prosecutions and of law suits, which were made by him, his authorized agents, his friends, and other parties employed and engaged to promote his Election, with the intent to intimidate, a number of the said electors were induced to vote for him at the said Election, and a number of the said electors were induced to abstain from voting for the said Honorable *George Etienne*

Cartier, and *Henry Starnes*, whereby he obtained a large number of votes, exceeding the majority he had at the said Election over the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, and *Henry Starnes*, and the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, and *Henry Starnes*, were deprived of a number of votes which would have been sufficient to give them a majority of votes over him. Eighthly.—Because he, his authorized agents and friends, and other parties engaged in promoting his Election, opened, supported, and caused to be opened and supported, at his costs and charges, in the said City of *Montreal*, previous to, and during the said Election, and more particularly on the twenty-first and twenty-second days of December last past, houses of Public Entertainment, for the accommodation of the electors favorable to his Election, where liquor and intoxicating drinks were furnished and distributed freely to the said electors, at his expense, and at the expense of such authorized agents, friends, and other parties engaged in promoting his Election. Ninthly.—Because a number of persons were engaged by him, his authorized agents, his friends, and other parties employed to promote his Election, for the illegal purpose of taking possession of the different Polling-places, and of preventing the electors favorable to the other Candidates from voting at such Election, and that on the twenty-first and on the twenty-second days of December last, the said parties so engaged did take possession of several of the Polls held in the said City of *Montreal*, and of the access thereto, and more particularly of the Polls in the *St. Ann's* Ward, in the *St. Lawrence* Ward, in the *St. Antoine* Ward, in the *St. James* Ward, in the *St. Louis* Ward, and in the *St. Mary's* Ward, and that they kept possession of the said Polls, during a portion of each of the said two days, and did thereby, and by threats and violence, prevent from voting for the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, and *Henry Starnes*, a large number of electors favorable to the Election of the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, and *Henry Starnes*, and whose votes would have given to the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, and *Henry Starnes*, a majority of votes at the said Election. Tenthly.—Because several of the Deputy Returning Officers acted with partiality in refusing to record a great many votes tendered at the different Polls for the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, and *Henry Starnes*, by electors duly qualified to vote at the said Election, and that the votes so refused would have given a majority of votes to the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, and *Henry Starnes*, had they not been refused by the said Deputy Returning Officers. Eleventhly.—Because a great many persons not qualified to vote at the said Election caused their votes to be recorded and enregistered for him at the said Election, and amongst others, a great many persons who were not *British* subjects by birth or naturalization, and a great many others who had not yet attained the age of twenty-one years, and a great many others who were not proprietors of real estate, and who voted as proprietors, and a great many others who were neither proprietors nor tenants in the said City of *Montreal*, and also a large number of other persons who had not been possessed, either as proprietors or as tenants of real estate, in the said City of *Montreal*, of a sufficient value, or during a sufficient period before the said Election, to entitle them to vote at the said Election, and who had no qualification whatsoever to vote, and that the number of votes he so obtained of unqualified electors, exceeds the majority of votes which he obtained at the said Election over the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, and *Henry Starnes*. Twelfthly.—Because a great many persons voted each several times for him at the said Election. Thirteenthly.—Because a great number of public officers disqualified by law to vote at the said Election, nevertheless voted for him. Fourteenthly.—Because a large number of persons who were engaged by him, and on his behalf, to act as counsel, agent, attorney, clerk, and in other capacities, at the different Polling-places and elsewhere in the said City of *Montreal*, during the said Election, for the purpose of forwarding his Election, and who received payment and remuneration for such services, and

who were thereby disqualified to vote, nevertheless voted for him at the said Election. Fifteenthly.—Because he had not the majority of the legal votes registered in the different Poll Books at the said Election, and because the Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, and *Henry Starnes*, had the majority of the legal votes given at the said Election. Sixteenthly.—Because the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier*, and *Henry Starnes*, having obtained the majority of the votes of the legally qualified electors of the said City of *Montreal*, which were given at the said Election, ought to have been proclaimed duly elected to represent the said City of *Montreal* in Parliament. Seventeenthly.—Because he, the said *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, had no proper legal qualification to entitle him to be returned, and because the real estate on which he pretended and assumed to qualify, was colourably and illegally obtained, and because the same was not, and is not, of the clear value of five hundred pounds sterling, over and above all rents, charges, mortgages and incumbrances, charged upon, or due and payable out of, or affecting the same, and because the title to the same was collusively and colourably obtained, for the purpose of qualifying him as a Candidate at the said Election, and to be returned as a Member of the Legislative Assembly: That your Petitioners, desirous of controverting the said Election and return of the said *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, and with a view to the contestation of the Election and return of the said *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, as aforesaid, did, on the eleventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, cause to be served on the said *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, a copy of a notice, as required by law, specifying the foregoing facts and circumstances as grounds upon which your Petitioners intend to contest his said Election and return, to which said notice the said *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, on the twenty-fifth day of January instant, caused a paper writing, purporting to be a copy of an answer, to be served: That your Petitioners have, in all respects, complied with the requirements of law to entitle them to controvert the said Election: And your Petitioners humbly pray redress in the premises, and that for the causes aforesaid, the Election and return aforesaid of the said *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Esquire, be declared undue, illegal, and null and void, and be set aside and annulled; that the several votes tendered and recorded in favor of the said *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, at the said Election, be declared illegal, null and void, and of no legal effect; that the said several votes so recorded in his favor, the said *Antoine Aimé Dorion's* favor, be struck from the Poll Books of the said Election; that the seat of the said *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Esquire, in this Honorable House be declared vacated, and further, that it be held and declared that either the said Honorable *George Etienne Cartier* or *Henry Starnes*, Esquire, was, and is entitled to the said seat, and be held and considered as having been duly elected and returned at the said Election as one of the Representatives of the said City of *Montreal*, in the Legislative Assembly, instead of the said *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Esquire; and further pray that costs be awarded in their favor, upon the said contestation of the said Election and return of the said *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, and upon all other proceedings thereon had, and of these presents.

Of *Charles François Fournier*, Esquire, of the Parish of *St. Jean Port Joli*, in the County of *L'Islet*, a Candidate at the late Election of a Member to represent the said County of *L'Islet* in the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*; *François Chalifour*, Yeoman; *Louis Gaspard Fortin*, Esquire, Surveyor; and *Joseph Chalifour*, Baker, all three of the Parish of *Notre Dame de Bonsecours de L'Islet*, Landowners and Electors, having a right to vote, and being voters at the said late Election of a Member for the said County of *L'Islet*, setting forth: That at the last Election for the County of *L'Islet* of a Member to represent the said County in the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, which Election took place in the said County in the course of the months of December, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and January, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight,

the same being closed on the fifth of January aforesaid, the said *Charles François Fournier* and *Louis Bonaventure Caron*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate, the Member who was proclaimed duly elected at the said Election to represent the said County of *L'Islet*, were the Candidates: That a Poll was demanded and granted, and that at the close of the said Election the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron* was returned and proclaimed as duly elected to represent the said County of *L'Islet*: That the said *Charles François Fournier* was one of the Candidates as aforesaid, at the said last Election of a Member to represent the said County of *L'Islet* in the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, and that at the time of the said Election he possessed, and does still possess, the qualification required in order to be eligible, that he was eligible and that he was entitled to be returned and elected at the said Election, as a Member to represent the said County in the said Legislative Assembly: That the said *François Chalifour*, *Louis Gaspard Fortin*, and *Joseph Chalifour*, were at the time of the said Election, electors and proprietors, and were entitled to vote at the said Election; that they possessed at the time of the said Election, and long before, the requisite qualification and right to vote at the said Election, and that each of them voted at the said Election for the said *Charles François Fournier*: That the return made to the Writ of Election by *Amable Morin*, Esquire, Returning Officer for the said County of *L'Islet* at the said last Election, is fraudulent, false, irregular, illegal, incorrect and contrary to law: That the returns made by the Deputy Returning Officers for the Parishes of *Ste. Louise* and *Ste. Cyrille*, in the said County, that is to say—by *Frederick Roy dit Langier*, Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of *Ste. Louise*, and *François Clovis Caron*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *Ste. Cyrille*, and each of them are fraudulent, false, irregular, illegal, incorrect and contrary to law: That a large majority of the legal votes were given and recorded at the said Election in favor of the said *Charles François Fournier*: That upwards of one thousand seven hundred and fifty persons, who gave and recorded their votes at the said Election in favor of the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron*, were not entitled to the elective franchise, were not qualified to vote at the said Election for the said County, and were not electors in the said County of *L'Islet*: That the Deputy Returning Officers received and recorded in favor of the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron*, in the different Parishes and at the different Polls in the said County, the votes of more than one thousand seven hundred and fifty persons who had refused to take the oath required by law, and who were required to take the same, and that they returned all the said votes as legal: That persons who for the most part were not entitled to vote at the said Election, did vote several times, giving and recording their votes several times in favor of the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron*, and that upwards of one thousand seven hundred and fifty votes so offered and given by persons who had already voted once, were taken and recorded in favor of the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron* by the Deputy Returning Officers at the different Polls in the said County, which said Deputy Returning Officers returned them as legal votes: That more than one thousand seven hundred and fifty persons voted at the said Election at the different Polls in the said County, under fictitious and borrowed names, and under the names of persons who were not present at the Polls, and that the Deputy Returning Officers received, entered and recorded in the different Poll-books the votes of more than one thousand seven hundred and fifty imaginary and fictitious persons who never existed in the County of *L'Islet*, nor in the locality in which, by the entries in the Poll-book, they appear to have voted, and persons who voted under names different from their own, and that the said votes were counted at the time of the proclamation in favor of the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron*: That the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron*, his partizans and friends, evidently and illegally took possession of the Polls in the Parishes of *Ste. Cyrille*, *Ste. Louise* and *Notre Dame de Bonsecours de L'Islet*, kept

them during considerable periods of time, amounting altogether to more than twelve hours at each of the Polls of each of the aforesaid Parishes, drove away the representatives and agents of the said *Charles François Fournier*, and the said *Charles François Fournier* himself, rendered all approach to the Polls impossible, drove away and kept at a distance from them the persons who were desirous of voting for the said *Charles François Fournier*, and prevented them from so voting; stopped and suspended the voting during the space of time above mentioned; threatened, intimidated, ill-treated, assaulted and beat the persons who were desirous of voting for the said *Charles François Fournier*, as well as the agents and representatives of the said *Charles François Fournier*, at the said Polls; that they hindered by threats and violence the representatives and agents of the said *Charles François Fournier* at each of the said Polls, as also the Deputy Returning Officers themselves from objecting to illegal votes, and requiring the voters to take the oaths required and authorized by law: That in the Parish of *Ste. Cyrille* there are no more than one hundred electors who are qualified to vote; that of this number no more than sixty voted at the said Election, seven of them in favor of the said *Charles François Fournier*, and that nevertheless the Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish, received, took and recorded at the Poll held thereat, one thousand four hundred and ninety-six votes, of which seven only were in favor of the said *Charles François Fournier*, and that upwards of one thousand four hundred and sixty votes so taken, and recorded in favor of the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron*, at the Poll of the said Parish of *Ste. Cyrille*, are illegal and fraudulent, were given by persons who were not entitled to vote, and who were not electors in the said Parish, and by persons who had already voted at the said election: That in the said Parish of *St. Cyrille*, the Deputy Returning Officer kept the Poll open after five o'clock in the afternoon of the second day of voting, that is to say:—on the thirtieth day of December last, and that he so kept the poll open till half-past five for the purpose of favoring the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron*, his partizans and friends, and to record votes in favor of the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron*, and that during all the said time, the said Deputy Returning Officer continued to record votes exclusively, which were given in favor of the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron*, and that after five o'clock on the second day of the Poll (thirtieth of December), more than one hundred votes were given in favor of the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron*: That in the said Parish of *Ste. Cyrille*, more than fifteen hundred votes were taken and enregistered in favor of the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron*, on loose sheets of paper, which after the close of the Poll, were fraudulently and illegally interpolated in the Poll-book for the said Parish, and counted and added up by the Returning Officer at the close of the said Election, and did thus give to the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron* an undue majority: That in the said Parish of *Ste. Cyrille*, more than fifteen hundred votes were falsely, fraudulently and illegally entered and enregistered in the Poll-book for the said Parish, in favor of the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron*, and the said Poll-book, so enlarged, falsified and vitiated, was returned to the Returning Officer, who counted and added up the said votes, and by that means found that the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron* had a majority of votes, and declared him to be elected: That more than fifteen hundred votes, taken on loose sheets at the said Poll, for the said Parish of *Ste. Cyrille*, were after the close of the Poll in the said Parish copied and transcribed on other sheets of paper, which latter sheets of paper were fraudulently and illegally interpolated in the Poll-book for the said Parish before it was returned to the Returning Officer, and that one part of the Poll-book for the said Parish so returned, was a mere copy of the sheets upon which the pretended votes above mentioned had been entered: That at the time of the last Election of a Member to represent the County of *L'Islet* in the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, both before and since, the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron* was not possessed of the qualifica-

tion required by law to be elected a Member of the said Legislative Assembly ; that he was not seized of real estate, lands and tenements, for his own use and behoof, within the Province of *Canada*, of the value of five hundred pounds sterling money of *Great Britain* over and above all rents, mortgages, charges and hypothecary debts which might be due and payable out of such lands, or to which they might be subject ; that the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron* did collusively and speciously obtain a title to the property of the land mentioned in the declaration made and fyled by him with the Returning Officer for the purpose of qualifying himself, and rendering himself eligible as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, and that the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron* was not eligible at the time of the said Election for the said County of *L'Islet* : That there is an error in the addition of the votes enregistered in the Poll-books for the different localities where the Polls were held and opened in the said County, at the said last Election, and that the result of such addition gives to the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron* twenty votes more than were really enregistered in the said Poll-books in his favor, and twelve votes less to the said *Charles François Fournier*, than were really enregistered in his favor : That fifty votes more offered and given for the said *Charles François Fournier*, at the different Polls opened and kept in the said County, were erroneously and fraudulently enregistered for the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron* : That no mention is made in the Poll-books of the quality, rank, trade or profession, and residence of the several persons whose names are entered as electors having voted, and that it is not stated in the Poll-books by the insertion of the words—Proprietor, tenant, or farm bailiff—whether it was as proprietors, tenants, or farm bailiffs, that the persons voted whose names are inscribed in the said Poll-books : That the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron* did at the said Election, directly and indirectly, employ means of corruption by giving sums of money, offices, charges, employments, gifts, rewards, obligations, notes and grants of land, and by promising such things, and by threatening electors to deprive them of offices, salaries, revenues and advantages, by himself and by his agents, authorized to that effect, with the intention to win over by corruption electors to vote for him, and to hinder certain other electors from voting for the said *Charles François Fournier* : and that the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron* did open, and cause to be opened, maintain, and cause to be maintained, houses of public entertainment for the reception of electors, the whole before and during the said Election for the said County : That the friends and partizans of the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron*, at the said last Election for the said County did, directly and indirectly, by various ways and means, corrupt and suborn electors to vote at the said Election in favor of the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron*, and not to vote in favor of the said *Charles François Fournier*, and did promise, offer, grant and give to persons having a right to vote at the said Election, money, strong drink, provisions, board, rewards and promises, bargains, obligations and engagements, to give and grant such matters, and did pay for the boarding, lodging and treating electors, and that more than five hundred electors for the said County, who gave their votes in favor of the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron*, were by different means suborned to give their votes in his favor : That the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron* was privy to, and connived at the frauds, violence and corruption practised at the said Election, for the said County, that he was the instigator and author thereof, and that he advised, authorized and approved of the same : Wherefore, the above named Petitioners humbly pray your Honorable House to declare that the said *Charles François Fournier* was well and duly elected a Member to represent the County of *L'Islet* at the last Election of a Member to represent the said County in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, and to order the Return made by *Amable Morin*, Returning Officer for the said County, to be altered and amended, by erasing the name of the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron*, and inserting therein the

name of the said *Charles François Fournier*: Your Petitioners moreover pray your Honorable House to declare the election and return of the said *Louis Bonaventure Caron* to represent the said County of *L'Islet* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province illegal, null, and of no effect, and that your Honorable House will moreover do such right in the matter of the present Petition as you may judge to be expedient.

Of *Édouard Noël de Tilly*, Yeoman, and *Zéphirin Bêland*, Merchant and Yeoman, both of the Parish of *St. Antoine de Tilly*, in the County of *Lotbinière*, setting forth: That at the time of the last Election for the said County of *Lotbinière*, the same being a General Election, which took place in December last, and in January instant, and at which said Election *John O'Farrell*, Esquire, Advocate of the City of *Quebec*, and *Léon Noël de Tilly*, Esquire, Lieutenant Colonel in the Militia, and Co-Seignior of the said Parish of *St. Antoine de Tilly*, were the Candidates, and the said *Édouard Noël de Tilly* and *Zéphirin Bêland*, were, at the time of the said Election, have since continued to be, and still are, voters duly qualified to vote at the said Election, and they voted at the said Election for the said *Léon Noël de Tilly*: That at the said Election a Poll was demanded and granted, and that at the close of the said Election, namely, on the second of January instant, the said *John O'Farrell* was declared and proclaimed as duly elected to represent the said County of *Lotbinière*, by the Returning Officer, and that the said *Léon Noël de Tilly* had a large majority of the legal votes in his favor, and that the said *John O'Farrell's* apparent majority was composed of fictitious votes, given by persons having no right to vote, or who voted a great many times: That in the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, one of the said Parishes of the said County of *Lotbinière* in which a Poll was opened during the said Election, the partizans and friends of the said *John O'Farrell*, from the first voting day, that is to say the twenty-ninth of December last, did take possession of the Poll by violence, and did expel therefrom the representatives of the said *Léon Noël de Tilly*, and this for the purpose of registering in favor of the said *John O'Farrell* a large number of illegal and fictitious votes, and that the said Poll was, during the greater part of the Election, in the possession of the partizans of the said *John O'Farrell*, so that the partizans of the said *Léon Noël de Tilly* could not approach the said Poll: That the partizans and friends of the said *John O'Farrell* being in possession of the said Poll of *St. Sylvestre*, as above stated, did enter in the said Poll Book during the two days of voting and afterwards, that is to say, on the said twenty-ninth and thirtieth of December last, a large number of imaginary names, and of persons who have never existed, or who had not the right of voting at the said Election, or who were absent from the said Poll: That imaginary names so entered in the said pretended Poll Book were not so entered according to law, and that in no instance is mention made in the said Book kept, or pretended to have been kept, by the Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, and the Poll Clerk, that is to say, *George Côté* and *James McCullough*, of the calling, position, or trade and residence of each person whose names are so entered as electors who voted, and because it is not stated in the said Poll Book, by the insertion of the word proprietor, tenant or farmer, whether it was as proprietors, tenants or farmers, that the said persons voted, and that in the greater part of the said Poll Book the names of the two Candidates at the said Election have not even been mentioned: That after a large number of pretended illegal votes, as before said, had been entered in the said pretended Poll Book, that is to say, more than one thousand pretended votes, during the course of the afternoon of the second day of voting, namely, the thirtieth of December last, the partizans and friends of the said *John O'Farrell* did, at his instigation, and in pursuance of his instructions, attack the house in which was being held the Poll for the said Parish, did demolish it in part, possess themselves of the Poll Book, take it out of the possession of the said Deputy Returning Officer,

and did add thereto a paper book containing several quires, in which are inscribed a considerable number of fictitious and imaginary names, which names were written in the said paper book by divers persons other than the Deputy Returning Officer or his Poll Clerk: That after the said paper book had been so joined to the said pretended Poll Book, the said partizans and friends of the said *John O'Farrell*, and the said *John O'Farrell* himself, forced the said *George Côté*, by threats of violence and other practices contrary to law, to take the oath required by law as such Deputy Returning Officer, which oath is annexed to the said Poll Book, towards the middle of the paper book of fraudulent votes inserted as above stated, as also the oath of the said *James McCullough*, as Poll Clerk, who also made oath of having acted during a part of the said Election as Deputy Returning Officer, though it does not appear that another Poll Clerk had been appointed in his place: That after the pretended Poll Book had been so falsified and altered fraudulently, with the connivance, and at the instigation of the said *John O'Farrell*, the said Poll Book remained in the possession of the said *John O'Farrell*, and this until a few hours before the Proclamation, that is to say, the second of January instant: That the said *John O'Farrell* did participate in, and connive at the frauds practised in and with the said Poll Book, and the falsification thereof, and is an accomplice in all the fraudulent practices which took place at the said Poll of *St. Sylvestre*, as above stated: That the said pretended Poll Book is not signed and sealed by the said Deputy Returning Officer, *George Côté*, as required by law: That the number of pretended votes so registered in the said Book is about two thousand six hundred, and that this number is nearly as great as that of the whole population of the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, in which there are not five hundred legal votes, a large number of whom were favourable to the said *Léon Noël de Tilly*: That in the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, one of the Parishes of the said County of *Lotbinière*, in which a Poll was held during the said Election, the partizans and friends of the said *John O'Farrell* took possession of the Poll for the said Parish during the course of the afternoon of the second day of the voting, that is to say, on the thirtieth day of December last, and that the agent of the said *John O'Farrell* at the said Poll of *Ste. Agathe*, took possession of the Poll Book, and fraudulently inscribed therein a large number of fraudulent, fictitious and illegal votes, and so continued to write out of the hours for voting, that is to say, until towards eight o'clock in the evening, as evidenced by the special return made by *Lazare Boulanger*, Deputy Returning Officer, annexed to the said Poll Book for the said Parish: That in the Parishes of *Ste. Appolinaire* and *St. Giles*, in which Polls were held during the said Election, the partizans and friends of the said *John O'Farrell* took possession, by violence, of the Polls for the said Parishes on the second day of the voting, that is to say, on the thirtieth of December last, and violently drove away therefrom the agents and partizans of the said *Léon Noël de Tilly*, and prevented the electors favorable to him from coming to have their votes registered at the said Poll: That the said *John O'Farrell* did, himself, and through his accredited agents, employ means of corruption, giving to divers electors sums of money, gifts and rewards, making promises of sums of money, gifts and rewards, promises of places, threatening divers electors with the loss of their office, salary, income, or advantage, in order to induce those electors, by corruption, to vote for him, or to prevent them from voting for the said *Léon Noël de Tilly*, and that the said *John O'Farrell* did open, and keep open, at his own costs and expense, houses of Public Entertainment for receiving the electors, and this in the different Parishes of the County of *Lotbinière*, and particularly in *St. Sylvestre*, *Ste. Agathe*, *St. Giles*, *Ste. Appolinaire*, and *Ste. Croix*: That the said Election, in view of the frauds heretofore enumerated, the violence and the corruption, is null and of no effect, and should be annulled: Wherefore the said Petitioners humbly pray that your Honorable House will declare that the said *John O'Farrell* has not been duly elected

to represent the said County of *Lotbinière*, and that the return of the said *John O'Farrell* by the Returning Officer, will be declared null, and of no effect, and that the said Election be annulled and set aside, and that your House will grant the prayer of the present Petition, and will do justice to your Petitioners.

Of *Marc Aurèle Plamondon*, Esquire, Advocate; *François Evanturel*, Esquire, Advocate; *Pierre Gabriel Huot*, Esquire, Notary Public; and *Henry J. Jameson*, Esquire, Brewer, all four of the City of *Quebec*, Candidates at the late Election to make choice of Representatives for the City of *Quebec*, which Election took place in December last, setting forth: That at the said Election the said Petitioners and the Honorable *Charles Alley*n, Chief Commissioner of Public Works, *George Honoré Simard*, Esquire, Merchant, and *Hypolite Dubord*, Esquire, Merchant, all of the City of *Quebec*, were the only Candidates: That at the said Election a Poll was demanded and granted, and that at the close of the said Election, that is to say, on the thirtieth day of December last, the said Honorable *Charles Alley*n, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, were declared and proclaimed duly elected as Members to represent the City of *Quebec* in the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*: That the number of votes registered in all the Poll Books during the two days of voting at the said Election is by far greater than, and almost double that of the persons legally qualified to vote at the said Election: That the number of votes registered in all the Poll Books during the two voting days of the said Election, in favor of the said the Honorable *Charles Alley*n, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, and of each of them, surpasses, by several thousand votes, the real number of the persons duly qualified to vote at the said Election: That the great majority of the votes so given and registered for the said the Honorable *Charles Alley*n, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, and each of them, during the two voting days of the said Election, in the different Polls of the said City of *Quebec*, were so given and registered by persons who were not legally qualified to vote at the said Election: That the votes so given in favor of the said the Honorable *Charles Alley*n, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, were so given illegally and fraudulently during the said Election, and that the votes so registered for the said the Honorable *Charles Alley*n, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, and each of them, at the different Polls above mentioned, were so enregistered then and there by persons who voted each several times, under their own names, or under borrowed names, and who did not possess the qualifications of age, property, and others required by law, the whole in direct and manifest contravention of the spirit and the letter of the law: That at the different Polls above-mentioned the representatives of the undersigned, and the undersigned themselves, were illegally, and by the violence of the partizans of the said the Honorable *Charles Alley*n, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, by force, driven off from the said Polls, and during their absence the votes continued to be registered for the said the Honorable *Charles Alley*n, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, and each of them, during the said two days of the Election, illegally and fraudulently, until the end of the said Election: That on the first voting day of the said Election, the partizans of the said the Honorable *Charles Alley*n, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, and of each of them, illegally took possession, by violence, of the *St. Pierre*, *du Palais*, *St. Louis*, and *Montcalm* Polls, and that they held possession of them, by violence, until the end of the said Election, and excluded, and kept excluded from them, the partizans of the undersigned Petitioners, thus preventing the electors of those different Wards favourable to the undersigned from being able to register their votes in their favour: That in addition, at Polls numbers 1 and 2, of *St. Jean* Suburbs, and at the *Jacques Cartier* Poll, the partizans of the said the Honorable *Charles Alley*n, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, did, by violence and intimidation, repeatedly prevent and interrupt the free voting of the partizans of the under-

signed Petitioners, and of each of them : That during the whole time of the said Election, the said the Honorable *Charles Alleyne*, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, and each of them, personally, or by their agents, did employ divers means of corruption in order to obtain a majority of votes at the said Election, and particularly by paying money, giving effects, promising rewards and employments, uttering threats of destitution, and others, opening taverns, or houses of Public Entertainment, to a large number of the electors, the whole for the purpose of corrupting them, and inducing them to vote for the said the Honorable *Charles Alleyne*, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, and to prevent them from voting at the said Election for the said Petitioners : That the majority of the votes registered for the said the Honorable *Charles Alleyne*, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, and each of them, was registered fraudulently and illegally, and is merely apparent, and that were it not for the frauds, violence, bad votes, and the other illegal means above enumerated, the majority of the votes of the persons legally qualified to vote at the said Election would have been in favor of the said Petitioners : Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honorable House will take the above into consideration, and will declare the Election and return of the said the Honorable *Charles Alleyne*, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, and of each of them, null and of no effect, and that your Honorable House will grant such other relief as may seem proper, and you will do justice.

Of *François Evanturel*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, a Candidate at the late Election of a Member to represent the County of *Quebec* in the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, setting forth : That at the late Election for the County of *Quebec* of a Member to represent the said County in the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, which Election took place in the said County during the month of January last, the same having been closed on the eleventh of the said month of January, the said *François Evanturel* and *Charles Panet*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate, the Member proclaimed elected at the said Election to represent the said County of *Quebec*, were the Candidates : That a Poll was demanded and granted, and that at the close of the said Election, the said *Charles Panet* was returned and proclaimed as duly elected to represent the said County of *Quebec* : That the said *François Evanturel* was one of the Candidates as above stated at the said late Election of a Member to represent the said County of *Quebec* in the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, and that he did at the time of the said Election possess, and does at the present time still possess, the qualification required in order to be eligible, that is to say :—he was seized at the time of the said late Elections, and is still seized, for his own use and benefit, of lands and tenements of the value of five hundred pounds, sterling money of *Great Britain*, over all rents, mortgages, charges and hypothecary debts, which may have been, or may at present be due and payable thereon, or to which they may have been, or at present may be subject, and that the said *François Evanturel*, at the time of the said Election, was eligible : That the return made to the Writ of Election by *Charles Nathaniel Montizambert*, Esquire, Returning Officer for the said County of *Quebec* at the said late Election, is fraudulent, false, irregular, illegal; incorrect and contrary to law, and to the returns made by the Deputy Returning Officers : That the said *Charles Nathaniel Montizambert* did add and count for the said *Charles Panet* votes illegal, and certified as such by the Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *Ste. Foy* : That from the said Return it appears that one hundred and ninety-two legal votes were taken and registered by the said Deputy Returning Officer : That nevertheless, the said Returning Officer did count a larger number of votes as having been legally given and registered at the Poll for the said Parish, and did by that means unjustly, illegally, falsely and fraudulently give to the said *Charles Panet* an undue and false majority of votes, and did proclaim him elected to represent the said County of *Quebec* in the said

Legislative Assembly; whereas, by the returns of the Deputy Returning Officers, the said *François Evanturel* had a majority of the votes in his favor: That the Poll held in the Parish of *St. Colombe de Sillery*, was illegally closed and shut up at one o'clock in the afternoon on the second day of voting; that persons who desired to vote for the said *François Evanturel*, were thereby deprived of doing so, and that the result of the Election was affected and changed by the shutting up of the said Poll: That the said *Charles Panet* did, at the said Election, employ, directly and indirectly, means of corruption, giving sums of money, offices, posts, employments, gifts, rewards, obligations, notes and grants of lands, and promising such things, and threatening electors with the loss of offices, salaries, revenue and advantages, himself and by his agents, authorized to that effect, with the intention of gaining over electors by corruption, to vote for him, and of preventing certain other electors from voting for the said *François Evanturel*: and that the said *Charles Panet* did open, and cause to be opened, keep open, and cause to be kept open, houses of public entertainment for receiving the electors: That by means of the corrupt practices above mentioned, the said *Charles Panet* did gain over to vote for him electors who were for the said *François Evanturel*, and prevented a large number of them from voting for the said *François Evanturel*: That a majority of the legal votes was given at the said Election in favor of the said *François Evanturel*: That more than four hundred persons who gave and caused their vote to be registered in favor of the said *Charles Panet*, had no right whatever to the elective franchise, and were not qualified to vote at the said Election for the said County, and were not electors of the said County: That persons having the right to vote once, voted several times, and that others, having no right whatever to vote, voted several times for the said *Charles Panet*, and this under their own name, and under fictitious and borrowed names, and under the names of persons who were not present at the Poll, and under imaginary names of persons who were not, and never were in existence, and never had a right to vote in the said County of *Quebec*; and that more than four hundred illegal votes were so entered and registered in favor of the said *Charles Panet*, at the said late election: That the said *Charles Panet*, his partizans and friends, did violently and unlawfully take possession of the Polls in the Parishes of *St. Colombe de Sillery* and of *Ste. Foy*, did hold them during considerable periods of time, and expel therefrom the representatives and agents of the said *François Evanturel*, did render it impossible to approach the Polls, and did expel and keep at a distance therefrom the persons who wished to vote for the said *François Evanturel*, and prevent them from doing so; did threaten, intimidate, maltreat, assail and beat persons who wished to vote for the said *François Evanturel*, as also the agents and representatives of the said *François Evanturel*, at the said Polls, and that they did by threats and violence prevent the agents and representatives of the said *François Evanturel* at each of the said Polls, as also the Deputy Returning Officers themselves, from objecting to the illegal votes, and from requiring the persons who voted to take the oaths authorized by law: That more than four hundred electors who voted at the said Election for the said County of *Quebec*, were bribed to give their votes, and did, directly and indirectly, receive gifts and promises for voting at the said Election in favor of the said *Charles Panet*: Wherefore, the Petitioner above mentioned, humbly prays that your Honorable House will declare that the said *François Evanturel* has been well and duly elected Member to represent the County of *Quebec* at the late Election of a Member to represent the said County in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, and will direct that the Return made by *Charles Nathaniel Montizambert*, the Returning Officer for the said County, be altered and amended, striking out the name of the said *Charles Panet*, and entering therein the name of the said *François Evanturel*; and in case your Honorable House should not deem it advisable to grant the above, your Petitioner prays that your Honorable House

will declare the Election and Return of the said *Charles Panet* to represent the said County of *Quebec* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province illegal, null and void, and will grant such further relief as you may deem meet.

Of *Joseph Papin*, Esquire, Advocate, residing in the City of *Montreal*, in the District of *Montreal*, setting forth: That at the late Election held for the Return of a Member of Parliament to represent the County of *L'Assomption* in the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, your Petitioner was regularly put in nomination, and then was, and now is, duly qualified within the meaning of the Law to be elected a Member of the said Assembly: That on the 9th January instant, the Returning Officer for the said County of *L'Assomption* proclaimed and declared *Louis Archambeault*, Esquire, Notary Public, residing in the Parish of *L'Assomption*, duly elected Member to represent the said County in the Legislative Assembly, during the present Parliament, by a majority of sixteen votes obtained over your Petitioner: That by the present Petition it is the intention of your Petitioner to contest, and he does contest, the said Election, and base the said contestation upon the following reasons: 1st.—Because, at the time when the said *Louis Archambeault* was put in nomination as candidate at the said Election, he was disqualified and ineligible as Member of the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, inasmuch as he was a public defaulter, had been declared so to be a long time before, and as such had been dismissed and discharged from all the Public Offices held by him under the Government, as evidenced by the public documents, registers, records, and archives of the Province: 2nd.—Because the majority of the legal votes, registered in the different Parishes of the said County at the said Election, was not given in favor of the said *Louis Archambeault* but in favor of your Petitioner: 3rd.—Because a great number of persons voted in favor of the said *Louis Archambeault* as proprietors, tenants, and occupants, who had none of those qualifications such as the Law requires, being neither proprietors, tenants, nor occupants within the meaning of the Law, having neither titles nor leases, not having held possession during the period required by Law, and not being occupants according to the meaning of the Law, so as to have the right to vote, and that the number of persons, who so illegally voted for the said *Louis Archambeault*, greatly exceeds the total of the majority obtained by him over the number of votes legally registered in favor of your Petitioner: 4.—Because several persons, qualified and not qualified to vote at the said Election, voted several times in favor of the said *Louis Archambeault*, at the said Election, at the different Polling-places and Parishes in the said County, and that the number of votes so illegally registered in favor of the said *Louis Archambeault* at the said Election, greatly exceeds the sum of the majority obtained by the said *Louis Archambeault* over the number legally registered in favor of your Petitioner: 5th.—Because the said *Louis Archambeault* did not obtain the majority of the votes registered in the Poll-books, and did gain his said Election by means of corruption employed and exercised by him and his authorized agents, his friends, and other persons engaged and employed to carry his said Election, and particularly by the means of corruption hereinafter set forth: 1st.—By paying, or causing to be paid as aforesaid, by his agents and others as aforesaid, before, during, and after the said Election, considerable sums of money, giving and causing to be given, rewards to a great number of the Electors of the said County, for the purpose of engaging them to vote for the said *Louis Archambeault*, and preventing them from voting for your said Petitioner: 2nd.—By offering and causing to be offered, by promising and causing to be promised, by his agents and others as aforesaid, before and during the said Election, sums of money, gifts, rewards, offices, employments, gratuities, and other advantages to a large number of the Electors of the said County, to engage them to vote for the said *Louis Archambeault*, and to prevent them from voting for your said Petitioner: 3rd.—By threatening, and causing to be threatened, by his agents and

others as aforesaid, a large number of the said Electors with the loss of their offices, employments, salaries, income, and other advantages unless they voted for the said *Louis Archambeault*, and if they voted for your Petitioner: That by employing, and causing to be employed, the means of corruption above enumerated, the said *Louis Archambeault* prevented from voting in favor of your Petitioner a large number of the said Electors who, otherwise, would have voted for your said Petitioner, and would have caused him to obtain the majority at the said Election: That by the same means of corruption, the said *Louis Archambeault* obtained in his favor a large number of votes of the said Electors who, otherwise, would not have voted for him, and that the number of votes which he so obtained, greatly exceeds the sum of the majority which he obtained over the number of votes legally registered in favor of your said Petitioner: 6th.—Because a great number of persons engaged, paid, and rewarded by the said *Louis Archambeault*, as well as by his authorized agents, to work in his favor at the said Election as agents, counsel, clerks, carters, and in various other capacities, voted for him at the said Election, and that their number exceeds the sum of the majority obtained by him over the number of votes legally registered in favor of your said Petitioner: 7th.—Because, before and during the said Election, and more particularly on the twenty-sixth of December last, the day for the nomination of the candidates, and on the fourth and fifth days of January last instant, the days for voting, the said *Louis Archambeault* did open and maintain, caused to be opened and maintained, at his costs and expense, houses of public entertainment in the said Parish of *L'Assomption*, and in all the other Parishes of the said County, for the reception of the Electors of the said County, giving them there and then, and causing to be given to them, spirituous liquors, keeping, and causing to be kept, open house in the said houses for the said Electors, for the purpose of corrupting them and inducing them to vote for him at the said Election: 8th.—Because in several of the Polls and Parishes of the said County, the Deputy Returning Officers acted with partiality and injustice in favor of the said *Louis Archambeault*, and to the detriment of your Petitioner, interpreting the law in a different and contradictory manner to the advantage of the said *Louis Archambeault* and to the disadvantage of your said Petitioner, admitting to vote in favor of the said *Louis Archambeault* persons who, as declared by themselves, were not qualified to vote, and refusing to admit to vote in favor of your said Petitioner, persons who were qualified to vote, refusing even to administer to them the oath, which the said persons desired to take, intriguing openly, engaging the Electors to vote for the said *Louis Archambeault*, and dissuading them from voting for the said Petitioner, and that by those means, cabals, and intrigues, they caused a great number of persons to vote for the said *Louis Archambeault*, and prevented a great number of them from voting for the said Petitioner, to such an extent as to change the results of the same Election, and to give to the said *Louis Archambeault* the majority, which would have otherwise been in favor of the said Petitioner: Wherefore your Petitioner prays that your Honorable House will take the present Petition into consideration, declare the Election of the said *Louis Archambeault* null and illegal, and declare your Petitioner duly elected, in place and instead of the said *Louis Archambeault*, to represent the said County of *L'Assomption* during the present Parliament; the whole with costs.

Of *Louis Octave Bernier*, of the Parish of *Chateau Richer*, in the District of *Quebec*, Esquire, Notary, setting forth: That at the last Election for the County of *Montmorency*, for the Election of a Member to represent the said County in Parliament, the Honorable *Joseph Caruchon*, of the City of *Quebec*, Advocate, and your Petitioner, *Louis Octave Bernier*, were Candidates: That your Petitioner was eligible and duly qualified to be elected a Member: That a Poll was demanded and granted, and that at the close of the said Election the said Hon-

orable *Joseph Cauchon* was proclaimed a Member, duly elected, of the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, on or about the seventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, by *Pierre Gosselin*, Esquire, of the Parish of *St. Laurent*, Registrar and Returning Officer of the said County of *Montmorency*: That the pretended majority of the said Honorable *Joseph Cauchon* was a fictitious and false majority, composed of illegal votes, and that in reality your Petitioner, *Louis Octave Bernier*, had a legal majority of the votes, and ought to have been proclaimed the Member duly elected; wherefore the said *Louis Octave Bernier* contests the Election of the said Honorable *Joseph Cauchon*, and alleges and maintains for very truth the following facts and circumstances already alleged in his notice of contestation of the said Election, dated the nineteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, duly served on the said Honorable *Joseph Cauchon*, and saith that the Election of the said Honorable *Joseph Cauchon* ought to be declared null, for the following reasons, viz.: 1.—Because the said Honorable *Joseph Cauchon* and his accredited agents, made use of various means of corruption to corrupt the electors of the said County of *Montmorency*, by giving and promising various sums of money, effects, offices, employments and rewards, by uttering threats of dismissal, and other threats, by opening taverns and houses of Public Entertainment to a great number of the electors of the said County, before and during the said Election, for the purpose of corrupting them, and inducing them to vote for the said Honorable *Joseph Cauchon*, and preventing them from voting for your Petitioner, the said *Louis Octave Bernier*, and because, in short, three-fourths of the votes recorded in favor of the said Honorable *Joseph Cauchon* were given by electors so corrupted, and that such votes are illegal and null. 2.—Because during the two days' voting in the said County, that is to say, the fourth and fifth of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, the said Honorable *Joseph Cauchon*, his authorised agents and partizans, did, with force and arms, take possession of the Polling-places established in the various Parishes of the said County, and especially of the Polls in the Parish of *St. Laurent*, and in that of *St. Jean*, in the island of *Orleans*, in that of *L'Ange Gardien*, and that of *Ste. Anne*, and expel therefrom your Petitioner, the said *Louis Octave Bernier*, his agents, or authorized representatives, and prevent your Petitioner, the said *Louis Octave Bernier*, and his agents, as aforesaid, from objecting to illegal votes, and requiring voters to be sworn, and did thus by means of force, violence and threats, record as many illegal votes in favor of the Honorable *Joseph Cauchon* as they thought fit, so recording a vast number of illegal votes, forming more than four-fifths of the whole number of votes recorded in favor of the said Honorable *Joseph Cauchon* during the said Election, and moreover, because in consequence of such violence and threats, the electors who were duly qualified were prevented from voting for your Petitioner, the said *Louis Octave Bernier*. 3.—Because the said *Louis Octave Bernier*, your Petitioner, has, in fact, the majority of the legal votes in his favor, deducting from those recorded in favor of the said Honorable *Joseph Cauchon* the votes of unqualified persons, or of those who being qualified, voted under the influence of fear, violence, threats and corruption; and because your Petitioner, the said *Louis Octave Bernier*, is therefore the Member duly elected for the said County of *Montmorency*. 4.—Because ——— *Toussaint*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Féréol*, in the said County of *Montmorency*, did, during the days of voting, of his own accord, and without being required by either of the Candidates, or by their agents, and even in opposition to their desire, administer the oath to all the electors who came to record their votes, and did, on the second day, about one o'clock in the afternoon, without any lawful cause or reason, finally close the Poll at the said Parish of *St. Féréol*, thereby disfranchising a great number of electors who were qualified to vote, and depriving your Petitioner, the said *Louis Octave Bernier*, of the advantage of recording a ma-

majority of legal votes in opposition to the said Honorable *Joseph Cauchon*. 5.—Because Doctor *Godbout*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *Ste. Anne*, in the said County, neglected and refused to return the Poll Book and the number of votes recorded for the said Parish of *Ste. Anne*, thereby depriving your Petitioner, the said *Louis Octave Bernier*, of a considerable number of votes, sufficient to give him a majority of legal votes. 6.—Because the Election of the said Honorable *Joseph Cauchon* is null and illegal, for all the reasons above alleged, that is to say, by reason of corruption, violence and other grounds of nullity above-mentioned, and because your Petitioner ought to have been proclaimed as duly elected: Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays your Honorable House to take into consideration the matters above-mentioned, and to declare the Election and return of the said Honorable *Joseph Cauchon* to be null, and of no effect, and to declare your Petitioner to be the Member duly elected for the said County of *Montmorency*; that the return of the Returning Officer may be amended to that effect, and that your Honorable House will adopt and grant such other recourse as you may think fit.

Of *John Gordon Brown*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, Gentleman, whose name is subscribed hereto, a duly qualified Elector at the Election herein mentioned, and a voter thereat, setting forth: That your Petitioner was, at the last Election of Members to serve in the Honorable, the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, held in and for the City of *Toronto* aforesaid, such duly qualified elector, and that he actually voted at such Election; that a Poll was duly taken at and for such Election, when *John Beverley Robinson*, Esquire, was said to have been elected as one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, and was returned by the Returning Officer as such Member: That your Petitioner has given due notice of his intention to contest the Election and return of the said *John Beverley Robinson*, according to the Statute in that behalf: And your Petitioner states and shows the following facts and circumstances against the Election and return of the said *John Beverley Robinson*, as aforesaid, that is to say: First.—That the said *John Beverley Robinson* did, both directly and indirectly, and both by himself and his authorized agent for the purpose, before and during the said Election, and to procure his Election, employ various means of corruption to obtain the votes of persons qualified to vote at the said Election. Second.—That the said *John Beverley Robinson* did, directly and indirectly, give money, office, place, employment, gratuity or reward, or promise of the same, to persons qualified to vote at the said Election, with the intent to corrupt or bribe such electors to vote for him at the said Election. Third.—That the said *John Beverley Robinson* did, before and during the said Election, by himself or by his authorized agent for that purpose, threaten persons qualified to vote at the said Election, of losing office, salary, income or advantage, with the intent to corrupt or bribe the said electors to vote for him, or to keep back the said electors from voting for either one or both of the other Candidates at the said Election. Fourth.—For that, the said *John Beverley Robinson*, or his agents authorized for the purpose, in order to secure the votes and interest of certain cabmen, carters and others, being electors of the said city, and with intent to corrupt the said electors, did, by means of money, and promises of money, and other unlawful means and ways, bribe the said cabmen, carters and others, electors as aforesaid. Fifth.—That the said *John Beverley Robinson* did, by himself or his agents authorized for that purpose, and with the intent to corrupt or bribe divers electors of the said City to vote for him at the said Election, and to procure his Election, open and support, or cause to be opened and supported at his costs and charges, houses of Public Entertainment in the said City, for the accommodation of the electors thereof, before and during the said Election, contrary to the Statute in that case made and provided, and that the houses referred to are those of *Frank P. Johnson*, on *Elizabeth Street*, *William Evans*, *Yonge Street*, and *J. Bickerstette*, *Richmond Street*, and one *Thompson*, of the *Globe*

Hotel, *Yonge Street*, as well as several others. Sixth.—That the said *John Beverley Robinson*, with the intent to promote his Election, or that persons on his behalf, and with like intent, previous to and during the said Election, provide or furnish entertainment at his expense to meetings of electors of the said City, assembled for the purpose of promoting his Election, and that he did pay for, procure, or engage to pay for such entertainment so furnished to such meetings of electors as aforesaid, contrary to the Statute in that behalf. Seventh.—That the said *John Beverley Robinson* gave money to divers carters, cabmen, and other parties, to expend in treating electors, and thereby corrupt and bribe such electors to vote for him at the said Election. Eighth.—That the said *John Beverley Robinson* did, by himself and his agents during the said Election, and to promote his Election, threaten, intimidate and offer violence to divers persons, electors of the said City, for the purpose of preventing the said electors from coming to the Polls, or giving their votes for one or both of the other Candidates at the said Election, and divers electors of the said City were, by reason of the said threats, intimidation, violence, and offers of violence, prevented from going to the Polls, or giving their votes for the other Candidates, or one of them, at the said Election. Ninth.—That the conduct complained of in the next preceding clause took place in *St. Patrick's* and *St. David's* Wards respectively, on the days of Polling, as well as in other Wards of the City, on the same and other days. Tenth.—That the said *John Beverley Robinson*, though proclaimed or returned as being elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the said City, had not, in fact, either the greatest number of lawful votes given at the said Election, or the next greatest number of such votes, so as to entitle him to be returned a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the said City of *Toronto*: Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that the said *John Beverley Robinson* may be declared not to have been duly elected to serve as such Member in the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, for the City of *Toronto* aforesaid, and that he ought not to have been returned as such Member, and that a new Election for a Member for the City of *Toronto*, in his place and stead, may be ordered, and that this Honorable House will grant to your Petitioner such relief as to this Honorable House shall seem meet.

Of *Joseph K. Dean*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, Gentleman, setting forth: That your Petitioner was at the last Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament for the City of *Toronto*, electors of the said City, and as such had a right to vote, and did vote at such Election: That at the said last Election of Members to serve in Parliament for the said City of *Toronto*, in the month of December, A.D., 1857, *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, *George Brown*, Esquire, and *John Beverley Robinson*, the younger, Esquire, were Candidates to represent the said City in Parliament: That a Poll having been demanded, was taken by the Returning Officer for the said City, on the twenty-first and twenty-second days of December, A.D., 1857: That the said *George Brown* and *John Beverley Robinson*, the younger, Esquires, were by the said Returning Officer declared to have had a majority of votes at the said Election, and to have been duly elected, and were returned as Members duly elected to serve in this present Parliament for the City of *Toronto* aforesaid: That the said *George Brown* or his agents authorized for the purpose, in order to secure the votes and interest of certain Cabmen, Carters and others, being electors of the said City, and with intent to corrupt the said electors, did by means of money and promises of money, and other unlawful ways, bribe the said Cabmen, Carters and others, electors as aforesaid, of whom *Neil Maher*, otherwise known as *Neil Mahy*, a Carter and voter of the said City of *Toronto*, was one, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided: 2.—That the said *George Brown*, or his agents authorized for the purpose, with intent to corrupt and bribe divers of the electors of the said City of *Toronto*, contrary to the form of the

statute in such cases made and provided, did open and support, or cause to be opened and supported, at your costs and charges, houses of public entertainment in the said City, open for the accommodation of the electors thereof, of which that commonly known as *Baird's Hotel*, in *Spadina Avenue*, in the said City, was one: 3.—That you, the said *George Brown*, were not at the nomination for the said City proposed for the said City as a representative thereof, by a duly qualified elector of the said City, according to law: 4.—That the said *George Brown*, though afterwards proclaimed elected as representative of the said City in the Provincial Parliament, by *George Herrick*, Esquire, Returning Officer for the said City, had not in truth, either the greatest number of duly qualified votes given at the Election, or the next greatest number, so as to enable you to represent the City in the Legislative Assembly of the Province, either as senior or junior Member for the said City: That by reason of the premises, the said Election and Return of the said *George Brown* was and is wholly null and void:—Your Petitioner, therefore, humbly prays that your Honorable House will take the premises into consideration, and will declare the said Election and Return of the said *George Brown* to be null and void, and will give to the Petitioner such further and other relief as to the House shall seem meet.

The Petition of *Owen R. Ketcheson*, *Ira Haskins*, and *Amos Ketcheson*, setting forth:—That an Election for a Member to represent the North Riding of the County of *Hastings* in your Honorable House, was held on the twenty-fourth and twenty-sixth days of December last; at which Election, *Philip Luke*, of the Township of *Huntingdon*, Esquire, and *George Benjamin*, of the Town of *Belleville*, Esquire, were the only candidates; that on the twenty-ninth day of December aforesaid, the said *George Benjamin* was returned by the Returning Officer as duly elected; that your Petitioners have protested and do protest against the said return on the ground following, that is to say: 1st.—That although he was required by the opposing candidate to make the declaration mentioned in the Statute 12 *Vic.*, cap. 27, sec. 48, he did not comply therewith: 2nd.—That he was not, when he made his declaration, duly seized at law, or in equity as of freehold for his own use and benefit, of the lands and tenements mentioned in the declaration tendered by him: 3rd.—That the same or such parts thereof as he was seized of were not of the value of five hundred pounds of sterling money of *Great Britain* over and above all rents, mortgages, charges, and incumbrances charged upon, or due and payable out of or affecting the same: 4th.—That he had collusively or colorably obtained a title to or became possessed of the same, or some part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying or enabling him to be returned as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*: 5th.—That he collusively or colorably caused to be removed from the Registry Books of the County of *Hastings*, certain charges and liens upon the lands mentioned in his declaration, for the purpose of qualifying him to be returned as aforesaid: 6th.—That he is not the owner or seized, either in law or in equity, of the lands therein-mentioned, but fraudulently set up a claim or title thereto: 7th.—That although he was required by the opposing candidate, *Philip Luke*, to specify the lands on which he qualified, yet he did not do so, but stated lands which he did not own and of which he was not seized at law or in equity: 8th.—That he was not elected by a majority of the qualified Electors of the said North Riding of *Hastings*: 9th.—That a number, sufficient to reduce the number polled for him below those legally polled for *Philip Luke*, voted upon lands not situate in the said Riding, and otherwise were illegal voters: 10th.—That a majority of the legal votes polled at that Election, were polled in favor of *Philip Luke*: 11th.—That he was guilty of bribery and corruption, and kept "open house" for voters and was guilty of "treating," contrary to the Act of Parliament in that behalf. And your Petitioners pray, that the said Return may be amended,

and that *Philip Luke* be declared Member of your Honorable House for the said North Riding of *Hastings* :

Being read, and the Question being put, That the Petition be now received,
It passed in the Negative.

The Petition of *Nathan Williams* and *Gilbert C. Field*, of the County of *Lincoln*, qualified Electors of the County of *Lincoln*, setting forth : That on the day of nomination for a Member to serve in the present Provincial Parliament for the County of *Lincoln*, held at *St. Catharines*, on the twenty-eighth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, three persons were nominated as Candidates, viz. : The Hon. *William Hamilton Merritt*, *Abishai Morse*, Esquire, and *James W. O. Clark*, Esquire : That then and there *John B. Cutler*, Esquire, an elector of the said County of *Lincoln*, did demand of and from the Returning Officer, *William Kingsmill*, Esquire, the qualification of the said Honorable *William Hamilton Merritt*, pursuant to the Statute in such case made and provided : That no qualification, by the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, was then given, nor has since been given, either by himself or any other person in his behalf, as provided in such cases by the Statute aforesaid : Your Petitioners further represent, that an objection was made at the said nomination, and at several of the Polling-places also, that the said *William Hamilton Merritt* had not qualified according to law, and notice given to the electors, that their votes would be thrown away or lost if they voted for the said Honorable *William Hamilton Merritt* : Further, that at the close of the said Election for the said County, held on the fourth and fifth days of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, the Polls stood as follows : for the Honorable *William Hamilton Merritt*, 1,175 votes ; *Abishai Morse*, Esquire, 800 votes ; *James W. O. Clark*, Esquire, 274 votes : Your Petitioners respectfully submit, that inasmuch as the said the Honorable *William Hamilton Merritt*, has altogether failed to make such qualification as required as aforesaid, that he ought not to be permitted to hold the seat as Member for the said County of *Lincoln*, for the present Parliament, but that the said *Abishai Morse*, Esquire, should, as a matter of right, be declared as the sitting Member for the said County : Your Petitioners therefore pray your Honorable House to cause the above-named *Abishai Morse*, Esquire, to be declared the sitting Member for the County of *Lincoln*, in the present Parliament :

Being read, and the Question being put, That the Petition be now received,
It passed in the Negative.

The Petition of *Joseph Noël Chassé*, of the Parish of *St. Marie de la Beauce*, District of *Quebec*, Esquire, Notary Public, a Candidate at the late Election of a Member to represent the County of *Beauce*, setting forth : That at the said Election, the said Petitioner and *Dunbar Ross*, Esquire, Advocate of the City of *Quebec*, were the only Candidates : That at the said Election a Poll was demanded and granted, and that at the close of the said Election, that is to say, on the seventh day of January instant, the said *Dunbar Ross* was declared and proclaimed the Member duly elected to represent the said County of *Beauce* in the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, by *Jean Pierre Proux*, Esquire, Registrar for the County of *Beauce*, and Returning Officer for the said County, for the purposes of the said Election : That at the said Election the said Petitioner received the largest number of legal votes during the two voting days of the said Election, which were the fourth and fifth days of January instant : That at the said Election a large number of votes registered for the said *Dunbar Ross*, in all the Polls of the said County, are illegal votes, inasmuch as they were given by minors not qualified to vote ; that the same persons voted more than once at the said Election ; that at all the said Polls there were enregistered in favor of the said *Dunbar Ross*, a larger number of votes than the number which really exist ; that a large portion of the said votes were given to the said *Dunbar Ross* under the influence of promises, threats, of money paid, of rewards promised : That at

the said Election, the said *Dunbar Ross* kept houses of public entertainment open in all the said Polls or Parishes of the said County, for the purpose of giving drink to the electors, and of corrupting their votes : That at the said Election, a large number of the electors were prevented from voting for the Petitioner by threatening them with suits at law : That at several of the Polls of the said County, the Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks did intrigue while doing their duties as such, and after having taken the first oath of office, against this Petitioner and in favor of the said *Dunbar Ross*, and particularly at the Polls of *St. Elzéar*, of *St. Joseph*, of *St. Frédéric*, of *St. François*, of *St. George*, of *Forsyth*, of *Lambton*, and of *Aylmer*, and that the names of the said Returning Officers are *Théodore Duchesnay*, *Edouard L'Ecuyer*, at *St. Elzéar* ; *Joseph O. C. Arcand* (or *Mercier*), at *St. Joseph* ; *Pierre Bélanger* and *Bazile Noël*, at *St. Frédéric* ; *Michel Foley* and *Ludger Blanchet*, at *St. François* ; *Ernest Munkell* and *Augustin Paquet*, at *St. George* ; *Adrien Blouin et al*, at *Forsyth*, &c., &c. : That a large number of the Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks at the said Election, are minors, and not qualified to fill those offices, namely— at *St. Marie*, *Gustave Taschereau*, Poll Clerk ; at *St. François*, *Ludger Blanchet*, Poll Clerk ; and at *Aylmer*, *Lambton*, *Forsyth*, *Tring* and others : That at the Poll of *St. Joseph*, the Deputy Returning Officer, *Joseph O. C. Arcand* (or *Mercier*), did intrigue for the said *Dunbar Ross*, after he had taken the first oath of office ; that the said Deputy Returning Officer held the Poll after the hours appointed by law, particularly on the day of the *fête des Rois*, and after five o'clock in the evening of the two voting days, and that he did during all the time, when he so illegally held the Poll, take the votes of a great number of the Electors for the said *Dunbar Ross*, contrary to law : That at the Poll of *St. Frédéric*, the Deputy Returning Officer, *Pierre Bélanger*, did refuse to register votes for this Petitioner, under pretence that the persons wanting to vote were not qualified, without being required to do so by the representatives of the Candidates, and that he did register a large number of votes of persons not qualified against this Petitioner, and for the said *Dunbar Ross*, although he was required by the representative of this Petitioner to require the taking of the oaths Nos. 3 and 4, which he refused to do : That at the Poll of *St. François*, *Michel Foley*, Deputy Returning Officer, left his place at the Poll in order to intrigue against this Petitioner, and to threaten the partizans of this Petitioner with suit at law, if they voted for the latter : That at the said Election, all the Deputy Returning Officers acted illegally and with partiality against this Petitioner in favor of the said *Dunbar Ross*, and after they had taken the first oath of office, leaving their places at the Polls in order to intrigue against this Petitioner, threatening the partizans of this Petitioner with suits at law if they voted for him, and that the persons named *Proux*, Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks, are sons under age of the Returning Officer : That at several of the Polls the Deputy Returning Officers knowingly, took the votes of persons holding Crown lands, and who then owed, and still owe, the whole or a portion of the purchase money to the Crown, without making them take the required oath : That the said *Dunbar Ross* did give, or cause to be given, money to buy votes ; that he did cause houses of public entertainment to be opened for the purpose of corrupting the electors ; that he did promise, or cause to be promised, by his agents or partizans, rewards to those who would vote for him ; that, in fact, the greater number of the votes registered for him, the said *Dunbar Ross*, were corruptly given on account of money paid, threats uttered, rewards promised by him and his agents and partizans, with his sanction and participation : That the Deputy Returning Officers at the Polls of *St. Joseph*, *St. George*, *Tring*, *Forsyth*, and *St. Frédéric*, deprived your Petitioner of votes entering in the Poll-books, in favor of the said *Dunbar Ross*, votes which had been given to this Petitioner : That the Returning Officer acted with partiality towards this Petitioner, choosing for all the said Polls persons acknow-

ledged to be the partizans of the said *Dunbar Ross*, as Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks: That the said Returning Officer did threaten and cause to be threatened the partizans of this Petitioner, that he would sue them, or cause them to be sued by their creditors, if they voted for this Petitioner, and this both before and during the said Election; and that the said Returning Officers did, both before and during the said Election, pay the electors, and cause them to be paid, in order to corrupt them, and to engage them for the said *Dunbar Ross*: That the majority of the votes registered for the said *Dunbar Ross*, was registered fraudulently and illegally, and is merely apparent; and that were it not for the frauds, threats, promises, and other illegal means hereinbefore enumerated, the majority of the votes of the persons legally qualified to vote at the said Election, would have been for this Petitioner: That the said Election is otherwise iniquitous, illegal, unjust, and corrupt: Wherefore, this Petitioner humbly prays that your Honorable House will take the above into consideration, and will declare the Election and Return of the said *Dunbar Ross* null, and of no effect, and that your Honorable House will provide and grant such further relief as you may deem expedient.

Being read, and the Question being put, That the Petition be now received,
It passed in the Negative.

On motion of Mr. *Dufresne*, seconded by Mr. *Langevin*,
Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend this House on Monday next, with the Return of the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, and also with the Poll Books, if any there be, and all other papers, letters and documents which may have been transmitted to him by the Returning Officer for the said Election in the said County.

On motion of Mr. *Patrick*, seconded by Mr. *White*,
Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend this House on Monday next, with the Poll Books and papers of the late Election for the County of *Russell*.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment, which was, on Wednesday, the third instant, proposed to be made to the third paragraph of the Question,

“ That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, and for the expression of his happiness in meeting the Representatives of the *Canadian* people in this the first Session of a new Parliament:—and further to assure His Excellency, That when the last Session was closed in the month of June, we concurred with His Excellency in supposing that *England* was at peace with all the world, and that we learned with profound grief at that very time a fearful mutiny was raging in the heart of our Eastern Empire—a mutiny which for the moment seemed to peril all that we had won in India—whilst by the atrocities committed in its course, it roused the indignation of the whole civilized world.

“ That the people of *Canada*, as they have sympathized with the danger and the sufferings of their fellow subjects, do in like manner rejoice at the vigour which has checked this rebellion, and appreciate the steadfast courage and perseverance which have distinguished our countrymen in the East, and feel that it is indeed a source of pride to the *British Colonies* that with *Havelock* and *Outram* is associated the name of *Inglis*, and that we have sent from *Canada* some who fell gallantly fighting at *Delhi* and *Lucknow*;—and that while we know that the issue of this struggle is in the hands of Providence, we believe,

“ with His Excellency, that we may without presumption, anticipate success to our arms, and the firm establishment of *British* rule in *Hindustan*.

“ That we saw with anxiety, that towards the close of last year commercial relations both in *Europe* and in *America* had been very much disturbed. That we are fully aware that in these matters, the welfare of every country is more or less affected by the condition of others; and that an effectual remedy for such evils is therefore rarely to be found within the reach of any one community. We feel with His Excellency, that we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the prudence of our commercial men, and that we may be proud of the position of our Banks, inasmuch as they stand almost alone on this Northern Continent, in having continued to meet, without shrinking, their obligations to pay in specie. That we are nevertheless sensible that there is no doubt that the pressure has been, and still is, severe on our merchants, our landowners, and our farmers. That we believe there is no doubt, also, that much may be done to amend and improve our own commercial legislation. That we thank His Excellency for recommending these matters to our attention:—and that the expediency of assimilating the Commercial Law of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*,—the Law of Imprisonment for Debt, and the Law of Insolvency in *Upper Canada*,—the Law regarding Fraudulent Assignments and Preferences, and that relating to the Interest of Money in Commercial transactions of every kind,—shall receive our most earnest consideration;—as shall also the revision of the Jury Law and the amendment and consolidation of the Municipal Law of *Upper Canada*.

“ That we agree with His Excellency in thinking that there are no Statutory provisions more important to the Country, than those which regulate the Franchise, and the trial of Controverted Elections, and in his opinion, that the present Acts require amendment; that we shall not fail to do all in our power to improve and simplify the existing system, and that we believe, with His Excellency, that it would be expedient to secure, by Law, the proper Registration and protection of all qualified Voters.

“ That any measure which His Excellency may cause to be laid before us, for amending and simplifying the whole system of management of our Public Lands, and facilitating their occupation by industrious settlers, will receive our attentive consideration.

“ That we rejoice with His Excellency that the number of Emigrants in the course of the year just ended was considerably in excess of that of the previous year.

“ That we have much pleasure in learning that a large extent of territory in different parts of the Province has been surveyed for the purpose of immediate occupation. We concur with His Excellency in believing that experience has proved that the opening of roads through the forest has much facilitated the settlement of our wild lands, and that by making these roads on a system at once uniform and comprehensive, there is every reason to expect the best results from the aid granted by the Legislature.

“ That we are convinced that the subject of the Fisheries in both sections of the Province is one which deserves our attention, and learn with satisfaction, that His Excellency believes they may be so dealt with, as hereafter to become a source of Revenue.

“ That we are gratified to know that in *Lower Canada*, the Legislative changes made in the Judicial system have been brought into operation, and that His Excellency trusts that more ready access to Justice and the speedy termination of Civil Suits will be the result of these provisions.

“ That we receive with much pleasure His Excellency's congratulations on the continued success of the *Canadian* Line of Steamers, and that we feel with him that they have already placed our intercourse with *Europe* on a new foot-

“ing, and look forward with pleasure to the establishment of a Weekly Line to the *St. Lawrence* during the next Summer.

“That we thank His Excellency for recommending to our notice the increasing value of the Lake Commerce of *Canada*, and agree with him that our trade with *Chicago* and Western States promises to be important alike to the Upper and the Lower sections of the Province.

“That we learn with deep interest, that during the recess a correspondence has taken place with the Imperial Government and with the Sister Colonies of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, in which the importance to Imperial interests of an Inter-colonial Railway and Military Road to *Halifax* has been pressed on the attention of the Home Government, and that we thank His Excellency for the assurance that this correspondence will be submitted for our consideration.

“That concurring entirely in His Excellency’s opinion, that this Province has already gone to the utmost limit of pecuniary aid to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, we learn with the highest satisfaction that His Excellency entertains a confident expectation that such aid will prove sufficient to secure the advantages promised by the completion of its works; and we have no doubt that the community at large are fully sensible of the benefits derived from this great and important undertaking.

“That while we regret that the Commercial difficulties to which His Excellency has alluded, will be found to have affected our Revenue, we know that this was to be expected, and are thankful for his assurance that the diminution is such as to inspire no fears for the credit or the future prosperity of the Country.

“That we are convinced that we shall find that due economy has been used in the expenditure of the funds entrusted to the Executive Government, and that effectual supervision over the Public Accounts has been maintained by the Board of Audit. And that His Excellency may rest assured that such supplies as may be required for the Public Service will be cheerfully granted by us.

“That we thank His Excellency for the intimation that certain correspondence in relation to the *Hudson’s Bay* Company and its Territory, will be laid before us; as well as an answer to our Address presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of the Seat of Government. That with regard to the first of these subjects, His Excellency may rely on our giving our most serious consideration to the propositions made by Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Company, and on our earnest endeavour to weigh well the bearing of these propositions on the interests and rights of *Canada*; and that we shall receive with much satisfaction the papers which His Excellency is pleased to say will be submitted to us, showing the steps taken by the Provincial Government for the assertion of those interests and rights, and for their future maintenance.

And which Amendment was, That the words, “But this House cannot but regret that Your Excellency has not been advised to recommend at the same time a re-consideration of the Tariff, with a view to the adoption of a more equitable scale of duties based on the *ad valorem* principle,” be added at the end thereof.

And the Question being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. *Church* moved, seconded by Mr. *Tett*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Aikins,
Allan,

Cook,
Dorion,

Laframboise,
Macdonald, Donald A. Patrick,

Pannicari,

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Doriand,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Clurk,</i>	<i>Houland,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	40. <i>Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Desarulniers,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Felloves,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>O Farrell,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Ouimet</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tulbot,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	78. <i>Webb.</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Webb* moved, seconded by Mr. *Church*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; It passed in the Negative.

The third paragraph was then agreed to.

The fourth paragraph being again read, as followeth:—

That we agree with His Excellency in thinking that there are no Statutory provisions more important to the Country, than those which regulate the Franchise and the trial of Controverted Elections, and in his opinion, that the present Acts require amendment; that we shall not fail to do all in our power to improve and simplify the existing system, and that we believe, with His Excellency, that it would be expedient to secure, by Law, the proper registration and protection of all qualified Voters.

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. *Wallbridge*, That all the words after "That" to the end thereof be left out, and the words, "while we agree with His Excellency in thinking that the statutory provisions which regulate the franchise and the trial of controverted elections are most important to the country, and require amendment, and while we shall do all in our power to improve and simplify the existing system, and to secure by law the proper registration and protection of all qualified voters,—it is at the same time our duty to state to His Excellency that there is one question surpassing in importance all others in public estimation, namely, the just representation of the people in Parliament; and that we pledge ourselves to give our earnest consideration, during the present session, to a measure placing Parliamentary representation on the basis of population without regard to a separating line between *Upper and Lower Canada*," inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Atkins,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A. Rymal,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Scatherd,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
		<i>Powell, Walker</i>
		<i>82. Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyne,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macheth,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen. Ross,</i>	
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Du. rkin,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sizotte,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Murin,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Cawley,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>O'Farrel,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Curtier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Hurwood,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Tussé,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chupais,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Pupincau,</i>	<i>Tett.</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Thibaulteau,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Lafrumboise,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>86. Webb.</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

The fourth paragraph was then agreed to.

Mr. *Ross* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn;—It passed in the Negative.

And the fifth to the eighth paragraphs inclusive, being again read, were agreed to.

The ninth paragraph, being again read, and the Question being put thereon; the House divided;—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the tenth to the fourteenth paragraphs inclusive, being again read, were agreed to.

The fifteenth paragraph, being again read, as followeth:—

“That we are convinced that we shall find that due economy has been used in the expenditure of the funds entrusted to the Executive Government, and that effectual supervision over the Public Accounts has been maintained by the Board of Audit. And that His Excellency may rest assured that such supplies as may be required for the Public Service will be cheerfully granted by us.”

The Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald* moved in amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. *Hogan*,

That the words, “We are convinced that we shall find that due economy has been used in the expenditure of the funds entrusted to the Executive Govern-

“ment, and that effectual supervision over the Public Accounts has been maintained by the Board of Audit;” be left out, and the words, “It will gratify us to find that due economy has been used in the expenditure of the funds entrusted to the Executive Government, and that effectual supervision over the Public Accounts has been maintained by the Board of Audit; but it is our duty to state to His Excellency that the past management of the Public Finances does not inspire confidence in His Excellency’s Advisers,” inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Sturton,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Houland,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	40. <i>Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Cowlée,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>O’Farrell,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Ciron,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cuxley,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Curtier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	76. <i>Webb.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question being put on the fifteenth paragraph, the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>

<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Sinconnes,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Sturnes,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Curtier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Chupais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>77. Webb.</i>
<i>Coutlie,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>40. Wright.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The sixteenth and last paragraph being again read, as followeth :—

“That we thank His Excellency for the intimation that certain correspondence in relation to the Hudson's Bay Company and its Territory, will be laid before us; as well as an answer to our Address presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of the Seat of Government. That with regard to the first of these subjects, His Excellency may rely on our giving our most serious consideration to the propositions made by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Company, and on our earnest endeavour to weigh well the bearing of these propositions on the interests and rights of *Canada*: and that we shall receive with much satisfaction the papers which His Excellency is pleased to say will be submitted to us, shewing the steps taken by the Provincial Government for the assertion of those interests and rights, and for their future maintenance.”

Mr. *Mowat* moved, in amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. *Notman*,

That all the words after “That” to the end thereof be left out, and the words “That we will gladly receive the correspondence in relation to the *Hudson's Bay* Territory and the papers showing that steps have been taken by the Provincial Government for the assertion of the rights and interests of *Canada* in that Territory, and for their future maintenance; as well as an answer to our address presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the subject of the Seat of Government, and we will give the most attentive consideration to the propositions made by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies regarding that Territory, and the interests of this Province therein.”

And the Question being put on the amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Moncat,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A. Patrick,</i>		<i>34. Wright.</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley, n,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>McLeod,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>O' Farrell,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cuuchon,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Pluyfair,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Powell, Wm. F.</i>	<i>82. Webb.</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Then, the Question being put on the sixteenth paragraph, the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley, n,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>McLeod,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Sincennes.</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>O' Farrell,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cuuchon,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Pluyfair,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Powell, Wm. F.</i>	<i>82. Webb.</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorlund,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hurtman,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Mucdonald, Donald A. Patrick,</i>		<i>34. Wright.</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Mucdonald, John S.</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for His Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, and for the expression of his happiness in meeting the Representatives of the *Canadian* people in this the first Session of a new Parliament; and further to assure His Excellency, that when the last Session was closed in the month of June, we concurred with His Excellency in supposing that England was at peace with all the world, and that we learned with profound grief that at that very time a fearful mutiny was raging in the heart of our Eastern Empire—a mutiny which for the moment seemed to peril all that we had won in *India*, whilst by the atrocities committed in its course, it roused the indignation of the whole civilized world.

That the people of *Canada*, as they have sympathized with the danger and the sufferings of their fellow-subjects, do in like manner rejoice at the vigour which has checked this rebellion, and appreciate the steadfast courage and perseverance which have distinguished our countrymen in the East, and feel that it is indeed a source of pride to the British Colonies that with *Havelock* and *Outram* is associated the name of *Inglis*, and that we have sent from *Canada* some who fell gallantly fighting at *Delhi* and *Lucknow*; and that while we know that the issue of this struggle is in the hands of Providence, we believe, with His Excellency that we may without presumption, anticipate success to our arms, and the firm establishment of *British* rule in *Hindustan*.

That we saw with anxiety, that towards the close of last year Commercial relations both in *Europe* and in *America* have been very much disturbed. That we are fully aware that in these matters, the welfare of every country is more or less affected by the condition of others; and that an effectual remedy for such evils is therefore rarely to be found within the reach of any one community. We feel with His Excellency, that we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the prudence of our Commercial men, and that we may be proud of the position of our Banks, inasmuch as they stand almost alone on this Northern Continent, in having continued to meet, without shrinking, their obligations to pay in specie. That we are nevertheless sensible that there is no doubt that the pressure has been, and still is, severe on our merchants, our landowners, and our farmers. That we believe there is no doubt, also, that much may be done to amend and improve our own Commercial legislation. That we thank His Excellency for recommending these matters to our attention:—and that the expediency of assimilating the Commercial Law of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*,—the Law of Imprisonment for Debt, and the Law of Insolvency in *Upper Canada*,—the Law regarding Fraudulent Assignments and Preferences, and that relating to the Interest of Money in Commercial transactions of every kind,—shall receive our most earnest consideration; as shall also the revision of the Jury Law, and the amendment and consolidation of the Municipal Law of *Upper Canada*.

That we agree with His Excellency in thinking that there are no Statutory provisions more important to the country, than those which regulate the franchise,

and the trial of Controverted Elections, and in his opinion, that the present Acts require amendment; that we shall not fail to do all in our power to improve and simplify the existing system, and that we believe, with His Excellency, that it would be expedient to secure, by Law, the proper Registration and protection of all qualified Voters.

That any measure which His Excellency may cause to be laid before us, for amending and simplifying the whole system of management of our Public Lands, and facilitating their occupation by industrious settlers, will receive our attentive consideration.

That we rejoice with His Excellency that the number of Emigrants in the course of the year just ended was considerably in excess of that of the previous year.

That we have much pleasure in learning that a large extent of Territory in different parts of the Province has been surveyed for the purpose of immediate occupation. We concur with His Excellency in believing that experience has proved that the opening of Roads through the forest has much facilitated the settlement of our wild lands, and that by making these roads on a system at once uniform and comprehensive, there is every reason to expect the best results from the aid granted by the Legislature.

That we are convinced that the subject of the Fisheries in both sections of the Province is one which deserves our attention, and learn with satisfaction, that His Excellency believes they may be so dealt with as hereafter to become a source of Revenue.

That we are gratified to know that in *Lower Canada*, the Legislative changes made in the Judicial system have been brought into operation, and that His Excellency trusts that more ready access to Justice and the speedy termination of Civil Suits will be the result of these provisions.

That we receive with much pleasure His Excellency's congratulations on the continued success of the *Canadian* Line of Steamers, and that we feel with him that they have already placed our intercourse with *Europe* on a new footing, and look forward with pleasure to the establishment of a Weekly Line to the *St. Lawrence* during the next Summer.

That we thank His Excellency for recommending to our notice the increasing value of the Lake commerce of *Canada*, and agree with him that our trade with *Chicago* and Western States promises to be important alike to the Upper and and Lower sections of the Province.

That we learn with deep interest, that during the recess a correspondence has taken place with the Imperial Government and with the Sister Colonies of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, in which the importance to Imperial interests of an Inter-colonial Railway and Military Road to *Halifax* has been pressed on the attention of the Home Government, and that we thank His Excellency for the assurance that this correspondence will be submitted for our consideration.

That concurring entirely in His Excellency's opinion, that this Province has already gone to the utmost limit of pecuniary aid to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, we learn with the highest satisfaction that His Excellency entertains a confident expectation that such aid will prove sufficient to secure the advantages promised by the completion of its works; and we have no doubt that the community at large are fully sensible of the benefits derived from this great and important undertaking.

That while we regret that the Commercial difficulties to which His Excellency has alluded, will be found to have affected our Revenue, we know that this was to be expected, and are thankful for his assurance that the diminution is such as to inspire no fears for the credit or the future prosperity of the Country.

That we are convinced that we shall find that due economy has been used in the expenditure of the funds entrusted to the Executive Government, and that

effectual supervision over the Public Accounts has been maintained by the Board of Audit. And that His Excellency may rest assured that such supplies as may be required for the Public Service will be cheerfully granted by us.

That we thank His Excellency for the intimation that certain Correspondence in relation to the *Hudson's Bay* Company and its Territory, will be laid before us; as well as an answer to our Address presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of the Seat of Government. That with regard to the first of these subjects, His Excellency may rely on our giving our most serious consideration to the propositions made by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Company, and on our earnest endeavour to weigh well the bearing of these propositions on the interests and rights of *Canada*; and that we shall receive with much satisfaction the papers which His Excellency is pleased to say will be submitted to us, shewing the steps taken by the Provincial Government for the assertion of those interests and rights, and for their future maintenance.

Resolved, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, Mr. *Talbot*, Mr. *Morin*, and Mr. *Starnes*, to prepare and report the draught of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, to both Houses of the Legislature, in conformity to the said Resolution.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* reported from the Select Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and the same was read, as followeth:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir *Edmund Walker Head*, Baronet, one of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada* in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for Your Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, and for the expression of Your happiness in meeting the Representatives of the *Canadian* people in this the first Session of a new Parliament:—

When the last Session was closed in the month of June, we concurred with Your Excellency in supposing that *England* was at peace with all the world, and that we learned with profound grief that at that very time a fearful mutiny was raging in the heart of our Eastern Empire—a mutiny which, for the moment, seemed to peril all that we had won in *India*, whilst by the atrocities committed in its course, it roused the indignation of the whole civilised world.

The people of *Canada*, as they have sympathized with the danger and the sufferings of their fellow-subjects, do in like manner rejoice at the vigour which has checked this rebellion, and appreciate the steadfast courage and perseverance which have distinguished our countrymen in the East, and feel that it is indeed a source of pride to the *British Colonies* that with *Havelock* and *Outram* is associated the name of *Inglis*, and that we have sent from *Canada* some who fell gallantly fighting at *Delhi* and *Lucknow*;—and while we know that the issue of this struggle is in the hands of Providence, we believe, with Your Excellency, that we may without presumption, anticipate success to our arms, and the firm establishment of *British* rule in *Hindustan*.

We saw with anxiety, that, towards the close of last year, commercial relations both in *Europe* and in *America* had been very much disturbed. We are fully

aware that in these matters, the welfare of every country is more or less affected by the condition of others; and that an effectual remedy for such evils is therefore rarely to be found within the reach of any one community. We feel with Your Excellency, that we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the prudence of our commercial men, and that we may be proud of the position of our Banks, inasmuch as they stand almost alone on this Northern Continent, in having continued to meet, without shrinking, their obligations to pay in specie. We are nevertheless sensible that there is no doubt that the pressure has been, and still is, severe on our merchants, our landowners, and our farmers. We believe there is no doubt, also, that much may be done to amend and improve our own commercial legislation. We thank Your Excellency for recommending these matters to our attention:—and the expediency of assimilating the Commercial law of *Upper and Lower Canada*,—the Law of Imprisonment for Debt, and the Law of Insolvency in *Upper Canada*,—the Law regarding Fraudulent Assignments and Preferences, and that relating to the Interest of Money in Commercial transactions of every kind,—shall receive our most earnest consideration;—as shall also the revision of the Jury Law, and the amendment and consolidation of the Municipal Law of *Upper Canada*.

We agree with Your Excellency in thinking that there are no Statutory provisions more important to the Country, than those which regulate the Franchise, and the trial of Controverted Elections, and in Your Excellency's opinion, that the present Acts require amendment; we shall not fail to do all in our power to improve and simplify the existing system; and we believe, with Your Excellency, that it would be expedient to secure, by Law, the proper Registration and protection of all qualified Voters.

Any measure which Your Excellency may cause to be laid before us, for amending and simplifying the whole system of management of our Public Lands, and facilitating their occupation by industrious settlers, will receive our attentive consideration.

We rejoice with Your Excellency that the number of Emigrants in the course of the year just ended was considerably in excess of that of the previous year.

We have much pleasure in learning that a large extent of territory in different parts of the Province has been surveyed for the purpose of immediate occupation. We concur with Your Excellency in believing that experience has proved that the opening of roads through the forest has much facilitated the settlement of our wild lands, and that by making these roads on a system at once uniform and comprehensive, there is every reason to expect the best results from the aid granted by the Legislature.

We are convinced that the subject of the Fisheries in both sections of the Province is one which deserves our attention, and learn with satisfaction, that Your Excellency believes they may be so dealt with, as hereafter to become a source of Revenue.

We are gratified to know that, in *Lower Canada*, the Legislative changes made in the Judicial system have been brought into operation, and that Your Excellency trusts that more ready access to Justice and the speedy termination of Civil Suits will be the result of these provisions.

We receive with much pleasure Your Excellency's congratulations on the continued success of the *Canadian* Line of Steamers, and we feel, with Your Excellency, that they have already placed our intercourse with *Europe* on a new footing, and look forward with pleasure to the establishment of a Weekly Line to the *St. Lawrence* during the next Summer.

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The said Address being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by the whole House.

Ordered, That such Members of this House, as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province, do wait upon His Excellency the Governor General, to know His Excellency's pleasure, when he will be attended by this House, with its Address.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, rose in his place, and acquainted Mr. Speaker and the House, that His Excellency the Governor General will receive the House, with its Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, at the opening of the present Session, on Monday next, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Monday, 15th March, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of the Village of *St. Felix de Valois*, County of *Joliette*.

By Mr. *Cimon*,—The Petition of *Léon Gaudreault*, of *Malbaie*, Yeoman; the Petition of *J. McLaren* and others, of the Townships of *Calière* and *Saguenay*; Three Petitions of the Reverend *C. Trudelle* and others, of *Baie St Paul*, and other Parishes, in the County of *Charlevoix*; the Petition of the Reverend *C. Trudelle* and others, of the Parishes of *Baie St. Paul* and *St. Urbain*; and the Petition of *C. Cimon* and others, of the Parish of *La Petite Rivière St. François*, County of *Charlevoix*.

By Mr. *Langevin*,—The Petition of *William Henderson* and others, of the Parish of *St. Malachy*, County of *Dorchester*.

By Mr. *William Frederick Powell*,—The Petition of *John Supple* and others, Lumber Manufacturers, of the *Ottawa River* and its tributaries.

By Mr. *Baby*,—The Petition of the Reverend *G. Nadeau* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Luce*, County of *Rimouski*.

By Mr. *Buchanan*,—Four Petitions of the Board of Trade of the City of *Hamilton*; the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*; the Petition of the *Canada Life Assurance Company*; and the Petition of *S. Park* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of *Stanislas Drapeau* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, Mechanics.

By Mr. *Sherwood*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*.

By Mr. *John Cameron*,—The Petition of *Andrew Moffat* and others, of the County of *Simcoe*.

By Mr. *Richard W. Scott*,—The Petition of the College of *Bytown*.

By Mr. *MacLeod*,—The Petition of *William Dollar* and others, of the Township of *Maidstone*.

By Mr. *Ouimet*,—The Petition of *Henri Lappare*, of the City of *Montreal*, Notary.

By Mr. *Ross*,—The Petition of *P. Bélanger* and others, of *Broughton*, County of *Megantic*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Lambton*; praying that the County Councils may have the control of all expenditure of County Funds.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Lambton*; praying for certain amendments to the Jurors' Act of *Upper Canada*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Lambton*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act of *Upper Canada*.

Of *Martin McKinnon*, of the Township of *Varughan*, County of *York*; representing that he was the occupant of a Clergy Reserve lot of land in the said Township, which was afterwards erected into a Rectory, and of which he is about to be deprived, and praying that his case may be inquired into.

Of *Eliel Martin* and others; praying to be remunerated for services rendered during the late War with the *United States*.

Of *François Xavier Dezy* and others, of the Parish of *La Visitation de l'Isle du Pads*, County of *Berthier*; praying that the "Act to regulate the Common de l'Isle du Pads, in the County of *Berthier*," which has expired, may be revived.

Of *Lucas Feader* and others, of the Village of *Iroquois* and Township of

Matilda, County of *Dundas*; praying that School Section No. 3 of the Township of *Matilda*, may be annexed to the Municipality of the Village of *Troquois* for School purposes.

Of *Robert Brampton*, of the City of *Toronto*; praying for the passing of an Act to confirm to him the exclusive right of using, within the Province of *Canada*, a Patent for "Improvements in apparatus for ventilating."

Of the *Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of St. Ours*; praying for aid.

Of *Charles Roger*, of the Town of *Port Hope*, Editor; praying for aid to enable him to complete the second volume of "The Rise of *Canada* from barbarism to civilization."

Of Mrs. *Eliza M. Massue* and others, Ladies Directresses of the Charitable Association of Catholic Ladies of *Quebec*; praying for aid.

Of the *Melbourne Mechanics' Institute and Library Association*; praying for aid.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex*,—and of *David Glass*, Mayor, and others, of the City of *London*; praying that the law of arrest and imprisonment for debt may be abolished.

Of the Reverend *Charles N. Boudreault* and others, of the *Magdalen Islands*; praying that the tenure of their lands may be changed to that under which the Crown Lands are now held in this Province.

Of *A. Chesebrough* and others, of *Sandusky, United States of America*; of *E. P. Dorr* and others, of *Buffalo, United States of America*; of Messieurs *Starr* and *Payne*, and others, of *Erie, United States of America*; of *A. S. Page* and others, of *Oswego, United States of America*; of *W. B. Hendershot* and others, of *Thorold*; and of *L. W. Mercer* and others, of the Town of *Niagara*; praying that the *Welland Canal* may be enlarged.

Of *F. L. Quenneville* and others, Pilots navigating the River *Ottawa*, and others, of the Parishes of *St. Martin* and *St. Laurent*; setting forth the danger they are exposed to when bringing Rafts down the said river, owing to the number of bridges, and praying that the House will take the matter into consideration.

Of Sister *M. J. Hainault dite Deschamps* and others, Sisters of Charity in charge of the General Hospital in the City of *Montreal*; representing that the Property of the Poor of the said Hospital, in charge of the said community, has become much deteriorated in value by the passing of the Seigniorial Act of 1854, and other causes; and praying that they may be authorized to sell or otherwise dispose of all Fiefs, Seigniories and other immoveable property belonging to the Poor, and to fund the proceeds thereof by the purchase of other immoveable property or otherwise for the benefit of the Poor.

Of *A. Lozeau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de la Baie du Fevre*, County of *Yamaska*; of *Joseph Lemaitre*, Mayor and others, of the Parish of *St. Thomas de Pierreville*, County of *Yamaska*; and of the Reverend *A. A. Marcoux*, of the Parish of *St. Zephirin*, County of *Yamaska*; praying that the village of *St. Thomas de Pierreville* may be substituted as the chief place of the Judicial District of *Yamaska*, for the Village of *St. Francois du Lac*, and that the sittings of the Circuit Court may be held in the said Village of *St. Thomas*.

Of *Joseph Manseau*, President and others, Trustees of the Common of the Seigniorie of *Baie du Fevre*; praying for certain amendments to the Act 16 *Vic.*, cap. 61, to ascertain and establish the rights of the co-proprietors of the Common of *St. Antoine de la Baie*.

Of *Alexander Perry* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ignace du Coteau du Lac*, County of *Soulanges*; praying aid for Bridges in the said Parish.

Of the Institute of *L'Assomption*; praying for aid.

Of the Directors and Professors of the Deaf and Dumb Institution of *St. Viateur*, County of *Hochelaga*; praying aid for the said Institution.

Of the Municipality of the Village of *Stratford*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal and Assessment Acts of *Upper Canada*.

Of *J. W. Maanwell* and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts of the County of *Perth*; praying that the Tariff of Fees at present allowed them may be increased.

Of *Walkden Maudesley*, Merchant, and others, residing along the line of the *Welland Canal*; praying for the passing of an Act making vessels, while passing through the *Welland Canal*, holden for stores and provisions obtained from merchants.

Of the *Montreal Board of Trade*; praying that the Usury Laws may be repealed.

Of *John Powell* and others, Registrars of Counties; praying that the Petitions of *J. Reay* and others, Registrars of Counties in *Upper Canada*, praying that the Tariff of Fees at present allowed them may be increased, may be taken into consideration.

Of *Joseph S. Keeler* and others, of the County of *Northumberland*; praying for an Act of Incorporation to construct a Tram or Railroad from some point at or near the *Marmora Iron Works* to some point at or near *Colborne Harbor* in the said County.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Halton*; praying for certain amendments to the proposed new Municipal Consolidation Act.

Of the Provincial Insurance Company of *Toronto*; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation, and to the Acts amending the same.

Of the Board of Trustees of the University of Queen's College, *Kingston*; praying for aid.

Of *Mrs. Mary Ann Bankier* and other ladies, the Committee of the *Quebec Lower Town Infant School*; praying aid in behalf of the said School.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Alexander Hamilton* and others, of the County of *Perth*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

At the hour appointed, Mr. Speaker and the House attended upon His Excellency the Governor General, with the Address of the House.

And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had attended upon His Excellency with their Address in answer to the speech of His Excellency to both Houses of the Legislature, to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer:—

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

Accept my thanks for the Address which you have just presented, and be assured that I thoroughly rely on your loyalty to the Queen, and your desire to promote the interests of *Canada*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hébert* have leave to bring in a Bill to remove doubts as to the right of parties, who have settled on Lands in *Lower Canada* without knowing the proprietors thereof, to the improvements they have made thereon.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Beaubien* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act intituled, "An Act to increase the Representation of the People of this Province "in Parliament," in so far as it relates to the Township of *Armagh*.

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 Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Burwell*, seconded by Mr. *Walker Powell*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, for a Return from the several Municipalities of this Province, of the number of places licensed for the sale of malt and spirituous liquors, for the year 1857, and the amount of Revenue derived from the same; and also, the quantity of malt and spirituous liquors imported into the Province, with the amount of duties paid thereon for the same year.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Cimon*, seconded by Mr. *Chapais*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General for a detailed Statement of moneys disbursed by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery in the late elections, and the amount paid to him by the Government for that purpose.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* have leave to bring in a Bill to relieve the employés of the Government in the Post Office Department and on the Canals, from Sunday labour.

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 Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Dorion*, seconded by Mr. *Bureau*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, for a Statement shewing the different amounts which have been placed to the credit of the Special Fund created by the Seigniorial Tenures Act of 1854, and by the Acts amending it, for the purpose of affording assistance to the *Censitaires* in the redemption of the Seigniorial dues, and to meet the expenses to be incurred in such redemption: Also the amounts, both capital and interest, derived from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province, and from the different sources of Revenue mentioned in the 17th and 18th Sections of the said Act of 1854. 2.—A statement in detail of the expenses incurred up to the 1st February, 1858, for the salaries of the Commissioners, and disbursements made by them; shewing also the expenses arising from the sittings of the Seigniorial Court, or from any other cause whatsoever, in virtue of the provisions of the said Acts. 3.—A statement in detail of all sums of money paid up to the 1st February, 1858, to each Proprietor of any Fief or Seigniority in *Lower Canada*, whether the said sums were paid on account of their capital or interest claimed by such Seignior, and whether they were so paid as and for the whole or part only of his claim.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Terrill* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Langevin* have leave to bring in a Bill for the protection of Students at Law, who served during the late War in the *Crimea*, or who have served, or may hereafter serve in the War now pending in the *East Indies*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Langevin* have leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Provincial Land Surveyors of *Lower Canada*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Langevin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to provide for the formation of Joint Stock Companies for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical or Chemical purposes.

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 Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Provincial Penitentiary Report for 1857.

For the said Report, see Appendix (No. 11.)

Also, Annual Report of the Senate of the University of *Toronto*, for the year 1857.

For the said Report, see Appendix (No. 12.)

Also, Return of Bonds and Securities recorded between the 26th day of February, 1857, and the 25th day of February, 1858, prepared in compliance with the 15th section, 4th and 5th *Victoria*, chapter 97.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 13.)

And also, Municipal Returns for *Lower Canada*, pursuant to 16 *Vic. cap.* 163, for 1857.

For the said Returns, see Appendix (No. 14.)

On motion of Mr. *McGee*, seconded by Mr. *Bureau*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence relating to the murder of *John Farrell*, at *Alma*, County of *Wellington*, and of all communications to the Provincial Government concerning subsequent disturbances at the Village of *Arthur*, and elsewhere in the same County, growing out of that occurrence.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *McKellar*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a Statement in detail of the manner in which the annual stipends and allowances to the Churches of *England*, *Rome*, *Scotland*, and certain other religious denominations, out of the Clergy Reserves Fund, as commuted under the authority of the

18th Vic., cap. 102, have been invested or appropriated, in accordance with clause 3 of the said Act.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Gould*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House be directed to call upon all the Banking Institutions doing business in this Province, to make to this House the yearly Returns directed by Law to be made by them.

Mr. *Dorion* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bureau*, and the Question being put, That the Order of this House, of Thursday last, for the reception of the Petition of *Stephen M. C. Taylor*, of the Village of *Plessisville de Somerset*, Merchant; *Pierre Chrysologue Pelletier*, of the Township of *Halifax*, Merchant; and *Ira B. Hall*, of the Township of *Ireland*, Farmer, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Noël Hébert*, Esquire, to represent the County of *Megantic*, in this present Parliament, be rescinded.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley</i>	<i>Daly</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Archambeault</i>	<i>Desaulniers</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Robinson</i>
<i>Baby</i>	<i>Dionne</i>	<i>Mattice</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Beaubien</i>	<i>Dorion</i>	<i>McGee</i>	<i>Ross</i>
<i>Bell</i>	<i>Dunkin</i>	<i>MacLeod</i>	<i>Scatcherd</i>
<i>Bellingham</i>	<i>Felloues</i>	<i>Meagher</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Buchanan</i>	<i>Fortier</i>	<i>Morin</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Bureau</i>	<i>Gaudet</i>	<i>Morrison</i>	<i>Simard</i>
<i>Burton</i>	<i>Gauvreau</i>	<i>Mowat</i>	<i>Simpson</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Gill</i>	<i>Munro</i>	<i>Talbot</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Harwood</i>	<i>O'Farrell</i>	<i>Tassé</i>
<i>Caron</i>	<i>Heath</i>	<i>Ouimet</i>	<i>Terrill</i>
<i>Cayley</i>	<i>Holmes</i>	<i>Panet</i>	<i>Tett</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Labelle</i>	<i>Patrick</i>	<i>Thibaudeau</i>
<i>Cauchon</i>	<i>Lacoste</i>	<i>Playfair</i>	<i>Turcotte</i>
<i>Chapais</i>	<i>LeBoutillier</i>	<i>Pope</i>	<i>Webb</i>
<i>Connor</i>	<i>Loranger</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>	<i>69. White</i>
<i>Coutlée</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins</i>	<i>Cook</i>	<i>Jobin</i>	<i>Notman</i>
<i>Allan</i>	<i>Dawson</i>	<i>Laframboise</i>	<i>Piché</i>
<i>Biggar</i>	<i>Dorland</i>	<i>Langevin</i>	<i>Price</i>
<i>Brown</i>	<i>Dufresne</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Sherwood</i>
<i>Burwell</i>	<i>Foley</i>	<i>Mackenzie</i>	<i>Sicotte</i>
<i>Christie</i>	<i>Gould</i>	<i>McCann</i>	<i>Somerville</i>
<i>Church</i>	<i>Hartman</i>	<i>McKellar</i>	<i>Sturton</i>
<i>Cimon</i>	<i>Hogan</i>	<i>McMicken</i>	<i>34. Wright</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>Houland</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Notice being taken that Mr. *Hébert*, Member for *Megantic*, had not voted in the preceding division.

On motion of the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Christie*,

Resolved, That Mr. *Hébert* be excused from voting on the said Question.

Mr. *Notman* moved, seconded by Mr. *Christie*, and the Question being proposed, That this House disapproves of the Warrant of the Honorable the Speaker, appointing the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Member for the Town of *Cornwall*; the Honorable *T. J. J. Loranger*, Member for the County of *Laprairie*; *Joseph Hartman*, Esquire, Member for the North Riding of the County of *York*; *Joseph Edouard Turcotte*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Champlain*; *James Moir Ferrer*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Brome*; and *Angus Morrison*, Esquire, Member for the North Riding of the County of *Simcoe*, to be Members of the General Committee of Elections for the present Session, and laid on the table of this House on the eleventh day of this present month, but in so far only as the said Warrant relates to, and appoints the said Honorable *Thomas J. J. Loranger* to be a Member of the said Committee.

Mr. *Aikins* moved in Amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Stirton*, That all the words after "month" to the end of the Question be left out.

And the Question being put, that those words be left out,

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins</i> ,	<i>Cook</i> ,	<i>Laberge</i> ,	<i>Patrick</i> ,
<i>Allan</i> ,	<i>Desaulniers</i> ,	<i>L'frambroise</i> ,	<i>Pope</i> ,
<i>Bell</i> ,	<i>Dorion</i> ,	<i>Langevin</i> ,	<i>Powell</i> , <i>Walker</i>
<i>Biggar</i> ,	<i>Dorland</i> ,	<i>Mardonald</i> , <i>Donald A. Scutcherl</i> ,	
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Foley</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> , <i>John S.</i>	<i>Scott</i> , <i>William</i>
<i>Buchanan</i> ,	<i>Gawvreau</i> ,	<i>Mackenzie</i> ,	<i>Somerville</i> ,
<i>Bureau</i> ,	<i>Gould</i> ,	<i>Mattice</i> ,	<i>Stirton</i> ,
<i>Burwell</i> ,	<i>Hurwood</i> ,	<i>McGee</i> ,	<i>Terrill</i> ,
<i>Cauchon</i> ,	<i>Hébert</i> ,	<i>McKellar</i> ,	<i>Thibaudreau</i> ,
<i>Christie</i> ,	<i>Hogan</i> ,	<i>Meagher</i> ,	<i>Webb</i> ,
<i>Cimon</i> ,	<i>Holmes</i> ,	<i>Mowat</i> ,	<i>White</i> ,
<i>Clark</i> ,	<i>Howland</i> ,	<i>Munro</i> ,	<i>51. Wright</i> .
<i>Connor</i> ,	<i>Jobin</i> ,	<i>Notman</i> ,	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley</i> ,	<i>Daoust</i> ,	<i>Loranger</i> ,	<i>Robinson</i> ,
<i>Archambeault</i> ,	<i>Dawson</i> ,	<i>Macbeth</i> ,	<i>Rose</i> , <i>Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Baby</i> ,	<i>Dimue</i> ,	<i>Mardonald</i> , <i>Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott</i> , <i>Richard W.</i>
<i>Beaubien</i> ,	<i>Dunkin</i> ,	<i>McCann</i> ,	<i>Sicotte</i> ,
<i>Cameron</i> , <i>John</i>	<i>Fellowes</i> ,	<i>MacLeod</i> ,	<i>Simard</i> ,
<i>Cameron</i> , <i>Malcolm</i>	<i>Gaudet</i> ,	<i>Morrison</i> ,	<i>Simpson</i> ,
<i>Caron</i> ,	<i>Gill</i> ,	<i>O'Farrell</i> ,	<i>Sincennes</i> ,
<i>Cayley</i> ,	<i>Heath</i> ,	<i>Ouimet</i> ,	<i>Starnes</i> ,
<i>Cartier</i> , <i>Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Labelle</i> ,	<i>Panet</i> ,	<i>Talbot</i> ,
<i>Chapais</i> ,	<i>Lacoste</i> ,	<i>Piché</i> ,	<i>Tassé</i> ,
<i>Church</i> ,	<i>Laporte</i> ,	<i>Playfair</i> ,	<i>Tett</i> ,
<i>Coutlée</i> ,	<i>LeBoutillier</i> ,	<i>Powell</i> , <i>Wm. F.</i>	<i>49. Turcotte</i> .
<i>Daly</i> ,			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then, the main Question, so amended, being put,

Resolved, That this House disapproves of the warrant of the Honorable the Speaker appointing the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Member for the Town of *Cornwall*; the Honorable *T. J. J. Loranger*, Member for the County of *Laprairie*; *Joseph Hartman*, Esquire, Member for the North Riding of the County of *York*; *Joseph Edouard Turcotte*, Esquire, Member for the County of

Champlain; *James Moir Ferres*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Brome*; and *Angus Morrison*, Esquire, Member for the North Riding of the County of *Simcoe*, to be Members of the General Committee of Elections for the present Session, and laid on the table of this House on the eleventh day of this present month.

The Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery attended, according to order, with the Return, Poll Books and Papers, relating to the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, and the Poll Books and Papers relating to the late Election for the County of *Russell*.

Ordered, That the said Poll Books and Papers do lie on the table.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Patrick*, seconded by Mr. *White*,
The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 16th March, 1858.

DAVID ROBLIN, Esquire, Member for the United Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington*, having previously taken the oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

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

By Mr. *Burwell*,—The Petition of the Town Council of *St. Thomas*.

By Mr. *Langevin*,—The Petition of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Tloa*, and others, Members of the Roman Catholic Clergy of *Quebec*, and neighborhood.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the Seminary of *Nicolet*, and others, members of the Roman Catholic Clergy of *Lower Canada*.

By Mr. *Christie*,—The Petition of the Town Council of *Brantford*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *South Dumfries*.

By Mr. *Simard*,—Three Petitions of the *Quebec* Board of Trade.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *O. L. Raymond* and others, Pilots for and above the Harbor of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Pope*,—The Petition of *S. French Taylor* and others, Trustees of the High School in the Village of *Cookshire*, in the Township of *Eaton*.

By Mr. *Caron*,—The Petition of the Reverend *F. X. DeLage* and others, of the Parishes of *L'Islet* and *Ste. Cyrille*.

By Mr. *Holmes*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Goderich*.

By Mr. *William Scott*,—The Petition of the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Waterloo*, in General Quarter Sessions assembled.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—The Petition of the Members of the Convocation of the University of Bishop's College at *Lennoxville*.

By Mr. *Mowat*,—The Petition of *Robert R. Smith*, of the Township of *Bromley*, in the County of *Renfrew*, Esquire; *John W. Squares*, of the Township of *Ross*, in the County aforesaid, Yeoman; and *Christopher Henry Bell*, of *Perth*, in the County of *Lanark*, Yeoman, all duly qualified electors of the County of *Renfrew*.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return (in part) to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated 3rd June, 1857, for a Statement of all Pardons for Criminal Offences.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 17.)

Mr. Speaker reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *John McNaughton*, Yeoman, and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the East Riding of the County of *Durham*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *John J. O. Abbott*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *Arthur Rankin*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Essex*, is unobjectionable.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council acquaint this House, that they have appointed the Honorable Messrs. *Taché*, *Ferrier*, *Moore*, *Dessaulles*, and *James Morris*, to assist His Honor the Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of their House are concerned, and to act on behalf of this House as Members of a Joint Committee of both Houses.

And then he withdrew.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth :—

Edmund Head,

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, a copy of the Despatch of the Secretary of State, announcing the decision of Her Majesty on the question of the future Seat of Government in *Canada*.

Government House,

E. H.

Toronto, March 16, 1858.

(Copy.)—No. 60.

Downing Street, 31st December, 1857.

Sir,—By my despatch of the 17th April last, I informed you that Her Majesty had been graciously pleased to comply with the prayer of the Addresses presented to Her by the Legislative Council and Assembly of *Canada*, namely—that she would exercise the Royal Prerogative by the selection of some place for the permanent Seat of Government in *Canada*.

This question has now been considered by Her Majesty and by Her Government, with that attention which its great importance demanded.

The statements and arguments contained in the various memorials laid before them, in consequence of your invitation to the Mayors of the several Cities chiefly interested, have been fully weighed.

I am commanded by the Queen to inform you that in the judgment of Her Majesty, the City of *Ottawa* combines greater advantages than any other place in *Canada* for the permanent Seat of the future Government of the Province, and is selected by Her Majesty accordingly.

I have the honor to be, Sir, *

Your most obedient humble servant,

(Signed) *H. Labouchere*.

Governor the Right Honorable Sir *E. Head*, Bart.,
&c. &c. &c., *Canada*.

Resolved, That a Select Committee of thirteen Members be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed, Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House, to consist of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*, Messieurs *Brown*, *Carling*, *Chapais*, *Morrison*, *Dorion*, *Simard*, *Ferres*, *Buchanan* and *Laberge*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tassé* have leave to bring in a Bill to remove all doubts relative to the manner of constructing gates on lands intersected by railways, and to facilitate communication therewith to parties concerned.

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 Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Bellingham*, seconded by Mr. *Papineau*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a Return for the years 1854, 1855, 1856, and 1857, of all duties levied upon and all moneys received from timber cut upon timber limits and Crown Lands watered by the following rivers, viz:—*Rouge*, *Blanche*, *North Nation*, *Rivière au Lièvre*, *Gatineau*, *Quio*, *Coulonge*, *Black River*, *Chalk River*, and their tributaries, including in the said Return every other stream which flows through the Counties of *Pontiac*, *Ottawa* and *Argenteuil*, likewise the amount of slidage paid by each river during the same period; and furthermore, a Return of all the timber limits leased within the territory above described, shewing to whom the said limits are leased, the amount of rent contracted for, and the amount actually paid for each limit,—the names of the parties who now hold the said limits from the Government, the dimensions and location of each limit.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Rymal*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Return relative to the proceeding which have been taken by the Government on the First Report of the Commissioners appointed by them to inquire into the conduct of the late *John Clark*, Agent for Public Lands in the County of *Huron*; also, for a copy of any further Reports which may have been made by the said Commissioners relative to Larids in the Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*; and a Return of all moneys paid to the said Commissioners, and of all claims made by them, for their services, specifying the amount paid to each Commissioner, and for what particular purpose or service; with a Statement of the default, if any, of said Agent, as such.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House a Return shewing the amount of the defalcation or default of *Thomas Baines*, late Agent for public land sales in *York* County; what steps have been taken relative to recover the amount of said default or embezzlement; whether any false or fraudulent returns were made to any Department of Government by said Agent, as regards moneys by him received, or lands leased or sold;—together with such information and reports in the power of the Crown Land Department to give, as may enable the House fully to understand the proceedings taken by or on behalf of or concerning said defaulter or others said to have been concerned with him.

Ordered, That the said Addresses be presented to His Excellency the Governor

General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Benjamin* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the improvement of Water Courses in *Upper Canada*.

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 Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Price*, seconded by Mr. *Robinson*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House the account in detail, as rendered by Mr. *Ovide Bossé*, Returning Officer, of the Election Expenses in the United Counties of *Chicoutimi* and *Saguenay*; also the over charges deducted from the same, as known to the Auditor General.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Benjamin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Usury Laws of this Province, and for the better regulating the rate of Interest.

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 Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Benjamin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Division Court Acts of *Upper Canada*.

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 Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Benjamin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relative to Dower.

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 Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. *McMicken*, seconded by Mr. *Simpson*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House a comparative Statement in detail, showing the sums paid out of the Consolidated Revenue for the expenses of Criminal Justice in *Lower Canada* since the Union, also the sums paid out of the Consolidated Revenue and by direct Municipal Taxation for the same objects in *Upper Canada* during the same period.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the year 1857, in conformity with a Resolution of the House of the 5th May, 1856.

For the said Report see Appendix (No. 15.)

And also, General Statement and Return of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of *Three Rivers* for the year 1857.

For the said Statement see Appendix (No. 16.)

Mr. *Patrick* moved, seconded by Mr. *White*, and the Question being proposed; That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant summoning *James Keays*, Esquire, the Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of *Russell*; *George M. Crysler*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Cambridge*; *John W. Loux*, of the City of *Ottawa*; *John S. Cassellman*, of the Township of *Cambridge*, and *John Cameron*, of the Township of *Cambridge*, to the Bar of this House on the 31st instant, to answer such questions as may be submitted to them in reference to the late Election for the said County of *Russell*.

The Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Dorion*,

That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "from an examination of the Poll Book kept for the Township of *Cambridge*, in the County of *Russell*, at the late Election for the said County, it would appear that gross irregularities have occurred in connection with the entries in the said Poll Book, in manifest violation of the freedom of election and in breach of the privileges of this House, it is Ordered, That *James Keays*, Esquire, the Returning Officer at the said late Election, *George M. Crysler*, Deputy Returning Officer at and for the said Township of *Cambridge*, at the said late Election; *John W. Loux*, of the City of *Ottawa*; *John S. Cassellman*, of the Township of *Cambridge*, and *John Cameron*, of the said Township of *Cambridge*, and *Martin Cassellman*, of the same Township, do severally attend this House, on Tuesday the 30th March instant, to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on said Poll Book."

And the Question being put on the Amendment, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then, the main Question, so amended, being put,

Resolved, That from an examination of the Poll Book kept for the Township of *Cambridge*, in the County of *Russell*, at the late Election for the said County, it would appear that gross irregularities have occurred in connection with the entries in the said Poll Book, in manifest violation of the freedom of election and in breach of the privileges of this House.

Ordered, That *James Keays*, Esquire, the Returning Officer at the said late Election; *George M. Crysler*, Deputy Returning Officer at and for the said Township of *Cambridge*, at the said late Election; *John W. Loux*, of the City of *Ottawa*; *John S. Cassellman*, of the Township of *Cambridge*, and *John Cameron*, of the said Township of *Cambridge*, and *Martin Cassellman*, of the same Township, do severally attend this House on Tuesday the 30th March instant, to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on the said Poll Book.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 17th March, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House,—Return of Commutations of Tenure effected within the *Censive* of *Quebec*, under the 10th and 11th *Vic.*, cap. 111, from 1st March, 1857, to 28th February 1858, and of a Commutation effected in February, 1857, and omitted in last Return.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 18.)

Also, Statement of the affairs of the *Quebec* Provident and Savings Bank, on the 1st of March, 1857.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (No. 8.)

Also, Statement relating to *Bytown* College, for the year 1857.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (No. 12.)

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

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. Huot* and others, School Commissioners and others, of the Village of *Cap Rouge*, County of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *McKellar*,—The Petition of *M. Scott* and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts of the County of *Kent*.

By Mr. *Notman*,—The Petition of the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*.

By Mr. *Macbeth*,—The Petition of the Board of Directors of the *London* and *Port Stanley* Railway Company.

By Mr. *Benjamin*,—The Petition of *George L. Allen*, Grand Master, and others, Grand Officers of the Loyal Orange Institution of *British North America*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—The Petition of *John Macdonald* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the *Montreal* Dispensary.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,—The Petition of the Literary Institute of *Vareennes*, County of *Verchères*.

By Mr. *Talbot*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of the Village of *St. Félix de Valois*, County of *Joliette*; praying for aid.

Of *Léon Gaudreault*, of *Malbaie*, Yeoman; praying that Posts or Depots may be established on the Mail Road from *Malbaie* to *Grand Baie* and *Chicoutimi*.

Of *J. McLaren* and others, of the Townships of *Callière* and *Saguenay*; praying aid to open out Roads in the said Townships.

Of the Reverend *C. Trudelle* and others, of *Baie St. Paul* and other Parishes, in the County of *Charlevoix*; representing that the tax imposed on *Censitaires* by the Seigniorial Act, as a compensation to Seigniors for the loss of the *Droit de Banalité*, is unjust and oppressive, and praying that the same may be paid from the Provincial Funds.

Of *Henri Lappare*, of the City of *Montreal*, Notary; praying to be indemnified for his services as Secretary to the Board of Notaries at *Montreal*.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*; praying that the application of the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron* for the passing of an Act to have a certain tract of land owned by him, and lying in the western part of the said City, placed outside of its limits, may not be granted.

Of the Reverend *C. Trudelle* and others, of *Baie St. Paul*, and other Parishes, in the County of *Charlevoix*; praying that a Registry Office may be established at *Baie St. Paul*.

Of the Reverend *C. Trudelle* and others, of *Baie St. Paul*, and other Parishes, in the County of *Charlevoix*; praying for aid to complete the *Bagot* Road.

Of the Reverend *C. Trudelle* and others, of the Parishes of *Baie St. Paul* and *St. Urbain*; praying aid to erect a Bridge across *la Rivière du Gouffre*.

Of *C. Cimon* and others, of the Parish of *La Petite Rivière St. François*, County of *Charlevoix*; praying aid for Roads.

Of *William Henderson* and others, of the Parish of *St. Malachi*, County of *Dorchester*; praying aid for Roads.

Of *John Supple* and others, Lumber Manufacturers of the *Ottawa* River and its tributaries; praying for an Act of Incorporation as The Board of Lumber Manufacturers of the *Ottawa* and its Tributaries.

Of the Reverend *G. Nadeau* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Luce*, County of *Rimouski*; praying aid to complete a wharf at "*l'Anse aux Coques*."

Of the Board of Trade of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for the passing of an Act giving to the Mechanic a lien upon Buildings or Vessels to the extent of the value of the labor and materials expended in their construction or repairs, so long as the same remain unpaid.

Of the Board of Trade of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for the passing of an Act providing for the regular Registration of Specific Returns, by all Insurance Companies established or having Agencies in this Province.

Of the Board of Trade of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for the repeal of the Act 20 *Vic.*, cap. 57.

Of the Board of Trade of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for the repeal of the Usury Laws.

Of the *Canada* Life Assurance Company; praying that the Usury Laws may be repealed.

Of *S. Park* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Chancery in *Upper Canada*, to admit the said *S. Park* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein respectively.

Of *Stanislas Drapeau* and others, of the City of *Québec*, Mechanics; praying for an Act of Incorporation as the "*Société de Colonisation des Ouvriers de Québec*."

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the said Council to transfer the sum of two thousand pounds to the Common County Fund, for the ordinary expenses and uses of the said Counties.

Of *Andrew Moffatt* and others, of the County of *Simcoe*; praying that a survey may be made to determine the most favourable route for the construction of a Ship Canal to connect the waters of Lakes *Huron* and *Ontario*.

Of the College of *Bytown*; praying for aid.

Of *William Dollar* and others, of the Township of *Maidstone*; praying that the 16th clause of the Act 20 *Vic.*, cap. 12, may be repealed.

Of *P. Bélanger* and others, of *Broughton*, County of *Megantic*; praying that the Township of *Broughton* may be annexed to the County of *Beauce* for Judicial and Legislative purposes.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented to Mr. Speaker, a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

Edmund Head:

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, copies of Despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State

for the Colonies, and other Documents, on the subject of the *Hudson's Bay Territory*.
E. H.

Government House,
Toronto, 16th March, 1858.

For the accompanying Documents, see Appendix (No. 3.)

Ordered, That the said Message, and the accompanying Report of Mr. Chief Justice *Draper*, to His Excellency the Governor General, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Thibaudeau* moved, seconded by Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being proposed, That in the opinion of this House any attempt at legislation which would affect one section of the Province, in opposition to the votes of the majority of the representatives of that section, would produce consequences which would be detrimental to the welfare of the Province, and give rise to great injustice.

The Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "The Imperial Parliament, by enacting in the 12th Section of the Act 3 and 4 *Vic.*, cap. 35, that the parts of the Province of *Canada*, then constituting *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, should be represented in the Legislative Assembly by an equal number of representatives, whatever might be the respective populations of these two Provinces, asserted the federal principle in the Union; that the Parliament of *Canada* admitted and sanctioned the same principle, when in increasing the number of those representatives, by the Act 16 *Vic.*, cap. 152, after the census of 1851, it maintained a numerical equality between the two former Provinces; that the *Canadian* Parliament gave it a yet more decided and expressive sanction by extending it to the Legislative Council, by the provision in the Act 19 and 20 *Vic.*, cap. 140, viz. :—That the Members elected should be forty-eight in number, twenty-four for *Upper Canada* and twenty-four for *Lower Canada*;—That Her Majesty's Representatives in selecting their Executive Councillors, as a rule, in equal numbers from *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, have also acknowledged this principle of the Union, and sanctioned in the administration the federal character of the Constitutional Act of 1840; but that the acknowledgment of this principle in the administration can only be substantial so long as the Executive Councillors taken from either section of the Province possess the confidence of that section expressed by the majority of its representatives," inserted instead thereof.

And a Debate arising thereupon.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Cimon*, seconded by Mr. *Piché*,
The House adjourned.

Thursday, 18th March, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of *Henry Watson* and others, of the Town of *Milton*, and of School Section No. 5, of the Township of *Trafalgar*, County of *Halton*.

By Mr. *Langevin*,—The Petition of *J. O. Bureau* and others, Stockholders, interested in the *North Shore* and *St. Maurice* Railway and Navigation Company.

By the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*,—The Petition of *Thomas Maulam* and others, of the Village of *Florence*, in the Gore of *Camden*, County of *Kent*; the Petition of *James Flintoft*, of the County of *Lambton*, Sheriff; and two Petitions of *Charles Robinson*, County Judge, and others, of the County of *Lambton*.

By Mr. *Tassé*,—The Petition of the Literary Institute of the Parish of *St. Michel de Lachine*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Lachine*.

By Mr. *Bellingham*,—The Petition of *George M. Bradford* and others, of *Chatham*, County of *Argenteuil*.

By Mr. *Short*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*.

By Mr. *Baby*,—The Petition of *J. Noble* and others, of the County of *Rimouski*.

By Mr. *Hébert*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Megantic*.

By Mr. *Walker Powell*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Simcoe*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *B. Guay* and others, School Commissioners of *Aubigny*.

By Mr. *Richard Scott*,—The Petition of the *Ottawa* Board of Trade.

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of *W. N. Rutledge* and others, of the Village of *Streetsville*, County of *Peel*; and the Petition of *J. Street* and others, of the Village of *Streetsville*, County of *Peel*.

By Mr. *Foley*,—The Petition of *Duncan McFarland* and others, of the County of *Welland*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *Alexis Lafrenière* and others, of the Parish of *St. Felix de Valois*, County of *Joliette*.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of the Municipality of *St. Sauveur*, in the *Banlieue* of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Notman*,—The Petition of the Sisters of *St. Joseph*, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Burwell*,—The Petition of *John Burnell*, of *Port Burwell*, County of *Elgin*.

By Mr. *Hogan*,—The Petition of *Scott Bowman* and others, of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*.

By Mr. *Galt*,—The Petition of the Corporation of *Bishop's College*, at *Lennoxville*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Town Council of *St. Thomas*; of the Town Council of *Brantford*; and of the Town Council of the Town of *Goderich*; praying for certain Amendments to the Municipal and Assessment Acts of *Upper Canada*.

Of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Tloa* and others, Members of the Roman Catholic Clergy of *Quebec* and neighbourhood; praying that from the 1st of May next, the power to grant Licenses to keep Taverns, or to sell Spirituous Liquors, may be transferred from the County Councils, to the Parish or Village Municipal Councils.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *South Dumfries*; praying for certain Amendments to the proposed new Municipal Act of *Upper Canada*.

Of the *Quebec* Board of Trade; praying that aid may be granted to assist in the establishment of a Line of Steamers, to run between *Quebec* and *Gaspé*.

Of the *Quebec* Board of Trade; praying for the passing of an Act for the regulation and adjustment of Insolvent Estates upon one uniform system through the Province.

Of the *Quebec* Board of Trade; praying that the rate of interest in this Pro-

vince may be fixed at seven per cent. per annum, and that the usual legal restraints against "Usury" may be retained.

Of *O. L. Raymond* and others, Pilots for and above the Harbour of *Quebec*; praying for certain amendments to the Act of last Session concerning Pilots between *Quebec* and *Montreal*.

Of *J. French Taylor* and others, Trustees of the High School in the Village of *Cookshire*, in the Township of *Eaton*; praying for additional aid.

Of the Corporation of the Seminary of *Nicolet* and others, Members of the Roman Catholic Clergy of *Lower Canada*; praying for certain amendments to the Letters Patent incorporating the said Seminary.

Of the Reverend *F. X. DeLage* and others, of the Parishes of *L'Islet* and *St. Cyrille*; praying for aid to continue the Road known as "*la Route des Commissaires*."

Of the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Waterloo* in General Quarter Sessions assembled; praying for the passing of an Act imposing a Fine on parties for making use of abusive or insulting language.

Of the Members of the Convocation of the University of Bishop's College at *Lennoxville*; praying for aid.

Of *Robert R. Smith*, of the Township of *Bromley*, in the County of *Renfrew*, Esquire; *John W. Squares*, of the Township of *Ross*, in the County aforesaid, Yeoman; and *Christopher Henry Bell*, of *Perth*, in the County of *Lanark*, Yeoman; all duly qualified Electors of the County of *Renfrew*, setting forth:—That they intend to contest the Election of the Honorable *William Cayley* as a Representative of the said County of *Renfrew* in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, upon the grounds and because of the facts and circumstances hereinafter particularly specified, pursuant to the Law in that behalf. First.—That there was not eight days between the day of posting the Proclamation fixing the place, day and hour at which the Returning Officer, *James Thompson*, Esquire, High Sheriff, would proceed to hold the Election for the said County of *Renfrew*, for the purpose aforesaid, and the nomination day appointed by such Proclamation as required by Law. Second.—That such Proclamation was not duly posted up as required by Law, in due time before the nomination day aforesaid, in all the places required by Law. Third.—That the said Returning Officer did not fix the places for holding the Poll for such Election definitely at the proper places, nor give due notice thereof as by Law required. Fourth.—That said Returning Officer hurried on such Election with undue dispatch so as to favor his, the said, the Honorable *William Cayley's* Election; and on the nomination day wrongfully decided the show of hands to be in his favour, thereby giving an undue bias to the proceedings in his favour, and did not allow at least six days to intervene between the said nomination day and the day fixed by him for opening the Poll as required by the Law; the nomination day for opening the Election having been fixed on the twentieth day of the month of February, A.D., 1858, at 12 o'clock noon, and the day for opening the Poll on the twenty-sixth day of the same month of February. Fifth.—That he, the said, the Honorable *William Cayley* was not on the said nomination day proposed or named as a Representative for said County, by a duly qualified Elector thereof. Sixth.—That he the said the Honorable *William Cayley*, or his agents, authorised for that and other purposes in order to secure the votes and interest of certain Electors of the said County, and with intent to corrupt the said Electors, did by means of money and promises of money, and by threats of coercion, and suits for liabilities owing by certain of said Electors, and in other unlawful ways, bribe, coerce, and illegally influence certain of the said Electors, of whom one *Mr. Davis*, of the Township of *Westmeath*, is one, and of whom the following Electors named and described are others, and who were employed as Agents for the purposes aforesaid by the said *William Cayley* and

on his interest and retainer, namely, *John Munro* and *Lawrence O'Reilly*, of the Village of *Renfrew*; *Edward McCrea*, of the Township of *Bagot*; *John Campbell*, of the Village of *Arnprior*, in the Township of *McNab*; *Edward Bourke*, of the Township of *Pembroke*; *John Hollinger* and *James Sarchine*, of the Township of *Bromley*; *Desiré Pozett* and *Angus McDougall*, of the Village of *Eganville*; *Elias Moore*, of the Township of *Admaston*; *R. S. Castles*, of the City of *Ottawa*; *John Smith*, of the Village of *Renfrew*; *John McNab* and *John Lorn McDougall*, of the Township of *Horton*; *George Rochester*, of the Township of *McNab*; *John Supple*, of the Township of *Pembroke*; *Edward McCrea*, of the Township of *Bagot*; *John Brimner*, *John Campbell* and *Peter Campbell*, of the Township of *Admaston*; *Duncan Ferguson* and *Hugh Livingston*, of the Township of *Grattan*; *Michael Mulligan*, of the Township of *Bromley*; *Daniel O'Meara*, of the Township of *Pembroke*; *James Warke*, of the Township of *Ross*; *Robert Campbell*, *James Brownfield*, *John Reynolds*, and *Thomas Gorman* of the Village of *Eganville*; *J. P. French*, of the *Opeongo Road*, and *Abel Beach*, of the Township of *Westmeath*, contrary to the Law in that behalf. Seventh.—That he the said the Honorable *William Cayley* or his Agents, authorised for the purpose, with intent to corrupt and bribe divers of the Electors of the said County of *Renfrew*, contrary to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, did open and support, or cause to be opened and supported at his, the said, the Honorable *William Cayley's* costs and charges, houses of public entertainment in the said County of *Renfrew*, open for the accommodation of the Electors thereof, of which the following houses, all within the said County, are some:—namely, the houses of *John Munro* and *Lawrence O'Reilly*, in the Village of *Renfrew*; the house of *Edward McCrea*, in the Township of *Bagot*; the house of *John Campbell*, at *Arnprior*, in the Township of *McNab*; the house of *Edward Bourke*, in the Township of *Pembroke*; the houses of *John Hollinger* and *James McLaughlin*, in the Township of *Bromley*; the houses of *Desiré Pozett* and *Angus McDougall*, of the Village of *Eganville*, in the Township of *Grattan*, and *Elias Moore*, of the Township of *Admaston*. Wherefore, your Petitioners humbly pray that your Honorable House will take this Petition into your consideration, and refer the same to the General Committee of Elections for action therein; and that a Select Committee may be chosen to try the same, and take, and allow to be taken, all such proceedings as may be necessary and proper in order to the just determination of the legality and justice of the Election and Return of the said the Honorable *William Cayley*, as the Representative of the County of *Renfrew* in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, and do and allow herein all and everything which unto Law and Justice doth appertain.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report Lists of Members, to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House, reported, That they had prepared Lists of Members accordingly; and the same were read, as follow:—

1. Privileges and Elections.—The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*, the Honorable Mr. *Drummond*, the Honorable Mr. *J. S. Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. *Terrill*, the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. *W. F. Powell*, Mr. *Dufresne*, Mr. *Mowat*, Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *Benjamin*, Mr. *Hartman*, Mr. *Laberge*, Mr. *Ouimet*, Mr. *Simpson*, and Mr. *Bureau*.

2. Expiring Laws.—Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Biggar*, Mr. *Tett*, Mr. *O'Farrell*, Mr. *Munro*, Mr. *Bourassa*, Mr. *Cook*, Mr. *Carling*, Mr. *McGee*, Mr. *Sincennes*, Mr. *Dorland*, Mr. *Dionne*, Mr. *Beaubien*, Mr. *Hébert*, Mr. *Heath*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Tassé*, and Mr. *Scatcherd*.

3. Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.—The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, the Hono-

table *J. S. Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*, the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*, the Honorable Mr. *Harwood*, the Honorable Mr. *Terrill* Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Morrison*, Mr. *Bellingham*, Mr. *Bureau*, Mr. *MacLeod*, Mr. *Dorion*, Mr. *Daly*, Mr. *Baby*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Simard*, Mr. *Burton*, Mr. *W. F. Powell*, Mr. *McMicken*, Mr. *Turcotte*, Mr. *Ferres*, Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *Connor*, and Mr. *D. A. Macdonald*.

4. Miscellaneous Private Bills.—The Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. *W. F. Powell*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Hartman*, Mr. *Dorion*, Mr. *Morrison*, Mr. *Gill*, Mr. *Wright*, Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *McKellar*, Mr. *Ouimet*, Mr. *Church*, Mr. *Archambeault*, Mr. *William Scott*, Mr. *Notman*, Mr. *Dunkin*, Mr. *Sherwood*, Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *Piché*, Mr. *R. W. Scott*, Mr. *Wallbridge*, Mr. *Lacoste*, and Mr. *Mowatt*.

5. Standing Orders.—Mr. *Turcotte*, the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Caron*, Mr. *Short*, Mr. *Coutlée*, Mr. *Gauvreau*, Mr. *Walker Powell*, Mr. *Connor*, Mr. *Labelle*, Mr. *Burwell*, Mr. *Daoust*, Mr. *Playfair*, Mr. *Whitney* Mr. *Fellowes*, Mr. *Laporte*, Mr. *Papineau*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Cimon*, Mr. *Rymal*, Mr. *Gaudet*, Mr. *Howland*, and Mr. *Aikins*.

6. Printing.—The Honorable Mr. *Drummond*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Fortier*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *Price*, Mr. *Benjamin*, Mr. *McCann*, Mr. *Thibaudeau*, Mr. *Simpson*, Mr. *Laberge*, Mr. *Patrick*, Mr. *Ferres*, Mr. *Meagher*, Mr. *Talbot*, Mr. *Dawson*, Mr. *Allan*, Mr. *Biggar*, and Mr. *Clark*.

7. Contingencies.—The Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*, the Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, Mr. *Desaulniers*, Mr. *Sherwood*, Mr. *Ferguson*, Mr. *Panet*, Mr. *Galt*, Mr. *Gould*, Mr. *Macbeth*, Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Donald A. Macdonald*, Mr. *Thibaudeau*, Mr. *Langevin*, Mr. *Roblin*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Mackenzie*, Mr. *McGee*, Mr. *Hogan*, Mr. *Laframboise*, Mr. *Holmes*, and Mr. *Stirton*.

8. Public Accounts.—The Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Simard*, Mr. *Ferres*, Mr. *Buchanan*, Mr. *Starnes*, Mr. *LeBoutillier*, Mr. *Somerville*, Mr. *Mattice*, Mr. *Dubord*, Mr. *Galt*, Mr. *John Cameron*, Mr. *Howland*, Mr. *Hogan*, and Mr. *White*.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE.

General Committee Room, 18th March, 1858.

Members Present.—The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Carling*, the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *Morrison*, Mr. *Dorion*, Mr. *Simard*, Mr. *Ferres*, the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*, and Mr. *Laberge*.

Read the Order of Reference.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* in the Chair.

Lists to compose the first Seven Committees were proposed, and agreed to.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier* proposed the following names to compose the Committee (No. 8) on "Public Accounts," viz:—

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Simard*, Mr. *Ferres*, Mr. *Buchanan*, Mr. *Starnes*, Mr. *LeBoutillier*, Mr. *Somerville*, Mr. *Mattice*, Mr. *Dubord*, Mr. *Galt*, Mr. *John Cameron*, and Mr. *Howland*.

Mr. *Brown* moved that the name of Mr. *Mackenzie* be added on the said Committee.

On which the Committee divided:—

Yeas.—Mr. *Brown*, Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Mr. *Dorion*, and Mr. *Laberge*.—4.

Nays.—Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, Mr. *Carling*, Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *Simard*, Mr. *Ferres*, and Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*.—7.

Mr. *Brown* moved, that the name of the Honorable Mr. *Cayley* be struck from the list of the said Committee :—

Yeas.—Mr. *Brown*, Honorable Mr. *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Mr. *Dorion*, and Mr. *Laberge*.—4.

Nays.—Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, Mr. *Carling*, Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *Simard*, Mr. *Ferres*, and Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*.—7.

Mr. *Brown* moved, that the name of Mr. *Bell* be added to the said Committee :—

Yeas.—Mr. *Brown*, Honorable Mr. *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Mr. *Dorion*, and Mr. *Laberge*.—4.

Nays.—Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, Mr. *Carling*, Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *Simard*, Mr. *Ferres*, and Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*.—7.

Mr. *Brown* moved, that the name of Mr. *Hogan* be added to the said Committee :—

Which was agreed to.

Mr. *Brown* moved, that the name of Mr. *McKellar* be added to the said Committee :—which was negatived, on the same Division as the last.

Mr. *Brown* moved, that the name of Mr. *Short* be added to the said Committee : which was negatived, on the same Division on the same Division as last.

Mr. *Brown* moved, that the name of Mr. *White* be added to the said Committee :—

Which was agreed to, and the List, as amended, was concurred in.

Ordered, That the proceedings of the Committee do accompany the Report to the House.

The Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, from the Select Committee appointed to devise the best means for securing a correct Report of the Debates of this House for the future, by the publication of a Mirror of Parliament, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee, after carefully considering the matter referred to them, and availing themselves of the information and suggestions received from various Reporters and practical Printers, as to the most practicable mode of securing a correct Report of the Debates in a reliable shape, came to the conclusion to recommend to your Honorable House the publication of a "Mirror of Parliament," after the manner of "*Hansard's* Parliamentary Debates."

With a view to carrying out this recommendation and ascertaining the probable cost of the work, Your Committee advertised in the *Toronto* papers for tenders for the performance of the work, in manner following :—

"For reporting, after the manner of *Hansard*, the entire debates of the Legislative Assembly, including debates on all questions of Privilege."

"The Speeches to be reported in the language in which they are delivered, and in the connection in which they are spoken."

"For publishing the same in the form of the Journals of the Legislative Assembly, and in briefer type, two columns. And for furnishing 300 copies of the whole Debates, at the end of the Session, with names of Members and index, after the manner of *Hansard*."

"For furnishing five hundred copies of such Debates, folded and stitched, to the Legislative Assembly by half-past seven o'clock of the evening following the day's proceedings, which are reported."

"For furnishing daily sheets of the Debates, to be forwarded gratis to every newspaper in *Canada* by the first post after publication."

“The tender to embrace the amount for which the entire work will be done for the Session; portions of the work will not be given separately.”

“The paper to be similar in quality and size to that on which the Journals are printed.”

Your Committee received various tenders in answer to this advertisement, and find the lowest to be that of Messrs. *Thompson & Co.*, of *Toronto*, who offer to undertake the work on the terms of the advertisement, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-seven pounds ten shillings (£127 10s.) per week, counting from the commencement of the present Session, and considering each portion of a week as a whole week, with a further sum of ninety pounds (£90) for binding, (either in paper boards, in the style of *Hansard*, or in the same style as the Journals of the Legislative Assembly,) the 300 copies required to be delivered (with index, &c.) at the close of the Session. The tender contemplates the same amount of matter as is now given in *Hansard's* reports, or about 400,000 ems per week.

Your Committee are satisfied as to the competency of the party so tendering to fulfil the terms of the contract, and they respectfully recommend the consideration of the matter to your Honorable House, and that if the publication of the proposed “*Mirror of Parliament*” be decided upon, the tender of Messrs. *Thompson & Co.* be accepted.

Your Committee would further beg leave to suggest, that in the event of their recommendation being adopted, they should have leave to continue their sittings, and to report from time to time, for the purpose of exercising a general oversight over the proposed work, and that payment be made to the contractor on account, from time to time, only upon the certificate of their Chairman that the work is duly and satisfactorily performed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. Macdonald, Chairman.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration to-morrow, when Motions are called.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that his Warrant for the appointment of Members to serve on the General Committee of Elections, was upon the table;

And the said Warrant was read, as followeth:—

Pursuant to the thirty-first section of “The Election Petitions Act of 1851,” I do hereby appoint *John Scatcherd*, Esquire, Member for the West Riding of the County of *Middlesex*; *Jean Charles Chapais*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Kamouraska*; *Robert Bell*, Esquire, Member for the North Riding of the County of *Lanark*; *George Benjamin*, Esquire, Member for the North Riding of the County of *Hastings*; *Charles Joseph Laberge*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Iberville*; and *Ignace Gill*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Yamaska*, to be Members of the General Committee of Elections for the present Session.

Given under my hand, this eighteenth day of March, 1858.

Henry Smith, Junior,
Speaker, Legislative Assembly.

Ordered, That the said Warrant be Printed.

Mr. *Dufresne* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chapais*, That at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, it is supposed that there were registered in the Poll-books of the said County 3,442 names as voters for *John O'Farrell*, Esquire, and 2,005 for *Léon Noël*, Esquire, both Candidates at the said Election, as appears by the said Poll-books. 2ndly.—That in the Poll-book for the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*,

one of the Parishes in the said County, there were sixteen pages without the names of the Candidates, and upon which were inscribed names which were pretended to be the names of voters, without stating in favor of whom the said names were so inscribed. 3rdly.—That in the Parish of *St. Sylvestre* alone, it is supposed that there were enregistered in favor of the said *John O'Farrell*, Esquire, a great number of names as voters, to wit:—2,748 and 21 for the said *Léon Noël*, forming the total number of 2,769, as appears by the said Poll-book, and that out of this number of 2,769 names, pretended to be those of voters, 34 only, namely, 24 for the said *John O'Farrell*, Esquire, and 10 for the said *Léon Noël*, were enregistered in the said book, with the description, calling, or mention, or indication of residence, and with the insertion of the word “proprietor” or “tenant,” and that after all the other names supposed to be those of voters, to the numbers of 2,735, no mention is made of any description, calling or trade, or place of residence, nor are the words “proprietor” or “tenant” inserted as required by the law, and that all these pretended votes are illegal, null and of no effect. 4thly.—That the insertion of these names without indicating the residence or calling, and without stating whether the persons named are proprietors, tenants or occupants, as required by law, renders the contestation of the Election impossible, inasmuch as the party contesting has no means of ascertaining whether the persons so named are or are not Electors of the said County. 5thly.—That it appears by the said Poll-book of *St. Sylvestre*, that there were two Deputy Returning Officers, namely, *G. Côté*, appointed as such, and *James McCullough*, Poll Clerk; that they both acted as Deputy Returning Officers during the said Election without any Poll Clerk, and without it being shown for what reason the said *G. Côté* ceased to act as Deputy Returning Officer, and the said *James McCullough* was obliged to take his place as such, a proceeding both irregular and illegal. 6thly.—That it appears from the letter of the Returning Officer for the said County, *R. S. Noël*, dated at *St. Croix*, the 11th of January, 1858, addressed to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, that the Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre* could not superintend the registration of the votes in the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, because he believed his life to be in danger; that he was dispossessed of his Poll-book by violence, and that he has been unable to return it himself to the Returning Officer. 7thly.—That it does not appear by the Poll-book of *St. Giles*, a Parish of the County of *Lotbinière*, that the Poll Clerk of the said Parish took the oath required by law. 8thly.—That several of the Poll-books for the said County of *Lotbinière* at the last Election, were irregularly and illegally detained, and are insufficient to allow of the said Election being contested. 9thly.—That all the irregularities and illegalities herein above set forth, and others which appear on the face of the said Poll-books, render the said Election for *Lotbinière*, which took place at the end of December last, illegal and void, and that in fact it is the opinion of this House that it is illegal and void, and of no effect, and this House, therefore, declares it so to be.

And a Debate arising thereupon,

Mr. *Dufresne* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turcotte*, and the Question being proposed, That leave be granted to withdraw the said motion.

Mr. *Dorion* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Laberge*, That all the words after “That” to the end of the Question be left out, and the words “it appears by the Return for the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, now before this House, that *John O'Farrell*, Esquire, was returned as a Member of this House for the said County, and that it appears further by the said Return and the Poll-books for the said County, that no less than 2,234 votes were counted for him out of 2,748 entered in his favor in an irregular book, produced as the Poll-book of the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, and 21 for *Léon Noël de Tilly*, the other candidate at the said Election, while no such Poll-book as is required by Law has been returned for the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, but that the

"pretended book produced as the Poll-book for the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre* is null and void, and that other gross irregularities and frauds appear, by the inspection of the Poll-books and the Returns of the several Deputy Returning Officers, to have been committed at the said Election, of such a nature that it would be impossible to determine who had the majority of legal votes, or to enter into a scrutiny of the said votes; the said Election be declared null and void, and that the seat of the said *John O'Farrell* be declared vacant" inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the amendment,

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Putrick,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A. Powell, Walker</i>	
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S. Rymal,</i>	
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Chupais,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Muro,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Houland,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>45. White.</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Archangeault,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macleod,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Moin,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Hurwood,</i>	<i>Quimet,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Pluyfair,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Cunley,</i>	<i>Laroste,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Curtier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Leframboise,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Leporte,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>	<i>60. Whitney.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Then, the main Question being put,

Ordered, That leave be granted to withdraw the said motion.

The Honorable Mr. *Alleyn*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Commissioner of Public Works, for the year ending 31st December, 1857.

For the said Report, see Appendix (No. 19.)

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Bellingham*,

The House adjourned.

Friday, 19th March, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House,—Statement of Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of *Montreal*, on the 27th February, 1858, and Statement of the affairs of the City and District Savings' Bank, *Montreal*, on the 31st December, 1857.

For the said Statements, see Appendix (No. 8.)

Also, Statement of the Affairs of the *Montreal* and *Champlain* Railroad Company, for the year ending 31st December, 1857.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (No. 10.)

And also, General Statement and Return of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials in the District of *Quebec*, for the year 1857.

For the said General Statement and Return, see Appendix (No. 16.)

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

By Mr. *Short*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Peterborough*.

By Mr. *Lacoste*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. M. Mignault*, Founder and Superior of the *Chambly* College.

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. Brunet* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Sophie d'Halifax*, County of *Megantic*.

By Mr. *Papineau*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Buckingham*, County of *Ottawa*; and, the Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Buckingham*, County of *Ottawa*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *Duncan McFarland* and others, of the County of *Welland*.

By Mr. *McCann*,—The Petition of *Peter Freel*, County Judge, and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts for the Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell*.

By Mr. *McKellar*,—The Petition of *E. H. Ridley* and others, of the Township of *Orford*, County of *Kent*.

By Mr. *Campbell*,—The Petition of the Agricultural Association for *Lower Canada*; and the Petition of *Duncan Campbell Napier*, of the City of *Montreal*, late Commissioner of Indian Lands for *Lower Canada*.

By Mr. *MacLeod*,—The Petition of *Samuel Smith MacDonnell*, of the Town of *Windsor*, in the County of *Essex*, and others; and the Petition of *William Kievell* and others, of the Village of *Port Head*, and of the East and North portions of the Township of *Kincardine*.

By Mr. *Dufresne*,—The Petition of the Reverend *N. Piché* and others, of the Townships of *Kildare* and *Cathcart*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Patrick of Rawdon*, County of *Montcalm*.

By Mr. *Hébert*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Joseph Matte*, Curé, and others of the Parish of *St. Calixte de Somerset*, County of *Megantic*.

By Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *T. G. Hurd* and others; and the Petition of *Allan Wilmot* and others, sons of the late *Samuel Street Wilmot*, of the Township of *Clarke*.

By Mr. *Dawson*,—The Petition of *J. E. Turcotte*, Mayor, and others, of the City of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Connor*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *South Norwich*, County of *Oxford*.

By Mr. *Tett*,—The Petition of *George Malloch*, County Judge, and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts.

By Mr. *Thibaudeau*,—The Petition of *Louis Déry*, of the Parish of *Cap Santé*.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of *William Mussen* and others, of the County

of *Haldimand*; the Petition of *Duncan McKillop* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; the Petition of *Thomas Walt* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; and the Petition of *Isaac Smith* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*.

By Mr. *Ferguson*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*.

By Mr. *Foley*,—The Petition of *James Sill*, Chairman, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of *Jarvis* and vicinity, County of *Haldimand*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Reverend *P. Huot* and others, School Commissioners and others, of the Village of *Cap Rouge*, County of *Quebec*; praying for aid.

Of *M. Scott* and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts of the County of *Kent*; praying that the Tariff of Fees at present allowed them, may be increased.

Of the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*; praying that a certain tract of land owned by him and lying in the Western part of the City of *Hamilton*, may be placed outside of its limits.

Of the Board of Directors of the *London and Port Stanley Railway Company*; praying to be empowered to sell certain lands in the City of *London* and *St. Thomas*, the proceeds to go towards liquidating the liabilities of the Company.

Of *George L. Allen*, Grand Master, and others, Grand Officers of the *Loyal Orange Institution of British North America*; praying for an Act to incorporate the members of their Order in their respective Lodges.

Of *John Macdonald* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the *Lower Canada College*.

Of the *Montreal Dispensary*; praying for aid.

Of the *Literary Institute of Varennes*, County of *Verchères*; praying for aid.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex*; praying for the Repeal of the Usury Laws.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 15th March, 1858, for a detailed Statement of moneys disbursed by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery in the late Elections, and the amount paid to him.

By Command.

T. J. J. Loranger,
Secretary.

Secretary's Office,
Toronto, 18th March, 1858.

Felix Fortier in Account with the Province of Canada.

Year.	DR.	Amount.		CR.	Amount.		Amount.	
		\$	cts.		\$	cts.	\$	cts.
1857	To Balance from last Account	22	02	By Contingencies of Office.—				
				Printing and Stationery	262	52		
				Postages and Telegraphs.....	147	86		
1857	To Warrant No. 39..	300	00	Expreses to Montreal and Quebec.....	100	00		
1857	To do No. 2461.	300	00	Extra assistance	41	25		
1857	To do No. 3642.	1200	00	Miscellaneous	38	00		
1858	To do No. 15..	868	55	By General Elections —				
				Printing and Stationery	885	55		
				Postages and Telegraphs ...	166	00		
				Express to Bonaventure and Gaspé	457	40		
				do to Point Levy.....	64	00		
				do to Saguenay	134	00		
				Extra assistance.....	244	50		
				Miscellaneous	34	26		
				Balance			1985	71
							115	73
		\$	2690 57				\$	2690 57

Audit Office,
Toronto, March 17th, 1858.

John Langton,
Auditor.

Return (in part) to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 3rd June, 1857, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House "a Return, in detail, of all Pardons for "Criminal Offences, including all commutations of punishment by the head of "the Government since the accession of His Excellency Sir *Edmund Head* to "office as Governor, showing the nature of the offence in each case, the period "for which each criminal has been sentenced, when the sentence was a term of "imprisonment, and how much of that period had elapsed when he or she was "set free."

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 17.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 22nd May 1857, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, "a Return shewing the amounts received separately "in the various Counties of *Upper Canada*, during the last three years, for land "sales; and a similar statement in regard to *Lower Canada*,—with the expenses "of management of each Section for the same year."

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 20.)

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger* also laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General.—Municipal Returns for *Upper Canada*, (so far as received,) pursuant to Act 16 *Vic. cap.* 163.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 14.)

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr *Turcotte*, the Honorable Mr. *Sandfield Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*, the Honorable Mr.

Attorney General *Macdonald*, Mr. *Dorion*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Laberge*, the Honorable Mr. *Alleyn*, Mr. *Buchanan*, and Mr. *Campbell*, be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of this House are concerned, and to act as Members of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, communicating to their Honors the Resolution appointing certain Members of this House as Members of the Joint Committee of both Houses, for the regulation of the Library of Parliament.

Ordered, That Mr. *Turcotte*, do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Mr. *Somerville* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gill*, and the Question being put, That when this House doth adjourn on Wednesday next, it stand adjourned until Wednesday the Seventh day of April next.

The House divided, and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Curtier*, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth concur in the Report of the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House.

Mr. *McKellar* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Burwell*, that all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words, "It is inexpedient that the Inspector General should be a member of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, and that the Report be amended by leaving out the name of the Honorable Mr. *Cayley* from the said Committee," inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A. Ponceil, Walker</i>	
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S. Rymal,</i>	
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hibert,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Clurk,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>37. Wright.</i>
<i>Connor,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Ourmet,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Corling,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Panc,</i>	<i>Tasse,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>

<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Cowle,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Duust,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	68. <i>Whitney.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put; the House divided, and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

Resolved, That from an examination of the Poll-books kept for the Parishes of *St. Sylvestre*, *Ste. Agathe*, and *St. Antoine de Tilly*, in the County of *Lotbinière*, at the late Election for the said County, it would appear that gross irregularities have occurred in connection with the entries in the said Poll-books, in manifest violation of the freedom of Election, and in breach of the privileges of this House.

Ordered, therefore, That the following persons, viz.:—*R. S. Noël*, Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of *Lotbinière*; *George Côté*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*; *James McCullough*, Poll Clerk of the same Parish; *Lazare Lefevre*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *Ste. Croix*; *Martin Mullin*, Poll Clerk of the same Parish; *Octave Savigny de la Chevrotière*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *Lotbinière*; *David Noël*, Poll Clerk of the same Parish; *Alexis Côté*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Giles*; *Moïse Roy*, Poll Clerk of the same Parish; *Thélesphore Lefevre*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Antoine*; *Firmin Lambert*, Poll Clerk of the same Parish; *Charles Antoine Lemay*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Jean Deschaillons*; *Anatole Baudet*, Poll Clerk of the same Parish; *Lazare Boulanger*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, and *George Burton*, Poll Clerk of the same Parish, do severally attend this House on the 7th day of April next, to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on the said Poll-books.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bureau* have leave to bring in a Bill to legalize certain proceedings of the Agricultural Societies of *Lower Canada*.

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 Monday next.

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

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill intituled, "An Act to allow Verdicts on Trials by Jury in civil causes to be returned, although the Jury may not be unanimous," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dorion*, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth concur in the Report of the Select Committee appointed to devise the best means for securing a correct Report of the Debates of this House for the future, by the publication of a Mirror of Parliament.

Mr. *Gould* moved, seconded by Mr. *Munro*, and the Question being put,

That the further consideration of the question be postponed until this day six months.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Sturton,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scutcherd,</i>	<i>32. Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Coulée,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dufy,</i>	<i>Houland,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>
<i>Albyn,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Punet,</i>
<i>Archeuleault,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Baty,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Plunfair,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dorim,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen. Ross,</i>	
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A. Scott, Richard W.</i>	
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S. Sicotte,</i>	
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marrice,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Tulbot,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Caruchon,</i>	<i>Hurwood,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Heuth,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>81. Whitney.</i>
<i>Connor,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House doth concur in the Report of the Select Committee appointed to devise the best means for securing a correct Report of the Debates of this House for the future, by the publication of a Mirror of Parliament.

Mr. *Turcotte* moved, in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Dubord*, That all the words after "that" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words, "the Report of the Select Committee appointed to devise the best means for securing a correct Report of the Debates of this House for the future, by the publication of a Mirror of Parliament, be referred back to the said Committee, with an instruction, to inquire into the expense of translating and publishing the Debates in both languages," inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>O' Farrell,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Quimet,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Desau'niers,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Beaul'ien,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Scotte,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Martice,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Tulbot,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gull,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Tussé,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Guudet,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Wullbridge,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Hebert,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>79. Whitney.</i>
<i>Coullée,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Goult,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hurtman,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Sturton,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Murbeth,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>	<i>27. Wright.</i>
<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Scatherd,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put,

Ordered, That the Report of the Select Committee appointed to devise the best means for securing a correct Report of the Debates of this House for the future, by the publication of a Mirror of Parliament, be referred back to the said Committee.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee to inquire into the expenses of translating and publishing the Debates in both Languages.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill respecting the Municipal Institutions of *Upper Canada*.

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, the ninth day of April next.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Dubord*, seconded by Mr. *Turcotte*,
The House adjourned until Monday next.

Monday, 22nd March, 1858.

THE Clerk communicated to the House the following Letter, addressed to him by the Speaker of the House,

Speaker's Chamber,
Toronto, 22nd March, 1858.

Sir,—Being prevented by severe indisposition, from taking the Chair this day, I beg you will have the goodness to communicate the same to the House, that an adjournment may take place until To-morrow, or the next day.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
Henry Smith, Junior,
Speaker.

To the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

The House adjourned, until Wednesday the Seventh day of April next.

Wednesday, 7th April, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *Christopher Préfontaine*, Yeoman, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Verchères*, is objectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *Jean Baptiste Guévremont*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Richelieu*, is objectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *John McDougall*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Three Rivers*, is objectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, Esquire, and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, is objectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *Alexander Hamilton* and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Perth*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *Alexander McLean*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Stormont*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *John Boyd* and *John A. Axford*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Norfolk*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *Alexander Drysdale*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the North Riding of the County of *Wellington*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *William Fitch* and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Lincoln*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *John Gordon Brown*, Gentleman, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Toronto*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *Joseph K. Dean*, Gentleman, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Toronto*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *Jean Louis Beaudry* and others, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, Esquire, to represent the City of *Montreal*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *Jean Louis Beaudry* and others, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Esquire, to represent the City of *Montreal*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *Robert R. Smith*, Esquire, and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Renfrew*, is unobjectionable.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *McDonald*, seconded by Mr. *Playfair*,

Resolved, That out of respect for the memory of the late *Basil Rorison Church*, Esquire, a Member of this House, this House do now adjourn.

And the House accordingly adjourned.

Thursday, 8th April, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *W. Bristow* and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Montreal*, is objectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *John S. Holt*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Miskisquoi*, is objectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *Robert Bell*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Ottawa*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *Charles François Fournier*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *L'Islet*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *Marc Aurèle Plamondon*, Esquire, and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Quebec*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, Statements of Assets and Liabilities of the *Quebec Bank*, *Niagara District Bank*, and *Bank of Toronto*, on the 31st December, 1857; of the *London Savings Bank*, *Molson's Bank*, *Montreal*, and *City Bank*, *Montreal*, on the 27th February, 1858; of "*La Caissé d'Économie Notre Dame de Québec*," on the 28th February, 1858; of "*La Banque du Peuple*," on the 1st March, 1858; of the *Bank of Upper Canada*, on the 13th March, 1858; of the *Bank of British North America*, at the close of the year 1856, and of its *Canadian Branches*, on the 15th March, 1858; of the *Commercial Bank of Canada*, on the 20th March, 1858; and of the *Provincial Bank of Canada*, on the 31st March, 1858.

For the said Statements, see Appendix (No. 8).

Also, Annual Report, for 1857, of the Bursar of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, *Toronto*; and Statement of Income and Expenditure of the *Toronto* General Hospital, to 1st January, 1858.

For the said Report and Statement, see Appendix (No. 9.)

Also, General Statement and Return of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of *St. Francis*, for the year 1857.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (No. 16.)

Also, Statement of the affairs of the Provincial Insurance Company of *Toronto*, on the 30th June, 1857.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (No. 8.)

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

By Mr. *Dorion*,—The Petition of *La Banque du Peuple*.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of *Edward DeCew* and others; the Petition of *William Robinson* and others; the Petition of *Alexander Mitchell* and others; the Petition of *Thomas Eubank* and others; the Petition of *Samuel Suter* and others; the Petition of *S. Lister* and others; the Petition of *John Heasman* and others; the Petition of *James Watters* and others; the Petition of *J. Stewart* and others; and the Petition of *Duncan McPhie* and others, all of the County of *Haldimand*; the Petition of *John Montgomery*, of the Township of *York*, Inn-keeper; the Petition of *James Farmer* and others, of *Melancthon* and other Townships; the Petition of *R. Martin*, Chairman, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the County of *Haldimand*; and the Petition of *W. J. Burk*, Chairman, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Canboro'*.

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Campeau* and others, of *St. Etienne de Beaumont*; the Petition of the Reverend *P. Pouliot* and others, of the Parish of *St. Gervais*; the Petition of *C. Fournier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Charles*, County of *Bellechasse*; the Petition of the Reverend *E. Dufour*, Curé and others of *St. Lazare*; the Petition of the Literary Institute of the Parish of *St. Michel*, County of *Bellechasse*; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. B. Perras* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Des Chaillons*, County of *Lothinière*.

By Mr. *Cimm*,—The Petition of the Reverend *F. Morrisset* and others, of the Parish of *St. Fidèle*, County of *Charlevoix*; the Petition of *André Labbé* and others, of the Parish of *St. Urbain*; the Petition of *John H. Slevin* and others, of the Parish of *St. François Xavier de la Petite Rivière*; the Petition of the Reverend *Joseph Langueux*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Agnès*, County of *Charlevoix*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. B. Pelletier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de L'Isle aux Coudres*; two Petitions of the Reverend *A. Beaudry*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*, County of *Charlevoix*; the Petition of *Magloire Bouchard* and others, of the Parish of *La Baie St. Paul*, County of *Charlevoix*; the Petition of the Reverend *C. Trudelle* and others, of the Parish of *La Baie St. Paul*, County of *Charlevoix*; and the Petition of the Reverend *A. Beaudry*, Curé, and others, of *La Malbaie* and other Parishes, County of *Charlevoix*.

By Mr. *Burwell*,—The Petition of *J. M. Crawford* and others, Trustees of the *Vienna* County Grammar School, and others.

By Mr. *Langevin*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of *Quebec*; the Petition of *J. Kelly* and others, of the Township of *Frampton*; the Petition of *Jean Tremblay* and others, of the Township of *Frampton*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. Bourassa* and others, of the Parish of *St. Bernard*, County of *Dorchester*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Jean Langevin*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Beausport*.

By Mr. *Somerville*,—The Petition of *Donald Fraser* and others, of the Township of *Dundee*, County of *Huntingdon*; the Petition of *E. E. Macdonald* and others, of the Township of *Dundee*, County of *Huntingdon*; and the Petition of the *Franklin Mechanics' Institute and Library Association*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. Béland*, Curé, and others, of *St. Antoine de Tilly*; The Petition of *Antoine Laberge* and others, of the Parish of *L'Ange Gardien*; The Petition of the Reverend *T. Destroismaisons*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. François*, Island of *Orleans*; The Petition of the Reverend *A. Gosselin*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean*, Island of *Orleans*; and the Petition of *J. Chabot*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. Laurent*, Island of *Orleans*.

By Mr. *Thibaudeau*,—The Petition of the Reverend *N. Guertin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Casimir*; the Petition of the Reverend *P. Lahaye* and others, of the Parish of *Cap Santé*; the Petition of the Reverend *Z. Gingras* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Baptiste des Ecureuils*; the Petition of the Reverend *L. E. Parent*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Point aux Trembles*; the Petition of the Reverend *G. S. Derome* and others; and the Petition of the Reverend *P. Bedard* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Bazile* and *St. Raymond*, County of *Portneuf*.

By Mr. *Buchanan*,—The Petition of *George Read* and others, of the Township of *Otonabee*, County of *Peterborough*; the Petition of *J. Foley* and others, of the Township of *Asphodel*, County of *Peterborough*; the Petition of *Richard Hughes* and others, of the County of *Victoria*; and the Petition of the Board of Trade, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Archambeault*,—The Petition of the *Canadian Institute* of the Parish of *St. Ambroise de Kildare*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of the Village of *Ste. Elizabeth*, County of *Joliette*.

By Mr. *Bureau*,—The Petition of *John McVey*, of the Township of *Sherington*, County of *Napierville*.

By Mr. *Meagher*,—Two Petitions of the Municipality of the Township of *Cox*, County of *Bonaventure*; and the Petition of the Municipality of *New Richmond*, County of *Bonaventure*.

By Mr. *Panet*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. Huot*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Foye*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Jean Langevin*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Beauport*.

By Mr. *Walker Powell*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Townsend*, County of *Norfolk*; and the Petition of the *Port Dover Mechanics' Institute*.

By Mr. *Lacoste*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' *Canadian Institute Library* and Reading Room of the Village of *Longueuil*; the Petition of *R. C. Weillbrenner*, M.R., and others, of *Boucherville*; and the Petition of the Mechanics' *Canadian Institute Library and Reading Room* of *Boucherville*.

By Mr. *Simard*,—Three Petitions of the *Quebec Board of Trade*.

By Mr. *Notman*,—The Petition of the Town Council of *Dundas*.

By Mr. *McKellar*,—The Petition of *William Cosgrove* and others, of the County of *Kent*.

By Mr. *Dunkin*,—The Petition of the *Drummondville Library Association* and Mechanics' Institute; the Petition of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of *Bécancour*; the Petition of the *Sydenham Institute and Library Association* in and for the Municipality of *Kingsey*; the Petition of the Reverend *Andrew Balfour*; and the Petition of the Medical Faculty of *McGill College*.

By Mr. *Heath*,—The Petition of the Municipality of *Calumette* Island, County of *Pontiac*; and the Petition of the Directors of the *Academy at Clarendon Centre*, County of *Pontiac*.

By the Honorable Mr. Cayley,—The Petition of *A. McNab* and others, of the Village of *Southampton*, County of *Bruce*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Brant*.

By Mr. Langevin,—The Petition of *Flavien Vallerand*, of the City of *Toronto*; the Petition of the Reverend *T. Bernard*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Clair de Joliette*, County of *Dorchester*; and the Petition of *G. Jobin*, Mayor and others.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—Two Petitions of the *Montreal* Board of Trade.

By Mr. Simpson,—The Petition of Messrs. *Bridge, Lewis* and Company and others; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Lincoln*.

By Mr. Brown,—The Petition of *D. Matheson* and others, of the Village of *Embro*, Township of *Zorra*, County of *Oxford*; the Petition of *John Shepherd*, Reeve, and others, of the Township of *Caistor*; the Petition of the *Toronto Magdalen* Asylum and Industrial House of Refuge; and the Petition of the Reverend *Thomas Wightman* and others, of *Innisfil*, County of *Simcoe*, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*.

By Mr. Sincennes,—The Petition of *C. L. Armstrong* and others.

By Mr. LeBoutillier,—The Petition of the Reverend *F. A. Oliva* and others, of the Townships of *Cap Rosier* and *Fox*.

By Mr. Gill,—The Petition of the Reverend *B. Robin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Flavien*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Drummond*; the Petition of the Great Western Railway Company; and the Petition of *B. Fitzpatrick* and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts of the County of *Frontenac*.

By Mr. William Scott,—Two Petitions of *Morris C. Lutz*, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Galt*.

By Mr. O'Farrell,—The Petition of the Reverend *S. Belleau* and others, of the County of *Lotbinière*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. A. DeGaspé* and others, of the Parish of *St. Appolinaire*, County of *Lotbinière*; and the Petition of *James Campbell*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, County of *Lotbinière*.

By Mr. Chapais,—Two Petitions of the Reverend *L. A. Martel* and others, of the Parish of *St. Paschal de Kamouraska*; the Petition of the Reverend *L. A. Bourret*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne de la Pocatière*; the Petition of the Reverend *Charles Begin*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Rivière Ouelle*; the Petition of the Reverend *N. Hébert*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. Doucet*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Helene*, County of *Kamouraska*.

By the Honorable Mr. Lemieux,—The Petition of the Reverend *E. Faucher* and others, of the Parish of *Lotbinière*.

By Mr. Dionne,—The Petition of *P. Fournier* and others, of the Parish of *Notre Dame des Neiges des Trois Pistoles*; the Petition of the Reverend *O. Hébert* and others, of the Parish of *St. Arsène de Kacouna*, County of *Temiscouata*; the Petition of the Reverend *T. C. Cloutier* and others, of the Parish of *St. George de Kacouna*, County of *Temiscouata*; the Petition of the Reverend *E. P. Dion*, Curé, and others, of the Parishes of *Ste. Modeste* and *St. Antoine*, County of *Temiscouata*; the Petition of *J. G. Cloutier* and others, of the Parish of *St. George de Staine*, County of *Temiscouata*; and the Petition of *G. Fournier* and others, of the Parish of *Trois Pistoles*, County of *Temiscouata*.

By the Honorable Mr. Allyn,—The Petition of the *Quebec* Infant School; the Petition of the Corporation of the *Finlay* Asylum, at *Quebec*; and the Petition of the *British and Canadian School Society* of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County *Joliette*.

By Mr. *Biggar*,—The Petition of *Mills Colman* and others; the Petition of *R. R. Strobbridge* and others, of the County of *Brant*; the Petition of *Thomas Botham* and others, of the County of *Brant*; the Petition of *Henry Gammond* and others; the Petition of *M. W. Prayn*, Mayor, and others, of the County of *Brant*; and the Petition of *William Lewis* and others, of the County of *Brant*.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *Henry Watson* and others, of the Town of *Milton*, and of School Section No. 5 of the Township of *Trafalgar*, County of *Halton*; praying that the said School Section No. 5 of the Township of *Trafalgar*, may be united to the Town of *Milton* for School purposes.

Of *J. O. Bureau* and others, Stockholders interested in the *North Shore and St. Maurice* Railway and Navigation Company; praying for the passing of an Act changing the title of the said Company to that of "*North Shore and St. Maurice* Railway, Navigation and Land Company."

Of *Thomas Marclam* and others, of the Village of *Florence*, in the Gore of *Camden*, County of *Kent*; praying for certain alterations in the Division Line between the Counties of *Kent* and *Lambton*.

Of *James Flintoft*, of the County of *Lambton*, Sheriff; praying for certain amendments to the Law of Arrest and Imprisonment for Debt.

Of *Charles Robinson*, County Judge and others, of the County of *Lambton*; of *Peter Friel*, County Judge and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts for the Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell*; and of *George Malloch*, County Judge and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts; praying that the Tariff of fees at present allowed Bailiffs of Division Courts may be increased.

Of *Charles Robinson*, County Judge and others, of the County of *Lambton*; praying for certain amendments to the Division Courts Acts.

Of the Literary Institute of the Parish of *St. Michel de Lachine*; praying for aid.

Of the Municipality of the Village of *Lachine*; praying that the inhabitants of the Village of *Lachine* may be allowed to pass the Toll Gate, situated in the centre of the said Village, free.

Of *George M. Bradford* and others, of *Chatham*, County of *Argenteuil*; praying that a verification survey may be made of the line between the fourth and fifth ranges of the Township of *Chatham*.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*; praying that the expenses of the administration of justice, and also the payment of jurors shall be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Of *J. Noble* and others, of the County of *Rimouski*; praying that the *Kempt* Road may connect with *Metis*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Megantic*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal and Road Act of 1855.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Simcoe*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal and Assessment Acts of *Upper Canada*.

Of *B. Guay* and others, School Commissioners of *Aubigny*; praying for certain amendments to the School Law of *Lower Canada*.

Of the *Ottawa* Board of Trade; praying that the Usury Laws may be repealed.

Of *W. N. Rutledge* and others, of the Village of *Streetsville*, County of *Peel*; and of *J. Street* and others, of the Village of *Streetsville*, County of *Peel*; praying for the passing of an Act confirming an Order in Council and Proclamation for the Incorporation of the said Village of *Streetsville*.

Of *Duncan McFarland* and others, of the County of *Welland*; of *William Mussen* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; of *Duncan McElroy* and

others, of the County of *Haldimand*; of *Thomas Walt* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; of *Isaac Smith* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; and of *James Sill*, Chairman, on behalf of a public meeting of the Inhabitants of *Jarvis* and vicinity, County of *Haldimand*; praying for an Act of Incorporation to construct a Railway from some point on the *Niagara* River to some point upon the *Detroit* River.

Of *Alexis Lafrenière* and others, of the Parish of *St. Félix de Valois*, County of *Joliette*; praying for aid to open out a Road in the Township of *Joliette*.

Of the Municipality of *St. Sauveur*, in the *Banlieue* of the City of *Quebec*; praying that no Act may be passed to extend the limits of the said City.

Of the Sisters of *St. Joseph*, of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for aid.

Of *John Burwell*, of *Port Burwell*, County of *Elgin*; and of *Scott Bowman* and others, of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*; praying that no change may be made in the Municipal Laws of *Upper Canada*.

Of the Corporation of Bishop's College at *Lennoxville*; praying for aid.

Of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Peterborough*; praying for the passing of an Act to legalize the issuing of Debentures under a By-Law of the said Council.

Of the Reverend *P. M. Mignault*, Founder and Superior of the *Chambly* College; praying aid for the said College.

Of the Reverend *P. Brunet* and others, of the Parish *Ste. Sophie d'Halifax*, County of *Megantic*; praying that the Village of *Princeville*, in the Township of *Stanford*, may be substituted as the chief place of the Judicial District of *Arthabaska*, instead of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Buckingham*, County of *Ottawa*; and of the Municipality of the Village of *Buckingham*, County of *Ottawa*; praying for aid to erect Bridges in the said County.

Of *E. H. Ridley* and others, of the Township of *Orford*, County of *Kent*; praying that the Township of *Orford* may not be set apart from the County of *Kent* to form part of any new County.

Of the Agricultural Association for *Lower Canada*; praying for certain amendments to the Act establishing the said Association.

Of *Duncan Campbell Napier*, of the City of *Montreal*, late Commissioner of Indian Lands for *Lower Canada*; praying to be remunerated for his services as such Commissioner of Indian Lands.

Of *Samuel Smith MacDonnell*, of the Town of *Windsor*, County of *Essex*, and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the "*Windsor* Land Company."

Of *William Kievell* and others, of the Village of *Port Head*, and of the East and North Portions of the Township of *Kincardine*; praying for aid to erect a Harbour of Refuge in the said Village.

Of the Reverend *N. Piché* and others, of the Townships of *Kildare* and *Cathcart*; praying for aid to open out roads in the said Townships.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Patrick* of *Rawdon*, County of *Montcalm*; praying for the passing of an Act to legalize the proceedings of the said Municipality from its organization.

Of the Reverend *Joseph Matté*, Curé and others, of the Parish of *St Calixte de Somerset*, County of *Megantic*; praying that the plan proposed by Mr. *Stanislas Drapeau*, for the settlement of the Wild Lands in *Canada*, may be adopted.

Of *T. G. Eurd* and others; praying for certain amendments to the amended Act of the *Galt* and *Guelph* Railroad.

Of *Allan Wilmot* and others, sons of the late *Samuel Street Wilmot*, of the Township of *Clarke*; praying for the passing of an Act granting them power and authority to hold and dispose of certain lands, bequeathed to them by their late father, free from limitations, restrictions or remainders, created by the said Will.

Of *J. E. Turcotte*, Mayor and others, of the City of *Three Rivers*; praying for an Act of Incorporation to establish an Institution in the said City under the name of "The General Hospital of the District of *Three Rivers*," and also for aid towards the same.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *South Norwich*, County of *Oxford*; praying that no charter may be granted to construct a Railway from some point on the *Niagara* River to some point upon the *Detroit* River.

Of *Louis Déry*, of the Parish of *Cup Santé*; praying for aid to repair the *Jacques Cartier* Bridge.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*; praying for certain amendments to the Act 10 and 11 *Vic. cap. 23*, to regulate the duties between Master and Servant, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Ordered, That the Petition of *François Xavier Garneau* of the City of *Quebec*, be referred to the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament.

The Clerk of the Legislative Council delivered at the Bar of the House, a letter from His Excellency the Governor General, addressed to the Speakers of both Houses of the Legislature together with copy of a Despatch from the Secretary for the Colonies, and the same were read, as follow:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Toronto, 30th March, 1858.

Gentlemen.—I enclose you a copy of a Despatch which I have received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, together with the printed document and the Medal referred to in such Despatch.

I am of opinion that the Library of the Parliament of *Canada* is the fittest place in which to deposit these records of the Marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal of *England*, and I place them in your hands with a request that you will give instructions for their safe custody.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

Edmund Head.

To the Honorable

The Speaker of the Legislative Council,
The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

(Copy.)

Downing Street, 20th February, 1858.

Sir.—I transmit to you herewith an account of the ceremonial of the Marriage which was solemnized on the 25th ultimo, between Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal and His Royal Highness Prince *Frederick William* of *Prussia*.

I have likewise the Queen's gracious commands to send to you a Medal struck in commemoration of an event which has afforded the most lively satisfaction to Her Majesty, to the Royal Family, and to all classes of the Nation.

You will cause the Memorials of the auspicious event to be preserved either among the Archives of your Government, or preferably, perhaps, in some public Museum or Institution.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

H. Labouchere.

Governor General Sir *E. W. Head*, Baronet,
&c., &c., *Canada.*

Mr. *Jobin*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read as followeth:—

Your Committee beg leave to recommend, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to issue his warrant in favor of *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, the Clerk of this House, for the Sum of Fifty thousand dollars, towards paying the Contingent Expenses of this House, and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the same.

Mr. *Jobin* from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was read as followeth:—

Your Committee considering the great inconvenience of having a quorum of a majority of the whole Committee, composed of twenty-one Members, beg leave to recommend that seven Members do compose the quorum.

Ordered, That Mr. *Donald A. Macdonald* have leave of absence for ten days, on urgent private business.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 16th ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House,—a Return relative to the proceedings which have been taken by the Government on the First Report of the Commissioners appointed by them to inquire into the conduct of the late *John Clark*, Agent for Public Lands in the County of *Huron*; also, for a copy of any further Reports which may have been made by the said Commissioners relative to Lands in the Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*; and a Return of all moneys paid to the said Commissioners, and of all claims made by them for their services, specifying the amount paid to each Commissioner, and for what particular purpose or service; with a Statement of the default, if any, of said Agent, as such.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 22.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 5th March, 1857, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, "A Return of all Timber limits acquired upon the coasts of Lakes *Huron*, *Nipissing*, *Superior*, or upon any of the Streams or Rivers, whose waters flow into any of the said Lakes, specifying the locality and extent of such Timber limits, and the name of the party to whom granted, and date of grant; shewing, also, what amount of money has been collected from each Timber limit so granted, and if any; what amount of money remains due and unpaid upon any of the said Timber limits; also, which of the said Timber limits are now being worked; also the quantity and description of Timber reported as made on each of the said limits respectively, and when reported."

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 23.)

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger* also laid before the House, by command of his Excellency the Governor General,—Copy of Correspondence relative to the appointment of *L. W. Mercer*, Esquire, to the office of Sheriff of the County of *Norfolk*.

For the said Correspondence, see Appendix (No. 24.)

On motion of Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

Ordered, That *Louis Romuld Fortier*, Esquire, Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, now in attendance on this House, have leave to proceed as a Witness to the Court of Queen's Bench at *Montreal*, with the Poll-books for the County of *Bagot*, in accordance with the *subpoena duces tecum*, served on him this day.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had received communications from *George M. Crysler* (summoned to attend and give evidence touching certain proceedings at the last Election for the County of *Russell*), and *James McCullough*, and the Reverend *W. Richardson*, on behalf of *Maise Roy* (both summoned to give evidence concerning the last Election for *Lotbinière*), stating severally their inability to comply with the order of the House for want of means.

The Order of the House of the sixteenth ultimo, for the appearance at the Bar of this House of *James Keays*, Esquire, Returning Officer at the last Election for the County of *Russell*; *George M. Crysler*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Cambridge*; *John W. Loux*, of the City of *Ottawa*, *John S. Casselman*, *John Cameron*, and *Martin Casselman*, of the Township of *Cambridge*, to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on the Poll-book for the said Township of *Cambridge* at the said Election, being read;

The Serjeant-at Arms attending this House, reported that a copy of the said Order had been served upon the above-named parties, and that Messieurs *John W. Loux* and *John Cameron*, were then in attendance at the Bar, in obedience thereto; and that Messieurs *James Keays*, *George M. Crysler*, *John S. Casselman*, and *Martin Casselman*, were not in attendance.

Mr. *John Cameron* was then called in; and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Patrick*.

1.—Is your name *John Cameron*, and were you not Collector for the Township of *Cambridge* for 1857, and a qualified voter for the County of *Russell* during the last Election?—My name is *John Cameron*, I was a Collector for the Township of *Cambridge* in 1857, and a qualified voter for the County of *Russell* at the last Election.

2.—Did you represent Mr. *Loux* at the Poll in the Township of *Cambridge*, at the last Election for the County of *Russell*, and were you not denied the right to object to voters, and by whom?—I represented Mr. *Loux* at the said Poll; I was denied by *Martin Casselman* the right to object to voters in consequence of my not having a written authority.

3.—How many votes were polled on the first day?—Thirty-one, to the best of my knowledge.

4.—Up to what hour did you remain at the Poll of *Cambridge* on the second day, and what number of votes had there been polled when you left, including those polled on the first day?—I left the Poll about half-past four on the second day. To the best of my knowledge about forty-six votes had then been polled, including those polled on the first day.

5.—Are you well acquainted with the Inhabitants of the Township of *Cambridge*, and if so, state what is the number of resident Inhabitants of the Township, who were qualified to vote at the last Election?—I am acquainted with the Inhabitants of the Township of *Cambridge*; there are not over eighty inhabitants in the said Township; I do not know how many of them are qualified.

6.—What is the number of non-resident Electors in the said Township?—I do not know.

By Mr. *White*.

7.—What is the number of non-resident voters who voted at the said Poll while you were there?—None that I know of.

8.—When you left the Poll of *Cambridge* on the second day of the Election

were there any Electors who had not voted present at the Poll, and if so, how many?—I saw none, and I was told by others that there were none.

By Mr. *Dorion*.

9.—Examine the Poll Book now exhibited to you and state whether or not this Poll Book is the one in which the votes were enregistered while you were present at the Poll in the Township of *Cambridge*?—I cannot say.

By Mr. *Connor*.

10.—Is this Poll Book or any part of it in the handwriting of either the Deputy Returning Officer or of the Poll Clerk of the Township of *Cambridge*, and if not, in whose hand-writing is it?—I cannot say.

By Mr. *Wallbridge*.

11.—What is now the whole population of the Township of *Cambridge*?—I do not know.

By Mr. *White*.

12.—How many Householders and Freeholders appear on the Collector's Roll for the year 1857?—I do not know how many were Freeholders; there were about eighty names on the Collector's Roll.

13.—Did the Roll for 1857 include non-resident as well as resident Inhabitants for the Township of *Cambridge*?—None but the residents.

By Mr. *Dorion*.

14.—Were you allowed to be in the same room or place where the Deputy Returning Officer and the Poll Clerk were, when the votes were recorded, and if not, could you see the Poll Book in which the Poll Clerk recorded the votes?—The second day I was not allowed in, and could not see the book.

By Mr. *Connor*.

15.—Who is *Martin Casselman*, who demanded your authority and in what capacity did he act? State what took place on that occasion?—He is a Magistrate, and he acted as Mr. *Fellows*' Agent. The constable was ordered to take me into custody—I then went out.

By Mr. *Wallbridge*.

16.—At the time of your leaving the Poll on the second day of the said Election why did you then leave? explain fully, and were you or not excluded by force?—I left of my own accord, supposing it was all over; I could not stand out all day, as it was cold.

By Mr. *Foley*.

17.—Under what pretence were you ordered to be taken into custody?—Had some sharp words with Mr. *Cusselman*.

By Mr. *White*.

18.—Do you know how many absentees were returned to the Treasurer of the County of *Russell* as Proprietors of lands in the Township of *Cambridge*?—I do not.

19.—What was the occasion of having sharp words with Mr. *Cusselman*, explain fully?—He was acting on behalf of the other Candidate, and speaking in his behalf.

By Mr. *Hartman*.

20.—When you left the Poll on the second day, who were in the Polling Room?—The Poll Clerk, Returning Officer, and two or three Yankees. I could not well see through the window, but to the best of my knowledge they were inside.

21.—Were the Yankees of whom you speak voters?—They came there as hunters, I was told.

22.—What was their business in the room?—I do not know.

By Mr. *Mowat*.

23.—Did the polling take place in any house, and whose?—In a house the property of *Martin Casselman*.

24.—Who resided in the house?—I do not know, I believe it was vacant.

By Mr. *Wallbridge*.

25.—Was Mr. *Fellowes*, the Candidate, present at the Poll at the time you were ordered into custody, or at the time you left the Poll on that day?—I did not see him there; I was told that he was, but I did not see him.

By Mr. *Dorland*.

26.—Did the Returning Officer order the constable to take you into custody?—No.

By the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*.

27.—Were you present at the Poll of *Cambridge* during all the time of the polling till half-past four in the afternoon of the second day?—The first day it was open half an hour before I got there; after that I was there all the time until half-past four on the second day.

By Mr. *Dorion*.

28.—Had any votes been polled when you arrived at the Poll on the first day, and if so how many?—To the best of my knowledge six votes had been polled.

By Mr. *Patrick*.

29.—When you returned the second day had you a written instruction from Mr. *Loux* to act as his Agent, and if yea, did you inform Mr. *Casselman* or Returning Officer of that fact, and what then transpired?—I had written authority from Mr. *Loux*; I did not inform Mr. *Casselman* or the Returning Officer of that fact. I remained outside and objected to voters as they came up; I was not allowed in.

By Mr. *Foley*.

30.—I see it stated in answer to Question No. 16 that you left on that day of your own accord, supposing it to be all over; and that in answer to No. 15, the constable was ordered to take you into custody, and that you then went out. These answers seem somewhat inconsistent with each other. Explain your meaning?—I meant that it was on the second day that I left of my own accord, and that it was on the first day I was ordered into custody.

By Mr. *Connor*.

31.—After you received your written authority from Mr. *Loux*, did you inform or take any steps to inform either the Deputy Returning Officer or *Martin Casselman* of it? Did you make any remonstrance on being excluded the second day? and state to whom you made, and what you said.—I did not inform or take any steps to inform the Deputy Returning Officer or *Martin Casselman* of my having received my written authority from Mr. *Loux*. I asked the Deputy Returning Officer for leave to get in, and was told that I would not be allowed in; that the law was to hold the Election in the open air.

By Mr. *Patrick*.

31½.—Are there such places as *Albany*, *Troy*, and *Rome* in the Township of *Cambridge*, and do you know any of the persons whose names were recorded as voting from those places?—There are no such places as far as I know. I do not think that I know any of the persons whose names are recorded as voting from these places.

By Mr. *Desaulniers*.

32.—How are you able to state that there were only 46 votes polled at half-past four in the afternoon of the second day when you were unable to enter the room in which the Poll Clerk was?—The votes were taken outside the window on the second day.

By Mr. *Foley*.

33.—Have you any doubt whatever that the names of persons purporting to be residents of *Rome*, *Troy*, and *Albany*, were those of persons who had no right to vote at the said Election, and that they were fraudulently entered on the Poll Book?—I have no doubt that they were not legal votes.

By Mr. *Fellowes*.

34.—Did the Residents' Roll include all the Inhabitants of the Township, old and young, or only the heads of families?—It contained all the Resident landholders, whether heads of families or not.

35.—Was your own name on this Roll separate from your father's name, and, if so, was not the land your father's by deed?—My name was on the Roll separate from that of my father. The land was my father's by deed. There was a verbal agreement between my father and myself that the land was mine.

36.—Did you not vote and take the qualification oath as a freeholder without having any deed, and did you not reside with your father at the time?—I resided with my father, I refused to take the oath as a freeholder. I told them how I voted, I told them the land was paid for, I said I did not understand the nature of occupants or freeholders, I said that I held the land under a verbal agreement with my father.

37.—Did you not say on the second day that you made a mistake in taking the oath? did you take any oath? and if so what oath?—I did not say on the second day that I made a mistake in taking the oath; I took the oath of bribery.

38.—How was that portion of the oath relating to bribery separated from the qualification?—*Martin Casselman* told the Returning Officer to put the oath of bribery, and I told him that I would take the oath of bribery.

39.—Was there not more read to you of the oath than that part relating to bribery?—At first I refused to swear, and afterwards I took the oath of bribery. I refused to swear to anything but bribery. The oath was read to me at first and I refused to take it. I told them that I would swear to nothing but bribery.

40.—Was the whole oath read to you before you were sworn?—Not the last time, when it was read first I refused and turned away. I did not understand that I was taking any other oath than that of bribery.

41.—Did you refuse before the Oath was finished being read, and if so, was not the remainder then read over to you before you were sworn?—I swore to nothing but bribery. The whole oath was not read over to me.

42.—Do you mean to say that you only swore to half an oath?—I mean to say that I swore to nothing but bribery. I could not swear as a freeholder. I told them how I had the land, that the land was paid for, and that I could have had a deed from my father two years ago.

43.—Do you know the number of the oath you took, and if so, what number was it?—I do not know the number of the oath.

44.—Were you not reproached on the second day with having taken the qualification oath as a freeholder in presence of Mr. *Casselman*, and then excuse yourself by saying you did not understand it, or words to that effect?—I was not so reproached,—*Casselman* said that I had taken it. I told him that I did not, neither did I do so.

45.—Did you see any persons at the Polling-house on the second day who were not residents of the Township of *Cambridge*, besides the three *Americans* you

say you saw?—There were some few. They were men who were working for *Casselman*.

46.—How do you know they were working for *Casselman*?—I saw them working about the place.

By Mr. *Patrick*.

47.—Do you know whether or not the Deputy Returning Officer was in a state of inebriation during either of the days of Polling?—I do not. To the best of my knowledge he was sober every time I saw him.

By Mr. *Fellowes*.

48.—Did you not see others at the Poll-house who were not servants of *Casselman*, and not residents of *Cambridge*?—I did.

49.—At what hour did you reach the Poll on the second day in the morning, and were you absent from the Polling-house at any time between that and half-past four o'clock?—Shortly after nine I reached the Poll-house on the second day, and was not absent at any time between that and half-past four o'clock, to the best of my knowledge.

50.—Did you leave that Polling-house to go to your dinner or for voters, or were you talking to voters away from that Poll-house?—I had no dinner, and I was not away from the Poll-house all the day.

51.—Were not both you and Mr. *Casselman* excluded on the second day from the Poll-room in consequence of your having quarrelled on the first day?—I was kept out of the Poll-room,—I cannot tell for what reason,—I did not want to quarrel with any one. *Casselman* was outside. Whether he was excluded or not, I can't say.

52.—Were you not at liberty to attend at the window of the Poll-house, and object to voters on the second day?—I was.

53.—When you say that about six votes were polled on the second day, do you say because those were all you scrutinized and saw tendered. How many votes did you scrutinize?—I could not say how many votes I scrutinized. I do not understand the first part of the question.

54.—Did you keep any check of the number of persons whom you saw vote on the second day?—No, I did not. There were not over fifteen or sixteen when I was there. There were so few that it was hardly worth keeping check.

By Mr. *Rymal*.

55.—Do you know or have you not heard that some extraordinary electioneering movements were performed by the *American* hunters you spoke of, in the Township of *Cambridge*, after you left the Polling-place?—I was told that it was they who had put down most of the names.

By Mr. *Fellowes*.

56.—Did you not swear *Martin Casselman* to his vote on the second day? At what time of the day? And after his vote was polled, did you not say that you only attended to swear him as he had sworn you?—I swore him in the afternoon. I do not remember having said that I only attended to swear him as he had sworn me.

57.—Had you any watch with you, during the second day, by which you could tell the time of day you reached that, swore *Casselman*, and left the Poll-house?—I had no watch. To the best of my knowledge, it was half-past four when I left.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

The House being informed that *James Kays*, Esquire, was in attendance at the door, he was called in; and at the Bar, examined as followeth:—

By Mr. Patrick.

58.—Is your name *James Keays*, and were you the Returning Officer at the last Parliamentary Election for the County of *Russell*?—My name is *James Keays*, and I was such Returning Officer.

59.—Were not *George B. Lyon Fellowes*, the present Member for *Russell*, and *John William Louw*, Candidates at the said Election, and did not the voting take place on Saturday, the 26th, and Monday, the 28th, and the Proclamation on Wednesday, the 30th December last?—Those gentlemen were the Candidates. To the best of my knowledge, the voting and the Proclamation took place on the said days.

60.—Who was the Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Cambridge* at the said Election, and did you furnish him before the twenty-sixth December with a Poll Book, or with paper having suitable headings in the form required by law for a Poll Book?—*George M. Cryster* was the Deputy Returning Officer. I sent him the Poll Book by a messenger on the Tuesday previous to the day of polling. The messenger told me that he did not go there until twelve on Saturday, the first day of polling. I found on inquiry that the Book had not reached until then. The messenger told me he had not understood me.

61.—Examine the Poll Books now exhibited to you, purporting to be the Poll Book from the Township of *Cambridge*, and state whether or not it is the Poll Book which you returned as the Poll Book for the said Township, and state also if, in summing up the votes at the said Election, you reckoned all the votes entered in the said Poll Book, and if so, what number for each Candidate, and what majority did that give to Mr. *Fellowes* in the whole County? State distinctly what number of votes you computed for the sitting Member in the Township of *Cambridge*?—It is the Poll Book which I returned for the said Township. I summed up the number, but I cannot tell exactly now the number for each Candidate. I think the majority for Mr. *Fellowes* was 14, but I am not positive. I think I computed 385 votes for the sitting Member in the Township of *Cambridge*, but I am not positive.

62.—On which day and what hour did you receive the said Poll Book, and by whom was it handed or delivered to you?—I received it, I think, on the evening before the declaration; I cannot positively say by whom it was delivered; Mr. *Martin Casselman* was sitting at my table, and the book was on the table, and he told me about the book; I suppose it was he who had brought it; I was not in the house when *Casselman* came in, but I found the book on the table when I came in.

63.—What other person beside *Casselman* could have brought you the Poll Book; who besides he was at your place?—Mr. *Fellowes* could have brought it, but I do not know that he did; Mr. *Fellowes* and two others whom I cannot remember, and Mr. *Casselman* were also there; there was also a man of the name of *Borland* who came from *Cambridge*; there were five or six others whom I cannot remember by name.

64.—Had you seen the *Cambridge* Poll Book between the time the poll was closed and the time it was delivered to you, if so, where did you see it, in whose possession was it, and in what state was the book? was it as it now appears?—I state positively that I never saw it until it was delivered to me; the first place I ever saw it was on the table in my own house; it was tied up and sealed at the time.

65.—Is this Poll Book made with the paper you furnished to the Deputy Returning Officer before the 26th of December, and if not, state if the paper forming this Poll Book was furnished by you, when it was so furnished, and to whom, at whose request, and for what purpose; and how is it that this book differs in appearance from others?—I sent him the Poll Book, but it was not delivered; I furnished him with no other paper; I never furnished the paper which forms this

Poll Book; the messenger whom I sent to deliver the book told me he had not got there in time, that he had not understood me.

66.—Do you know what became of the Poll Book you sent to the Deputy Returning Officer of *Cambridge*?—I have no knowledge whatever of what became of it.

67.—Did you furnish paper to any other person besides the Deputy Returning Officer for a Poll Book?—I did not.

68.—When the said Poll Book was delivered to you, were the certificates under the oaths of the Deputy Returning Officer and of the Poll Clerk annexed to it, or when you first saw the Poll Book were they attached to it? if not, were they so attached and when did you first see those certificates and oaths?—I saw the certificates and oaths the very moment I opened the book, and they are now just as they appeared to me when I received the book.

69.—Was not Mr. *Fellowes* at your house on the 27th day of December last, being the Sunday which intervened between the two Polling days, and did he not mention to you, or were you not then informed, that Mr. *Loux* had polled a majority of votes on the first day?—Mr. *Fellowes* was at my house I think on the morning of Monday, the 28th; I found him there when I got up. He could not tell me the state of the Poll in the Township of *Clarence*. He then stated to me that he was going to carry a majority in *Gloucester* on that day.

70.—What particular business had Mr. *Fellowes* with you so early on Monday morning?—I cannot state.

71.—Did you, on the 27th of December, agree to let Mr. *Fellowes* know the number of votes polled at the other Polls, before the Poll-book for *Cambridge* should be returned to you, or make any agreement or arrangement on that head with him, and if so state it; also state if there was such, what was done in consequence of it, or to carry out the arrangement?—There never was any such arrangement made. I did not know the state of the Poll.

72.—Did you on the 29th of December, the day preceding the proclamation, go to Mr. *John Kennedy*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Osgoode*, to get from him the Poll-book for the said Township, or for any other purpose; and why did you so go?—I did. The reason I went was this:—When Mr. *Fellowes* came to my place, some one stated to him there, the majority that was against him and for him in other Townships; Mr. *Casselman* then stated to me what Mr. *Fellowes*' majority was in *Cambridge*; I then said he must have a majority, but Mr. *Fellowes* said not, that he thought he was defeated. To ascertain the truth respecting the *Osgoode* Poll-book, I went for it. All the rest had been handed to me with the exception of that Poll-book.

73.—Had the *Gloucester* Poll-book been handed in before the day of declaration?—It had.

74.—Was it not at the request of Mr. *Fellowes* or of Mr. *Martin T. Casselman* of *Cambridge*, that you went to Mr. *Kennedy*, and were they not both with you before you left to go to Mr. *Kennedy* and after you returned therefrom?—It was not at their request that I went to Mr. *Kennedy*'s—they were both with me before I went to Mr. *Kennedy*'s. Mr. *Casselman* was in *Osgoode* when I returned. Mr. *Fellowes* stopped the night with me.

75.—Was it not true that it was only after you had communicated to Mr. *Fellowes*, or to Mr. *Casselman*, the result of the votes polled in the Township of *Osgoode*, that the Poll-book for the Township of *Cambridge* was finally delivered to you; and if so, how long was it after?—It was not true.

76.—Had the *Cambridge* Poll-book been opened by you before you left your house to get the *Osgoode* Poll-book?—I cannot remember positively whether the *Cambridge* Poll-book was opened before I went, but I remember the majority.

77.—Does the paper with which the Poll-book for the Township of *Cambridge* is made, come from you?—I never sold the paper, nor did I ever give it. I keep

a shop, and perhaps it might have been sold by my clerk; but I have no knowledge of it.

78.—Did you not communicate to Mr. *Fellowes* the Poll-books of the several Townships in the County of *Russell*, before you made the declaration?—I could not communicate the Poll-books. I do not think he saw any but that of *Gloucester*. There was a dispute with the Deputy Returning Officer about its not being sealed. I took the book from the Deputy, and I think that is the only one Mr. *Fellowes* saw.

79.—Did you not refuse to let Mr. *Loux* examine the said Poll-books?—I did not. I gave him a copy of the *Cambridge* Poll-book the second day after the declaration.

80.—Did Mr. *Fellowes* tell you on the Monday morning, when you saw him at your house, how and by what means he expected his majority?—Yes, he told me.

81.—In what way was it to be obtained?—He told me that the Roman Catholics of *Osgoode* and *Gloucester* were going to vote for him to a man on that day.

82.—Did you not declare on the Sunday intervening between the two polling days that you would rather pay a large sum out of your pocket than proclaim any other than Mr. *Fellowes* duly elected?—I was going to Church when I went into an hotel with some of Mr. *Loux's* friends, who told me that my friend was defeated. I told them that I would be very sorry, that I would not wish it for £200. I am not positive, but I think those were the very words I used.

83.—Do you know what is the number of qualified voters there was in the Township of *Cambridge* at the time of the last Election, and were you not at one time the Assessor of that Township? State when, and the number of names on your list at the time?—Only from what I learn from Mr. *Casselman* and others; I was the Assessor, I think, about three years ago. I think there must have been about 65 or 75 names on the Roll at the time, but I cannot be positive as to the number.

84.—Examine the Poll-book for the Township of *Cambridge*, and state whether or not, on computing the number of votes given at the Poll for that Township, you added the thirty-one votes which are entered on the last page of the Poll-book, after the page to which the signature of the Returning Officer is affixed? Did you sum up the number of votes?—The majority was struck by the Deputy Returning Officer, not by me. I added all the votes afterwards, to see that it was correct. I added in the thirty-one votes which are so entered.

85.—Did you add up the Poll-books in the presence of the Electors, as the law directs, on the day of declaration?—I put the number of voters for Mr. *Loux* and Mr. *Fellowes* on paper, and stated them to the Electors; I did not add them up in their presence—I have never done so.

86.—Can you explain why the Deputy Returning Officer's certificate is not on the last sheet of the Poll-book, but is on a previous sheet?—I can give no explanation, I do not know the cause.

87.—Did you ask the Deputy Returning Officer for an explanation of the circumstance?—I do not think I did, I did not see him for some time after the declaration.

88.—Are you aware now whether there are any fictitious votes recorded in the *Cambridge* Poll-book?—I really cannot say whether they are good votes or bad ones; I have no doubt there are some bad votes on both sides.

89.—Are you not perfectly certain that there are not 385 voters in the Township of *Cambridge*?—I do not think there are so many living in the Township; but Mr. *Casselman* told me that he had nearly a hundred among his own relatives; this was previous to the Election.

90.—Are you not quite sure that there are not 385 persons who have votes on property in the Township?—I cannot say, as I am really told that there are a

great many, more so now than before. Most of the lands in the Township have been sold, and a great part is private property.

91.—Is not the Township of *Cambridge* so newly settled that there was never a Poll held there previous to the last Election?—I do not think that it is the newness of the Township. No Poll was ever held there before.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Patrick*, seconded by Mr. *White*,
The House adjourned.

Friday, 9th April, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House,—Statement of the affairs of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1857.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (No. 10.)

Also, Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the *Montreal* Provident and Savings Bank, on the 31st March, 1858.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (No. 8.)

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, the following letter, viz:—

House of Assembly, April 9th, 1858.

Sir.—I have the honor to enclose herewith, a copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of *Ottawa*. May I request you will bring the same under the notice of the House.

I have the honor to be, &c., &c.,

R. W. Scott.

The Honorable the Speaker.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, in
Parliament Assembled.

Gentlemen.—I beg leave most respectfully to submit, for the consideration of your Honorable body, the subjoined copy of a Resolution passed at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of *Ottawa*, held on Monday, the fifth day of April, 1858.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient servant,

Edward McGillivray,
Mayor.

Ottawa, 6th April, 1858.

(Copy.)

Resolved, That his Worship the Mayor, be, and he is hereby authorised to communicate to His Excellency the Governor General, in Council, and to both Houses of Parliament, that in order to aid in carrying out the decision of Her Majesty in favor of *Ottawa* as the Seat of Government, with the least convenient delay, this Council will furnish the necessary Buildings to accommodate the Legislature and the officers of the Government, until the permanent Government Buildings be erected in this City.

(Signed,) *Edward McGillivray, (L.S.)*

Mayor.

Certified,

William P. Lett, City Clerk.

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

By Mr. *Dufresne*,—The Petition of the Canadian Institute of the Parish of *St. Alphonse*; and the Petition of *James Brown*, Mayor of the Municipality of *St. Patrick* of *Rawdon*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*,—Three Petitions of the Reverend *G. H. Besserer* and others, of the Parish of *La Sainte Famille*, Island of *Orleans*.

By Mr. *Labelle*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute, and Library Association of *Ste. Rose de Lima*, County of *Laval*.

By Mr. *Price*,—Two Petitions of the Reverend Father *Louis Babel* and others, of the County of *Saguenay*; the Petition of *Robert Blain* and others, of the County of *Chicoutimi*; the Petition of the Reverend *L. A. Casgrain*, Curé, and others, of the Township of *LaTerrière*, County of *Chicoutimi*; the Petition of the Reverend *Joseph Hudon*, Curé and others, of the Parish of *Notre Dame de Hébertville*, County of *Chicoutimi*; the Petition of the Reverend *Joseph Hudon*, Curé, and others, of *Kinogami*, and other Townships; and the Petition of the Reverend *G. B. Gagnon* and others, of the County of *Chicoutimi*.

By Mr. *Desaulniers*,—The Petition of *Louis Lami*, Mayor, and others, of *St. Sévère*.

By Mr. *Hogan*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Owen Sound*.

By Mr. *Gaudet*,—Two Petitions of *Joseph Gaudet* and others, of the Township of *Maddington*, District of *Three Rivers*; and the Petition of *Louis Foisy* and others, of the Parish of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*.

By Mr. *Lungevin*,—Two Petitions of the Reverend *L. T. Bernard*, Curé, and others of the Parish of *Ste. Claire de Juliette*; two Petitions of the Reverend *Joseph Bourassa* and others, of the Parish of *St. Bernard*, County of *Dorchester*; Two Petitions of the Reverend *C. C. Poirre*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Anselme de Lauzon*, County of *Dorchester*; the Petition of the Reverend *L. Rousseau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Malachi*, County of *Dorchester*; two Petitions of the Reverend *Charles Beaumont*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Henedine*, County of *Dorchester*; the Petition of the Reverend *E. Hallé*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marguerite*, County of *Dorchester*; the Petition of *Louis Fréchette*, Mayor, and others of the Parish of *St. Isidore de Lauzon*, County of *Dorchester*; and the Petition of the Reverend *L. Poulin* and others, of *St. Isidore de Lauzon*, County of *Dorchester*.

By Mr. *Lacoste*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Sœur St. Paul*, Directress of the Female Academy of *Chambly*.

By Mr. *John Cameron*,—The Petition of the Medical Faculty of the University of *Queen's College*.

By Mr. *Beaubien*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. L. Bélisle*, Curé, and others of the Parish of *St. François*, County of *Montmagny*.

By Mr. *Coullée*,—The Petition of the Reverend *C. Dufour* and others, of the Parish of *St. Zotique*, County of *Soulanges*.

By Mr. *William Scott*,—The Petition of the Trustees of the *Galt County Grammar School*.

By Mr. *Laframboise*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Simon*, County of *Bagot*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Pie*, County of *Bagot*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Rosalie*, County of *Bagot*; and the Petition of the Agricultural Society of the County of *Bagot*.

By Mr. *Hébert*,—The Petition of *Benjamin Gosselin*, Mayor, and others, of the north part of the Township of *Somersel*; the Petition of *François Roberge*, and others of the Township of *Somersel*; two Petitions of the Reverend *Joseph Matté* and others of the Village of *Plessisville*; the Petition of *Edward Bergejon* and others, School Commissioners, and others; the Petition of the Mechanics'

Institute, of the Village of *Plessisville*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Joseph Matté* and others of the Village of *Plessisville*, and of the Parish of *St. Calixte de Somerset*, County of *Megantic*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Harwood*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Vandrevil*; and the Petition of *H. Cartier* and others, of the County of *Vandrevil*.

By Mr. *Connor*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Oxford*; the Petition of *William Stroud* and others, Bailiffs of the County of *Oxford*; and the Petition of *Thomas Hawkins*, Mayor, and others, of the Township of *Tingwick*.

By Mr. *Biggar*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Burford*.

By Mr. *Short*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Peterborough*.

By Mr. *Meagher*,—The Petition of *W. Mucpherson*, Mayor, and others, of the Township of *Port Daniel*, County of *Bonaventure*.

By Mr. *Clarke*,—The Petition of *J. M. Wellington*, and others, of *Brighton* and other Townships; the Petition of *J. A. Gowin* and others, of *Brighton* and other Townships; and the Petition of *William Hespil* and others, of *Brighton* and other Townships.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of *Joseph Leclerc*, Mayor, and others, of the Township of *Warwick*; the Petition of *Joseph Brun*, Mayor, and others, of the Township of *Chester*; and the Petition of *S. Piché*, Mayor, and others, of the Township of *Bulstrode*.

By Mr. *Dunkin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *N. Pelletier*, Curé, and others, of the Village of *Princeville*, County of *Arthabaska*.

By Mr. *Aikins*,—The Petition of the *Brampton* Lodge of Good Templars.

By Mr. *Walker Powell*,—The Petition of the *Keystone* Lodge, *Delhi*.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of the Reverend *D. H. Tétu*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Roch des Aulnets*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of *St. Hyacinthe*.

By Mr. *Holmes*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Carrick*, County of *Bruce*.

By Mr. *Buchanan*,—Four Petitions of *George H. Mills*, Mayor, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the City of *Hamilton*.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, of the 16th March, 1858, for the Account in detail of Mr. *O. Bossé*, Returning Officer, of the Election expenses of the United Counties of *Chicoutimi* and *Saguenay*, also, overcharges deducted from the same, as known to the Auditor.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 25.)

Ordered, That Mr. *Cimon* have leave to bring in a Bill, to amend the Act, to amend the several Acts, to remedy abuses prejudicial to Agriculture.

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 Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Galt*, seconded by Mr. *John Cameron*,

Ordered, That the Quorum of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be reduced to seven Members.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cimon* have leave to bring in a Bill to Amend the Ordinance, to prescribe and regulate the Registering of Titles to lands, tenements and hereditaments, real or immoveable estates, and of charges and incumbrances on the same, and for the alteration and improvement of the Law, in certain particulars in relation to the alienation and hypothecation of real estate, and the rights and interest acquired therein.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Somerville* have leave to bring in a Bill to change the tenure of the *Indian Lands*, in the Township of *Dundee*, in the County of *Huntingdon*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Electoral Law of this Province, to provide for the Registration of the Electors, and for voting by Ballot at the Elections of the Representatives of the People in the Legislative Council and Assembly of this Province.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Somerville* have leave to bring in a Bill to make *Durham* the *chef lieu* of the District of *Beauharnois*.

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 Monday next.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty to congratulate Her on the nuptials of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal with His Royal Highness Prince *Frederick William* of *Prussia*.

Resolved, That a select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Ouimet*, Mr. *Dorion*, and Mr. *William Scott*, be appointed to draw up an Address to Her Majesty upon the said Resolution.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* reported from the said Committee, That they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and the same was read as followeth:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty :

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's faithful subjects, the Commons of *Canada* in Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty with assurances of our continued attachment to Your Royal Person and Government.

We pray Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to receive our warmest congratulations upon the nuptials of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal with His Royal Highness Prince *Frederick William* of *Prussia*.

We trust that an event so gratifying to Your Majesty will be equally conducive to the happiness of Her Royal Highness, and we entreat Your Majesty to believe that the feelings of joy evinced by the Nation at large, are fully participated in by Your Majesty's loyal subjects in *Canada*.

The said Address, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the Address of Congratulation adopted by this House, to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Ordered, That the said Addresses be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

Ordered, That the letter of His Excellency the Governor General, and the Documents accompanying the same relating to the Marriage of Her Royal Highness, and the Medal transmitted therewith, be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses, for the direction of the Library of Parliament.

Resolved, That this House do acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of a Copy of the Record of the Marriage of Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, and the Medal struck in commemoration of the same.

Ordered, That the foregoing Order and Resolution be communicated to His Excellency the Governor General, through the Speaker of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Jobin*, seconded by Mr. *Desaulniers*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to issue his Warrant in favor of *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, the Clerk of this House, for the sum of Fifty thousand dollars, towards paying the Contingent Expenses of this House, and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the same.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Mr. *Jobin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Zaframboise*, and the Question being put, That this House doth concur in the second Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That *Martin Casselman*, Esquire, have leave to absent himself from attendance on this House, until Monday next, in consequence of illness.

Jean Charles Chapais, Esquire, *Robert Bell*, Esquire, *George Benjamin*, Esquire, and *Ignace Gill*, Esquire, being four of the Members appointed by Mr. Speaker to serve on the General Committee of Elections, and not objected to by the House, severally took the following oath:

I swear that I will truly and faithfully, perform the duties belonging to a Member of the General Committee of Elections, to the best of my judgment and ability, without fear or favour.—So help me God.

Mr. Speaker appointed Monday next, at Eleven of the clock in the forenoon, in the General Committee Room, for the first meeting of the General Committee of Elections.

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Gill*,

Ordered, That the corrected Alphabetical List of Members, to serve on Election Committees, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Alexander McLean*, of the Town of *Cornwall*, in the County of *Stormont*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Arthur Rankin*, of the Township of *Sandwich*, in the County of *Essex*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Mr. *Turcotte*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House, the First Report of the said Committee, which was read as followeth:

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find that in each case sufficient notice has been given, viz:—Of *Robert Brampton*, of the City of *Toronto*; of *Harry Chapman*, of the Township of *Bastard*; of *Henry Ruttan*, of *Cobourg*, County of *Northumberland*; of the Provincial Insurance Company of *Toronto*; of *S. Park* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; of *John Supple* and others, Lumber Manufacturers, of the *Ottawa* River and its tributaries, for incorporation of the Board of Lumber Manufacturers, of the *Ottawa* and its tributaries; and of the Church Society of the Diocese of *Huron*.

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and do not consider them to be of such a nature as to require the publication of notice, viz:—Of the Corporation of the Seminary of *Nicolet* and others, members of the Roman Catholic Clergy of *Lower Canada*, for amendments to the Letters Patent, incorporating the said Seminary. Of the Corporation of the College of *L'Assomption*, for the like; and of *Pierre Desautels* and others, for incorporation of the *Canadian* Society of Joiners and Carpenters of *Montreal*.

Your Committee would respectfully represent that the number of members of which the Committee is composed, renders it difficult for them to obtain a quorum for the transaction of business; and they therefore beg leave to recommend that the quorum be reduced to seven.

Ordered, That seven Members do form the quorum of the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dorion* have leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Society of Joiners and Carpenters of *Montreal*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *William Frederick Powell* have leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the *Ottawa* Board of Lumber Manufacturers.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ouimet* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ouimet* have leave to bring in a Bill for the better Protection of Rights of Property in *Lower Canada*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Archambeault* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to the Elections of Members to Parliament, and to prevent fraud and violence in voting at the said Elections.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Langevin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to admission to the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ferguson* have leave to bring in a Bill providing for the repeal of the several Acts, and parts of Acts, authorizing the establishment and maintenance of Separate or Sectarian Schools in *Upper Canada*.

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.

Ordered, That Mr. *Benjamin* have leave to bring in a Bill further to amend the Joint Stock Road Companies Act of *Upper Canada*.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hartman* have leave to bring in a Bill providing for the separation of Cities in *Upper Canada* from Counties, for Judicial purposes.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Price* have leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate, and amend the Game Laws relating to *Lower Canada*, and to provide against further destruction of the eggs of Wild Fowl in that Province, and in the Gulf and River *St. Lawrence*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Rose* have leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Interest of Money.

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 Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill for Abolishing Arrest in Civil Actions in certain cases, and for the better prevention and more effectual punishment of fraud.

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 Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the punishment of frauds committed by Trustees, Bankers, and other persons entrusted with property.

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 Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier* have leave to bring in a Bill further to amend the Judicature Acts of *Lower Canada*.

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 Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of Recorders, Inspectors and Superintendents of Police, Police Magistrates, and other Officers in Criminal matters.

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 Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier* have leave to bring in a Bill to give additional powers to the Trinity House of *Montreal*.

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 Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Loranger* have leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Inspection of Steam Vessels in *Canada*.

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 Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Sidney Smith* have leave to bring a Bill to amend and consolidate the Jury Laws of *Upper Canada*.

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 Tuesday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill respecting the Municipal Institutions of *Upper Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. *Sidney Smith*, Mr. *Benjamin*, Mr. *Hartman*, Mr. *Ferguson*, Mr. *Mowat*, Mr. *Morrison*, Mr. *Connor*, Mr. *Roblin*, Mr. *McKellar*, and Mr. *Carling*, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That all the Petitions relating to the Municipalities of *Upper Canada*, now received, or which may be received during the present Session, be referred to the said Committee.

The Order of the House, of the nineteenth ultimo, for the appearance at the Bar of this House of *R. S. Noël*, Returning Officer at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*; *George Côté*, Deputy Returning Officer for the

Parish of *St. Sylvestre*; *James McCullough*, Poll Clerk of the same Parish; *Lazare Lefèvre*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *Ste. Croix*; *Martin Mullen*, Poll Clerk of the same Parish; *Octave Chavigny de la Chevrotière*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *Lotbinière*; *David Noël*, Poll Clerk of the same Parish; *Alexis Côté*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Giles*; *Moïse Roy*, Poll Clerk of the same Parish; *Thélesphore Lefèvre*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Antoine*; *Firmin Lambert*, Poll Clerk of the same Parish; *Charles Antoine Lemay*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Jean Deschaillons*; *Anatole Baudet*, Poll Clerk of the same Parish; *Lazare Boulanger*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*; and *George Burton*, Poll Clerk of the same Parish, to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on the Poll Books of the said Election, being read,—

The Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House reported, that a copy of the said Order had been served upon the above-named Returning Officer, Deputy Returning Officers, and Poll Clerks, and that Messieurs *R. S. Noël*, *George Côté*, *Lazare Lefèvre*, *Martin Mullen*, *Octave Chavigny de La Chevrotière*, *David Noël*, *Alexis Côté*, *Thélesphore Lefèvre*, *Firmin Lambert*, *Charles Antoine Lemay*, *Lazare Boulanger*, and *George Burton*, were then in attendance, in obedience thereto; and that *James McCullough*, *Moïse Roy*, and *Anatole Baudet*, were not in attendance.

Mr. *R. S. Noël* was then called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

Are not your Christian and surnames *Remi Seraphin Noël*, and did you not act as Returning Officer at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, which began on the 21st December and terminated on the 2nd January last?—My Christian and surnames are *Remi Seraphin Noël*. I acted as Returning Officer at the said Election.

2.—Who were the Candidates at the said Election? Was not one of them your brother?—The Candidates were *John O'Farrell* and *Leon Noël*,—the last named is my brother.

3.—Did you not fix as days for taking the votes, the twenty-ninth and thirtieth December last, and did you not also at first fix the thirty-first December as the day of Proclamation?—I did.

4.—Why did you postpone until the second January last, the Proclamation of the result of the Election?—Because the Poll Books from *St. Giles* and *St. Sylvestre* had not been delivered to me at the day fixed for the Proclamation.

5.—Were the Candidates present when you declared Mr. *O'Farrell*, the Sitting Member, elected for the County of *Lotbinière*?—Mr. *O'Farrell* alone of the Candidates was present.

6.—In recapitulating the votes given for the Candidates, did you include all the votes given for each of them at the different Polling-places, as they were entered in the Poll Book?—Yes, except at the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, where the Poll was closed at number 179 of the votes, I thought it was not my duty to count the votes after that number, in accordance with the oath of the Deputy Returning Officer, who closed the Poll in that Parish at that number.

7.—Did you not deduct 514 votes from the votes entered at *St. Sylvestre*? And did you not count only 180 votes as given at *Ste. Agathe*? State why you so acted?—At the Proclamation I did not strike off a single vote at *St. Sylvestre*; at *Ste. Agathe* I thought it right, as I said before, to strike off the votes after number 179 or 180, in conformity with the oath of the Deputy Returning Officer.

8.—Does not the Document now shown you contain a recapitulation of the votes given, in your handwriting? did you not sign it? and did you not transmit

it, with a report of your proceedings as Returning Officer?

The following is the Document referred to in the Question:—

(Translation.)

["Number of votes given in the County of *Lotbinière* on the 29th and 30th December, 1857:—

	<i>L. Noël.</i>	<i>J. O'Farrell.</i>
" Parish of <i>St. Flavien</i>	39	73
" <i>St. Appollinaire</i>	77	140
" <i>St. Giles</i>	42	79
" <i>Ste. Croix</i>	75	184
" <i>St. Jean</i>	500	....
" <i>Lotbinière</i>	530	21
" <i>St. Sylvestre</i>	21	2234
" <i>St. Antoine</i>	692	49
" <i>Ste. Agathe</i>	29	148
	2015	2938
		2015

" Majority in favor of *J. O'Farrell*..... 923

" *R. S. Noël,*

" Returning Officer."

" Remarks.

" Five hundred and fourteen votes were given over and above those above mentioned in the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*. I was of opinion that I could not include them, as the name of neither Candidate appeared at the top of the pages. At *Ste. Agathe* the votes were only included as far as number 180, in accordance with the oaths of the Returning Officer and his Clerk.

" You will please remark these oaths and also that of the Deputy Returning Officer for *St. Antoine*.

" *R. S. Noël,*

" Returning Officer."]

Answer.—The above document is in my hand-writing. I signed it, and forwarded it with the report of my proceedings as Returning Officer. In this document 514 votes of the number given at *St. Sylvestre* were struck out in the return made to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, because I noticed after the Proclamation, and in copying the Poll Books, that there were a certain number of pages, fifteen, I think, on which the name of neither Candidate appeared.

9.—Did you not compute as having been given for Mr. *O'Farrell*, 2938 votes, and as given for Mr. *Noël*, 2015; leaving a majority of 923, which you declared to be in favor of Mr. *O'Farrell*?—In the document sent to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, I inserted these numbers,—2938 for *O'Farrell*, and 2015 for Mr. *Noël*; but at the Proclamation I declared Mr. *O'Farrell* elected by adding 514 votes.

10.—Did you not also transmit with the return of your proceedings as Returning Officer, the letter dated 11th January, 1858, from *Ste. Croix*, addressed to the Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, now shown you, and are not the contents of this letter in your handwriting?

[The following is the letter referred to in the question:—

(Translation.)

Ste. Croix, 11th January, 1858.

" Sir,—I have the honor to transmit to you Her Majesty's Writ, which you addressed to me, and also the Poll Books of the Election for the County of *Lot-*

binière. I transmit to you at the same time my Oath of Office, and that of my Election Clerk, and also a protest served upon me the day of Proclamation.

"The first meeting was held on the 21st December; the days for voting were the 29th and 30th of the same month, and the Proclamation was to have been made on the 31st at noon; but the Deputy at *St. Sylvestre* did not deliver in his Poll Book on that day. I then fixed the 2nd January instant, for the Proclamation, which took place at noon on that day. I transmit to you herewith a statement of the Polls in this County. You will have the goodness to observe the remarks accompanying that small document. I also take the liberty of addressing to you at the same time my Election Accounts, and those of my Deputies, which I would beg of you to place in the proper hands. If by chance I have forgotten any documents which you may require, be good enough to let me know, and I will make a point of forwarding them forthwith.

"I also annex a copy of the proclamation I had posted to give notice of the Election.

"You will find a number of small leaves attached to the Poll-books; I had, however, sent more pages than would have sufficed to enter the votes in each parish, but it was hardly to be presumed that 2,769 would have been entered in one single Parish.

"I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
" *R. S. Noël*,

"Returning Officer, County of *Lotbinière*.

"*L. R. Fortier*, Esquire,

"Deputy Clerk, Crown in Chancery, *Toronto*."

"The Deputy Returning Officer for *St. Sylvestre* stated to me verbally that he had been obliged to leave the Poll; that he feared for his life; that he had not witnessed the entry of all the votes, and that it was not he who brought down his Poll-book. He begs me to notify you of this. I have thought it right to do so. He told me also that if put on his oath he would make other statements which I am not acquainted with. I think it my duty to give you this information, in conformity with the circular you addressed to me with the writ.

"Furthermore, on examining the different Poll-books you will see that there has been fraud in many places, for to my knowledge the County of *Lotbinière* cannot give more than 2,000 votes, and it has given 4,953. " *R. S. N.*"]

Answer.—I addressed this letter to the Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery; it is in my hand writing, and signed by me.

11.—You state in that letter that the different Poll-books evidence that there was fraud in many places; had you yourself cognizance that frauds were practised? State what these frauds are and by whom they were practised and advised?—I said that there had been frauds in several places upon seeing the number of votes that had been given and knowing to a certain extent the number of voters in each locality; and further, because I found several names of inhabitants of *Ste. Croix* in the Poll-books of *St. Sylvestre*. My own name appears in that book as a voter, and also that of Mr. *O'Farrell*. In *Ste. Agathe* if the names entered in the Poll-books had all been counted, there must of necessity have been fraud: I did not myself see any fraud practised.

12.—Who persuaded or induced you to proclaim the Candidate, if, according to your own shewing, the Poll-books shewed that many electoral frauds had been committed?—Although I was aware of several frauds, as I have already stated, I did not think it my duty to decide as to the validity of these votes, being of opinion that it fell within the province of this Honorable House to decide as to such validity.

13.—What did Mr. *Coté*, the Deputy Returning Officer for *St. Sylvestre*, say to you with reference to the violence and illegalities practised in that parish during

the days of voting?—Mr. *Coté* told me that he had been threatened, and compelled to take votes in *St. Sylvestre*; that they had even broken into the house in which the poll was held; that a part of the ceiling even had been thrown down upon him, and that he had been obliged to leave; that afterwards a large number of votes had been entered in his absence; and that after the closing of the Poll, he went to Mr. *O'Grady*, the *Curé* of the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*; that there the inhabitants of *St. Sylvestre* surrounded the *Presbytère*, and that the *Curé* and Mr. *O'Farrell*, and Mr. *Laurent Paquet*, a magistrate, had told him that he could certify those votes as legal, and that he had nothing to fear. He offered to make a declaration to that effect to me; but as the other Candidate was my brother, I advised him to make a declaration before another magistrate. I did not receive his declaration.

14.—Was Mr. *Coté* present when you proclaimed the Member elected?—Not to my knowledge.

15.—Are the additions at the bottom of the different pages of the Poll-book for *St. Sylvestre*, and of those for *Ste. Agathe* and *St. Antoine de Tilly*, now shewn you, in your hand writing? Is the word "Closed" written opposite the number 180 in the Poll-book for *St. Sylvestre* in your hand writing?—In the *St. Sylvestre* Poll-book several pages were added up by my election clerk, the other pages by myself. The *St. Antoine* Poll-book was added up by myself, with the exception of the recapitulation of the votes. The Poll-books of *St. Agathe* were added up by my election clerk and by myself. The word "Closed" was added by me in the margin upon the declaration of the Deputy Returning Officer when he delivered the Poll-book to me, as a remark to indicate that the votes entered after that word should not be counted by me at the time of the declaration.

By Mr. *Rose*.

16.—It would appear from your statements and the documents shewn to you, that at the Parish of *Ste. Agathe* the Poll was taken possession of by Mr. *O'Farrell's* friends at a quarter to four o'clock, on the 30th, when 180 votes were polled, and that afterwards 538 votes were recorded, almost exclusively for Mr. *O'Farrell*; and that at *St. Antoine de Tilly*, the Poll had been taken possession of by Mr. *Noël's* partizans; at ten o'clock, on the 30th, when 172 votes were polled; and that afterwards 569 votes were polled, almost exclusively for Mr. *Noël*. Is, or is it not, then, the case that violence and irregularity were committed by the partizans of both candidates at these places respectively? and have you any reason to suppose that the one was actuated in consequence of the other? As regards the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, have you any knowledge at what time the Poll was taken forcible possession of by the partizans of Mr. *O'Farrell*; and if so, had many votes been recorded for him after such forcible possession?—From the information received by me, violence was used on both sides at the Polls of *St. Antoine* and *Ste. Agathe*; but both parties gave the conduct of their adversaries as the cause of their using violence. I have no personal knowledge of the taking of the Poll of *St. Sylvestre* by the partizans of Mr. *O'Farrell*: but the Deputy Returning Officer, and many other persons, informed me that the Poll had been kept from the commencement of the voting on the first day by the partizans of Mr. *O'Farrell*.

By Mr. *Dufresne*.

17.—Do you know how many voters there are in the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, and if so, state the number to the best of your knowledge?—I heard it stated on oath by the agent of Mr. *Ross*, Seignior of *St. Sylvestre*, that there were 700 or 800 votes in this Parish, but I cannot give the precise number. Those votes were calculated from the number of properties conceded in that Parish. I am inclined to think that the agent declared there were 800 votes rather than 700. I am myself inclined to think that *St. Sylvestre* could poll 700 votes if all voted.

18.—How many bad votes do you think were entered in the Poll-book of *St. Sylvestre* in favor of Mr. *John O'Farrell*?—I believe there were 2400 bad votes registered.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*.

19.—Do you not think that in view of the frauds apparent on the Poll-books, the declarations of certain Deputy Returning Officers, and knowing the number, or within a fraction of the number, of legal votes in the County of *Lotbinière*, you should have made a special return without proclaiming either of the Candidates? Had you the intention of doing so? and why did you not do so?—I did not see that under the law it would be necessary to make a more detailed special return than that I made, as I showed that frauds had been committed in several places, and that a glance at the Poll-books was quite sufficient to prove it. I thought I could not make a special return without the proclamation, and I did not intend to do so.

By Mr. *Cimon*.

20.—Did the Candidates at the late Election for the County of *Lotbinière* or either of them make you offers or propositions for the success of one or the other Candidate; if so, state what those offers were, and who made them, and for what object?—Before the issuing of the writ I saw Mr. *O'Farrell* at his house. He asked me how much I should derive from an uncontested election, and how much more if the election were contested. I answered that I might get £20 or £25 more, out of which I should have heavy expenses to pay. He then said to me, "if you have me elected without contest I will give you £100." I then asked what would be done should another candidate present himself. He answered that there would be several; that we could go to the poll before the time appointed; that we could advance the clock. I then asked Mr. *O'Farrell* whether he really wanted to corrupt me. He answered, "Oh! I was only joking."

By Mr. *Lemieux*.

21.—Do you know why the Poll-books of *St. Giles* and *St. Sylvestre* were not brought to you in time for the Proclamation, which was fixed for the 13th December last?—I only know by the verbal report of the Deputy Returning Officer, who told me that the Poll-book had been taken from him by Mr. *O'Farrell* at *St. Sylvestre*.

22.—Was Mr. *Noël* positively a Candidate when you appointed the Deputy Returning Officers for the County of *Lotbinière*?—He had not determined at that time to present himself as a Candidate at the Election, for he had accepted the Office of Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Antoine*, and it was only on my return from the journey I had taken to issue the Proclamations and the Commissions to the Deputy Returning Officers, that I learned that he would be a Candidate at the Election.

23.—Did you see Mr. *O'Farrell* between the day of nomination and that appointed for the Proclamation? Where and when? Did he speak to you about the Election? And what did he say?—I saw Mr. *O'Farrell* perhaps eight or ten times at my own house, on the day before and the day of the Proclamation, that is to say, on the first and second January. We talked about Elections. He asked me to examine the Poll Books for *St. Jean* and *Lotbinière*. I told him that I could not give the numbers of the votes before the Proclamation, but that it was reported there were 500 votes in *St. Jean*, and I believed there were 600 in *Lotbinière*. He then told me that he was all right, and had a greater number than the other Candidate, that he knew the number of votes given in the other Parishes.

24.—When did you receive the Poll Books which were wanting at the time appointed for the proclamation? Through whom did you receive them; and who was with the person or persons who delivered them to you? Was Mr.

O'Farrell there? and relate all that was said and done?—The poll books for *St. Sylvestre* were given to me on the 1st January in the evening, by the Deputy Returning Officer, *George Côté*. He was accompanied by *Mr. O'Farrell*, *Bernard Maguire*, *James McCullough*, and a man whose name I was told was *William Johnson*. *Mr. O'Farrell* then said at my house that his Irish supporters in *St. Sylvestre* would come down in great numbers to have him proclaimed elected, being under the impression that the inhabitants of the Parishes on the River would prevent the proclamation. Then a man from *Ste. Croix* who was present, *François Legendre*, made one of my daughters write a letter without my knowledge at the moment, calling on the people of *Lotbinière* to come and meet the people of *St. Sylvestre*. I did not see the letter, either then or afterwards. It was not sent.

25.—Did *Mr. O'Farrell* tell you, before the *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book was delivered to you, that he had made sure that he had a majority of votes in his favor; and that if he had not had a majority, he had, on sheets of paper, a certain number of votes in reserve; and say how many he might have made use of in case of need. If not, relate what he said?—The day before the proclamation, and previous to the receipt of the Poll Book of *St. Sylvestre*, after I had mentioned the report concerning the number of votes enregistered at *St. Jean* and *Lotbinière*, *Mr. O'Farrell* said to me, “I am certain now of a majority, for I am determined to take every possible means to gain my election, and as illegal votes have been enregistered against me, if I had not the majority, I have still more than 3,000 votes which I could put in, but I don't want them.

26.—Had you any conversation with *Mr. O'Farrell* relative to the number of votes entered in his favor? Tell when and where. Did he propose to you to strike out a certain number of votes given in his favor, and state how many, and what reason he assigned for that request?—After I had counted the number of votes at the hustings on the day of proclamation, just as I was proclaiming *Mr. O'Farrell*, he said to me, “Oh, oh, you may strike out 1,000 votes, and I should still have enough.” He said that to me in the presence of the Poll Clerk, and several other persons, a moment before the proclamation.

27.—Is it within your knowledge that, on the day of proclamation, there were persons who had been kept at *Ste. Croix* by *Mr. O'Farrell*, and that they were kept there for several days? Do you know why? and state all you know on that subject?—There were at *Ste. Croix*, to my knowledge, five or six persons, on the day of proclamation, who had come down from *St. Sylvestre* and *Ste. Agathe* with *Mr. O'Farrell* the day before the proclamation, and whom he had caused to come down, he told me, to prevent the Poll Book of *St. Sylvestre* from being stolen. Those persons went away, to the best of my knowledge, the day after the proclamation.

28.—Did you hear *Mr. O'Farrell* say that he should be elected in opposition to any resident of the County of *Lotbinière*, who might present himself as a candidate against him; and that the Parish of *St. Sylvestre* would always furnish him with a majority? Or did you hear him say anything of the kind? State when, and where, and what he did say?—I heard *Mr. O'Farrell* say, in my house, that he had all the votes in *St. Sylvestre*, and that that would always give him a majority. This was during the Election; I cannot say on which day. I do not recollect hearing *Mr. O'Farrell* say that he would be elected in opposition to any resident in the County of *Lotbinière*.

29.—Why were a great number of Special Constables sworn in for the day of Proclamation? and who swore them in?—On the day before the Proclamation, *Mr. O'Farrell* came and made a declaration before me, that he was afraid for his life. He asked me whether I would authorize *Mr. James Thurber*, the Magistrate, to swear in Special Constables. Knowing that there was a great deal of

animosity between the partizans of both sides, I gave permission, and Mr. *Thurber* swore them in.

30.—Is it within your knowledge that places or situations in the gift of the Crown were offered by Mr. *O'Farrell* to the principal and most influential electors of the Parish of *Ste. Croix*, to induce them to give their support to Mr. *O'Farrell* during the last General Election?—Mr. *O'Farrell* himself told me that he had offered the place of Registrar for the County of *Lotbinière* to Mr. *Parant* of *Ste. Croix*, being under the impression that I had intentionally appointed Deputy Returning Officers opposed to him, but that seeing by my explanations (*raisons*) that I had not acted against him, Mr. *Parant* would not get the place.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, to take into his custody *James McCullough*, Poll Clerk of the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, and *Moïse Roy*, Poll Clerk of the Parish of *St. Giles*, at the late Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, for having disobeyed the Order of this House.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Turcotte*, seconded by Mr. *Campbell*,
The House adjourned until Monday next.

Monday, 12th April, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *Joseph Papin*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *L'Assomption*, is objectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *Thomas Scott* and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Grey*, is objectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *Louis Octave Bernier*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Montmorency*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizances to the Petitions of *Leon Noël de Tilly*, Esquire, and of *Edouard Noël de Tilly*, Esquire, and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Lotbinière*, are unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, that the Recognizance to the Petition of *François Evanturel*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Québec*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the *Gore Bank*, on the 31st March, 1858.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (No. 8.)

Also, Report of the "*Institut Catholique Canadien de Notre Dame de la Victoire*," in the County of *Levis*.

For the said Report, see Appendix (No. 12.)

Also, Return from the Registrar of the County of *Victoria*, pursuant to the Act, 16 *Vic.*, cap. 187, sec. 9, for the year 1857.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 5.)

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of the *Canadian Catholic Institute of Notre Dame de la Victoire*.

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—The Petition of *Louis Lacasse*, of the County of *St. Johns*; and the Petition of *Joseph Tremblay*, of the Town of *St. Johns*.

By the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Brooke*.

By Mr. *John Cameron*,—The Petition of *C. Knowlson* and others, of the *Omeme* Division of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Gauvreau*,—The Petition of *Etienne Mayrand* and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup*; the Petition of *F. X. Vaillancourt* and others, of the Township of *Peterborough*, County of *Maskinongé*; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. Boucher*, *Curé*, and others, of *St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup*, and other places.

By Mr. *Connor*,—The Petition of the *Summerville* Temperance Society; the Petition of *Asa Durkee*, Worthy Patriarch, and *Chester Johnson*, Recording Scribe.

By Mr. *Somerville*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. Gariépy*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Anicet*, County of *Huntingdon*.

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Bellechasse*; the Petition of *L. Pepin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Charles*, County of *Bellechasse*; the Petition of the Reverend *N. Gingras*, of *St. Raphael*, County of *Bellechasse*; two Petitions of the Reverend *E. Dufour*, *Curé*, and others, of *St. Lazare*, County of *Bellechasse*; the Petition of the Reverend *P. Pouliot*, *Curé*, and others, of *St. Gervais*, County of *Bellechasse*; two Petitions of the Reverend *Antoine Campeau*, *Curé*, and others, of *St. Etienne de Beaumont*, County of *Bellechasse*; the Petition of *Louis Dallaire* and others, of *St. Raphael*, County of *Bellechasse*; and the Petition of *Louis Chabot* and others, of the Parish of *St. Charles*, County of *Bellechasse*.

By Mr. *Burwell*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*.

By Mr. *Dawson*,—The Petition of the School Commissioners and others, of the City of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Carling*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, of the City of *London*; two Petitions of the Board of Trade of the City of *London*; and the Petition of Messieurs *Adam Hope* and Company, and others, of the City of *London*.

By Mr. *Lacoste*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute of the Canton of *Chambly*.

By Mr. *Panet*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Dunkin*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Guillaume d'Upton*, County of *Drummond*; the Petition of the Mechanics' Institute of the Village of *L'Avenir*, County of *Drummond*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Germain*, County of *Drummond*; and the Petition of *J. L. Héroux* and others, of the Township of *Warwick*.

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of the *Quebec Bank*.

By Mr. *Coutlée*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Polycarpe*, County of *Soulanges*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Ignace du Coteau du Lac*, County of *Soulanges*.

By Mr. *Thibardeau*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Z. Gingras* and others.

By Mr. *Meagher*,—The Petition of *John Smith*, Ferryman across the River *Restigouche*.

By Mr. *Macbeth*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*.

By Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *Henry Taylor*; and the Petition of *W. H. Boulton* and others, Merchants, Bankers and others.

By Mr. *Playfair*,—Two Petitions of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Bathurst* and *South Sherbrooke*, Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*.

By Mr. *Christie*,—The Petition of *James Sharp* and others, of the Township of *South Dumfries*.

By Mr. *Mowat*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Pickering*.

By Mr. *Hébert*,—The Petition of *Joseph Quinn* and others, of the Township of *Broughton*, County of *Megantic*.

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of *W. S. Conger* and others, of the Town of *Peterborough*; the Petition of *Walter Sheridan* and others, of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*; the Petition of *W. B. Hamilton*, Mayor, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Collingwood*; two Petitions of the Town Council of *Collingwood*; the Petition of *Dugald Smith* and others; the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Barrie*; the Petition of *James Shaw* and others, of the County of *Simcoe*; and the Petition of *William Gordon* and others, of the Town of *Whitby*, County of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Dionne*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. Roy, Curé*, and others of *Trois Pistoles*.

By Mr. *Daly*,—The Petition of *P. R. Jarvis* and others, of the Town of *Stratford*.

By Mr. *Bureau*,—The Petition of *Antoine Hamilton* and others, of the Parish of *St. Edouard*.

By Mr. *Tett*,—The Petition of *Harry Chipman*.

By Mr. *Bell*,—The Petition of *A. G. Hall* and others, Trustees of the *Lanark* County Grammar School.

By Mr. *Gill*,—The Petition of the Navigation Company of *Yamaska*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Hugues*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Michel d'Yamaska*, County of *Yamaska*; the Petition of *J. Wurtele* and others, of *Yamaska*, and other Counties; the Petition of the Reverend *Joseph Duguay* and others, of *St. Antoine de la Baie*, County of *Yamaska*; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. Paradis* and others, of the County of *Yamaska*, South West of the River *St. Francis*.

By Mr. *McCann*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Alfred*.

By Mr. *Dorion*,—The Petition of the Medical Institute, and School of Medicine and Surgery of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Patrick*,—The Petition of the *Augusta* Lodge, No. 56, of the Independent Order of Grand Templars.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of *D. Stewart* and others, of the Township of *Esquesing*, County of *Halton*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *La Banque du Peuple*; praying for certain amendments to their Acts of Incorporation.

Of *Edward DeCew* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; of *Alexander Mitchell* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; of *Samuel Sutor* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; of *John Heasman* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; of *William Robinson* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; of *Thomas Erbank* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; of *J. Lister* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; of *W. T. Burk*, Chairman, on behalf of a

Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Canboro'*; of *Duncan McPhee* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; of *R. Martin*, Chairman, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the County of *Haldimand*; and of *J. Stewart* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; praying for the passing of an Act incorporating a Company to construct a Railway from *Niagara River*, within the limits of the Town of *Clifton*, to some point on the *Detroit River*.

Of *John Montgomery*, of the Township of *York*, Innkeeper; alleging that the Queen's Forces took possession of his extensive hotel and offices, on *Yonge Street*, near *Toronto*, on December 7th, 1837, and burned them to the ground, after the rebels were defeated, and had retired; and praying for remuneration for losses thereby sustained.

Of the Reverend *Antoine Campeau* and others, of *St. Etienne de Beaumont*; of the Reverend *P. Pouliot* and others, of the Parish of *St. Gervais*; of *C. Fournier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Charles*, County of *Bellechasse*; of the Reverend *E. Dufour*, Curé, and others, of *St. Lazare*; of the Reverend *J. B. Perras* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Deschaillons*, County of *Lotbinière*; of the Reverend *F. Morisset* and others, of the Parish of *St. Fidèle*, County of *Charlevoix*; of *André Labbé* and others, of the Parish of *St. Urbain*; of *John H. Slevin* and others, of the Parish of *St. François Xavier de la Petite Rivière*; of the Reverend *Joseph Laqueux*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Agnès*, County of *Charlevoix*; of the Reverend *J. B. Pelletier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de l'Isle aux Coudres*; of the Reverend *A. Beaudry*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*, County of *Charlevoix*; of the Reverend *C. Trudelle* and others, of the Parish of *La Baie St. Paul*, County of *Charlevoix*; of the Reverend *J. Bourassa* and others, of the Parish of *St. Bernard*, County of *Dorchester*; of the Reverend *P. Bêland*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de Tilly*; of *Antoine Laberge* and others, of the Parish of *L'Ange Gardien*; of the Reverend *T. Destroismaisons*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. François*, Island of *Orleans*; of the Reverend *A. Gosselin*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean*, Island of *Orleans*; of *J. Chabot*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. Laurent*, Island of *Orleans*; of the Reverend *N. Guertin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Casimir*; of the Reverend *Z. Gingras* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Baptiste des Ecureuils*; of the Reverend *P. L. Lahaye* and others, of the Parish of *Cap Santé*; of the Reverend *L. E. Parent*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Pointe aux Trembles*; of the Reverend *L. T. Bernard*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Claire de Joliette*, County of *Dorchester*; of the Reverend *B. Robin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Flavien*; of the Reverend *J. A. DeGaspé* and others, of the Parish of *St. Apollinaire*, County of *Lotbinière*; of the Reverend *L. A. Bourret*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne de la Pocatière*; of the Reverend *Charles Bégin*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Rivière Ouëlle*; of the Reverend *N. Hébert*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*; of the Reverend *L. A. Martel* and others, of the Parish of *St. Paschal de Kamouraska*; of the Reverend *J. Doucet*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Hélène*, County of *Kamouraska*; of the Reverend *E. Faucher* and others, of the Parish of *Lotbinière*; of *P. Fournier* and others, of the Parish of *Notre Dame des Neiges de Trois Pistoles*; of the Reverend *O. Hébert* and others, of the Parish of *St. Arsène de Kacouma*, County of *Temiscouata*; of the Reverend *E. P. Dion*, Curé, and others, of the Parishes of *St. Modeste* and *St. Antoine*, County of *Temiscouata*; of the Reverend *J. C. Cloutier* and others, of the Parish of *St. George de Kacouma*, County of *Temiscouata*; of the Reverend *Jean Langevin*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Beauport*; of the Reverend *P. Huot*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Foye*; of the Reverend *G. H. Besserer* and others, of the Parish of *La Ste. Famille*, Island of *Orleans*; of the Reverend

Joseph Hudon, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Notre Dame de Hébertville*, County of *Chicoutimi*; of the Reverend *L. L. Belisle*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. François*, County of *Montmagny*; of the Reverend *Joseph Matte* and others, of the Village of *Plessisville*, and of the Parish of *St. Caliste de Somerset*, County of *Megantic*; and of the Reverend *D. H. Tetu*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Roch des Aulnets*; representing that for some years past, and more especially at the last General Election of Members for the Legislative Assembly, numerous frauds and acts of violence have been committed, and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent a recurrence of the same.

Of the Literary Institute of the Parish of *St. Michel*, County of *Bellechasse*; praying for aid.

Of the Reverend *A. Beaudry*, Curé, and others, of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*; praying aid to erect a Bridge across the *Rivière St. Etienne de la Malbaie*.

Of the Reverend *A. Beaudry*, Curé, and others, of *La Malbaie* and other Parishes, County of *Charlevoix*; praying that the Registry Office may be removed to the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*.

Of *Magloire Bouchard* and others, of the Parish of *La Baie St. Paul*, County of *Charlevoix*; praying for certain amendments to the Agricultural Act of *Lower Canada*.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Quebec*; praying for certain amendments to their Acts of Incorporation.

Of *J. Kelly* and others, of the Township of *Frampton*; praying aid for roads.

Of *Jean Tremblay* and others, of the Township of *Frampton*; complaining of certain grievances, and praying relief.

Of *Donald Fraser* and others, of the Township of *Dundee*, County of *Huntingdon*; praying that the Village of *Durham* may be made the chief place of the County of *Beauharnois*, and also that the Office of School Inspector may be abolished.

Of the Reverend *Jean Langevin*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Beauport*; praying that from the 1st May next, the power to grant licenses to keep Taverns, or to sell spirituous liquors, may be transferred from the County Council, to the Parish or Village Municipal Council.

Of *E. E. Macdonald* and others, of the Township of *Dundee*, County of *Huntingdon*; praying for the passing of an Act legalizing the leases of certain lands in the Township of *Dundee*, made by the Indians of the Tribe of *St. Regis*, and authorizing them to receive a fixed sum for the same, payable in five years.

Of the *Franklin Mechanics' Institute* and Library Association; praying for aid.

Of the Reverend *G. S. Derome* and others; of *R. C. Weillbreiner*, M.D., and others, of *Boucherville*; of *G. Jobin*, Mayor, and others; of the Reverend *G. H. Besserer* and others, of the Parish of *La Ste. Famille*, Island of *Orleans*; of *Louis Lami* and others, of *St. Sévere*; and of the Reverend *Joseph Matte* and others, of the Village of *Plessisville*; praying that the legal rate of interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of the Reverend *P. J. Bédard* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Basile* and *St. Raymond*, County of *Portneuf*; praying aid for Roads and Bridges.

Of *George Read* and others, of the Township of *Otonabee*, County of *Peterborough*; of *J. Foley* and others, of the Township of *Asphodel*, County of *Peterborough*; and of *Richard Hughes* and others, of the County of *Victoria*; praying that an examination may be made to determine the most favorable route for a Ship Canal to unite the waters of Lakes *Huron* and *Ontario*.

Of the Board of Trade of the City of *Hamilton*; and of *Morris C. Lutz*, Mayor and others, of the Town of *Galt*; praying that the Law of Arrest and Imprisonment for Debt may be abolished.

Of the *Canadian Institute*, of the Parish of *St. Ambroise de Kildare*; praying for aid.

Of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association, of the Village of *Ste. Elizabeth*, County of *Joliette*; praying for aid.

Of *John Mc Vey*, of the Township of *Sherrington*, County of *Napierville*; praying that a grant of land out of the Domain of the Crown, may be accorded to the heirs of the late *John Mc Vey*, Sergeant of the 104th Regiment, for his services during the last war with the *United States*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Cox*, County of *Bonaventure*; praying that a Bounty may be granted for the encouragement of the Fisheries in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*.

Of the Municipality of *New Richmond*, County of *Bonaventure*; praying aid to erect a Bridge across the Grand River *Cascapedia*, and one across the *Petite Rivière Cascapedia*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Cox*, County of *Bonaventure*; praying aid for a Road.

Of the *Port Dover* Mechanics' Institute; praying for aid.

Of the Mechanics' *Canadian* Institute, Library and Reading Room of the Village of *Longueuil*; praying for aid.

Of the Mechanics' *Canadian* Institute, Library and Reading Room of *Boucherville*; praying for aid.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Townsend*, County of *Norfolk*; praying that an Act may be passed incorporating the Great Southern Railroad Company.

Of the Great Western Railway Company; praying for power to increase their Capital Stock.

Of the *Quebec* Board of Trade; praying that measures may be adopted to forward the construction of a Railroad from *Woodstock*, in *New Brunswick*, to the *St. Lawrence*.

Of the *Quebec* Board of Trade; praying for the passing of an Act to provide for the management and improvement of the Harbor of *Quebec* by the appointment of Harbor Commissioners.

Of the *Quebec* Board of Trade; praying for certain amendments to the Tariff duties on Imports.

Of the Reverend *Andrew Balfour*; praying for certain amendments to the law for the re-registration of Acts of Marriage, Baptism, and Burial.

Of the Town Council of *Dundas*; of the Town Council of the Town of *Owen Sound*; and of the Town Council of the Town of *Peterborough*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal and Assessment Acts of *Upper Canada*.

Of *William Cosgrove* and others, of the County of *Kent*; praying that steps may be taken for the construction of a Light House at *Rond earu* Harbor.

Of the *Drummondville* Library Association and Mechanics' Institute; praying for aid.

Of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of *Bécancour*; praying for aid.

Of the *Sydenham* Institute and Library Association in and for the Municipality of *Kingsey*; praying for aid.

Of the Medical Faculty of *McGill* College; praying for aid.

Of the Municipality of *Calumette* Island, County of *Pontiac*; praying for aid to open out a road in the said County.

Of the Directors of the Academy at *Clarendon Centre*, County of *Pontiac*; praying for aid.

Of *A. McNab* and others, of the Village of *Southampton*, County of *Bruce*; praying for the passing of an Act incorporating the Village of *Southampton*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Brant*; praying that the prayer of the Provisional Municipal Council of *Bruce* may be granted.

Of *Flavien Vallerand*, of the City of *Toronto*; praying compensation for his services as Clerk of the Council of the late Municipal District of *Richelieu*.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade; and of *Morris C. Lutz*, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Galt*; praying for the repeal of the Usury Laws.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade; praying for the passing of an Act providing for the assumption by the Province, of the debt and interest incurred by the Harbor Commissioners of *Montreal* in deepening Lake *St. Peter*.

Of Messieurs *Bridge, Lewis & Co.* and others; praying that the *Welland* Canal may be enlarged.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Lincoln*; praying that the expenses of the administration of justice, and also the payment of jurors, may be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Of *D. Matheson* and others, of the Village of *Embro*, Township of *Zorra*, County of *Oxford*; praying that the said Village may be incorporated.

Of the Reverend *Thomas Wightman* and others, of *Innisfil*, County of *Simcoe*, in connection with the Presbyterian Church in *Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act for the better observance of the Lord's Day.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Drummond*; and of the Municipal Council of the County of *Oxford*; praying for certain amendments to the new Municipal Bill.

Of *B. Fitzpatrick* and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts of the County of *Frontenac*; and of *William Stroud* and others, Bailiffs of the County of *Oxford*; praying that the Tariff of Fees at present allowed them may be increased.

Of the Reverend *S. Belleau* and others, of the County of *Lotbinière*; praying aid for the construction of a wharf in the Parish of *Ste. Croix*.

Of *James Campbell*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, County of *Lotbinière*; praying for aid to repair the *Gosford* Road.

Of the Reverend *L. A. Martel* and others, of the Parish of *St. Paschal de Kamouraska*; praying aid for a Road in the Township of *Woodbridge*.

Of *P. Fournier* and others, of the Parish of *Trois Pistoles*, County of *Temiscouata*; praying aid to complete the Road from the said Parish to the Township of *Bégon*.

Of the *Quebec* Infant School: praying for aid.

Of the Corporation of the *Finlay* Asylum at *Quebec*; praying for aid.

Of the *British and Canadian* School Society of *Quebec*; praying for aid.

Of the *Canadian* Institute of the Parish of *St. Alphonse*; praying for aid.

Of the Reverend *G. H. Besserer* and others, of the Parish of *La Ste. Famille*, Island of *Orleans*; praying aid for a Female Academy in the said Parish.

Of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of *Ste. Rose de Lima*, County of *Laval*; praying for aid.

Of the Reverend Father *Louis Babel* and others, of the County of *Saguenay*; praying that the said County of *Saguenay* may be annexed to the County of *Charlevoix* for Registration purposes.

Of the Reverend Father *Louis Babel* and others, of the County of *Saguenay*; praying aid for a Road.

Of the Reverend *Joseph Hudon, Curé*, and others, of *Kinogomi* and other Townships; praying aid for Roads.

Of the Reverend *F. A. Oliva* and others, of the Townships of *Cap Rosier* and *Fox*; praying aid for a road.

Of *Robert Blain* and others, of the County of *Chicoutimi*; praying aid for a road.

Of the Reverend *L. A. Casgrain, Curé*, and others, of the Township of *LaTerrière*, County of *Chicoutimi*; praying aid for Roads and Bridges.

Of the Reverend *J. B. Gagnon* and others, of the County of *Chicoutimi*;

praying that the County of *Chicoutimi* may be erected into a separate Judicial District.

Of *Joseph Gaudet* and others, of the Township of *Maddington*, District of *Three Rivers*; praying that the north part of *Maddington* may be annexed to the County of *Nicolet*.

Of the Reverend *L. T. Bernard, Curé*, and others, of *Ste. Claire de Joliette*; of the Reverend *Joseph Bourassa* and others, of the Parish of *St. Bernard*, County of *Dorchester*; of the Reverend *E. C. Poiré, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Anselme de Lauzon*, County of *Dorchester*; of the Reverend *Charles Beaumont, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Hénédine*, County of *Dorchester*; and of the Reverend *L. Poulins* and others, of *St. Isidore de Lauzon*, County of *Dorchester*; praying for the Repeal of Act, 16 Vic., cap. 80, for the modification of the Usury Laws.

Of the Reverend *L. T. Bernard, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Claire de Joliette*; of the Reverend *Joseph Bourassa, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Bernard*, County of *Dorchester*; of the Reverend *L. Rousseau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Malachie*, County of *Dorchester*; of the Reverend *Charles Beaumont, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Hénédine*, County of *Dorchester*; of the Reverend *C. E. Poiré, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Anselme de Lauzon*, County of *Dorchester*; of the Reverend *E. Hallé, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marguerite*, County of *Dorchester*; and of *Louis Fréchette*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. Isidore de Lauzon*, County of *Dorchester*; praying that the County of *Dorchester* may be separated from the County of *Beauce*, and annexed to the District of *Québec*, for Judicial purposes.

Of the Reverend *Sœur St. Paul*, Directress of the Female Academy of *Chambly*; praying aid for the said Academy.

Of *Edouard Bergeron* and others, School Commissioners and others; praying for the passing of an Act declaring the Valuation and Assessment Roll of the School District of *St. Ferdinand d'Halifax*, for the years 1856, 1857, and 1858, good and valid.

Of *James Brown*, Mayor of the Municipality of *St. Patrick de Rawdon*; praying for the passing of an Act declaring the Valuation Roll for the year 1855, and the Assessment Roll for the year 1856, of the said Municipality, good and valid.

Of the Medical Faculty of the University of Queen's College; praying that their annual grant may be increased.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Simon*, County of *Bagot*; of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Pie*, County of *Bagot*; of the Municipality of the Parish of *Ste. Rosalie*, County of *Bagot*; and of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying for aid to improve the navigation of the River *Yamaska*.

Of the Agricultural Society of the County of *Bagot*; praying for aid.

Of *Benjamin Gosselin*, Mayor and others, of the north part of the Township of *Somerset*; praying that the County of *Drummond* may be separated from the Judicial District of *Arthabaska*, and that the Counties of *Megantic* and *Arthabaska* may be formed into a separate Judicial District, and that North *Somerset* may be the chief place thereof.

Of the Mechanics' Institute of the Village of *Plessisville*; praying for aid.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Vaudreuil*; and of *H. Cartier* and others, of the County of *Vaudreuil*; praying for certain amendments to the Registry Laws of *Lower Canada*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Oxford*; praying for certain changes in the Jury Laws of *Upper Canada*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Burford*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Laws of *Upper Canada*.

Of *W. McPherson*, Mayor, and others, of the Township of *Port Daniel*, County of *Bonaventure*; praying for aid to construct a bridge over the Great *Port Daniel* River, in the said County.

Of *J. M. Wellington* and others, of *Brighton* and other Townships; of *J. A. Gouin* and others of *Brighton* and other Townships; and of *William Heslip* and others, of *Brighton* and other Townships; praying for an Act of Incorporation to construct a Railroad from the waters of *Presqu' Isle* Bay to the Iron Works in the Township of *Marmora*.

Of the Trustees of the *Galt* County Grammar School; and of *J. M. Crawford* and others, Trustees of the *Vienna* Grammar School and others; praying that the Grammar Schools of *Upper Canada* may receive additional legislative aid.

Of *Thomas Hawkins*, Mayor, and others, of the Township of *Tingwick*; of *Joseph Leclerc*, Mayor, and others, of the Township of *Warwick*; of *Joseph Brun*, Mayor, and others, of the Township of *Chester*; and of *S. Piché*, Mayor, and others, of the Township of *Bulstrode*; praying that *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska* may remain the chief place of the Judicial District of *Arthabaska*.

Of the Reverend *N. Pelletier*, Curé, and others of the Village of *Princeville*, County of *Arthabaska*; praying aid for an Academy in the said Village.

Of the *Brampton* Lodge of Good Templars; and of the *Keystone* Lodge, *Delhi*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Carrick*, County of *Bruce*; praying that the prayer of the Petition of the Provisional Council of the County of *Bruce* may not be granted.

Of *George H. Mills*, Mayor, on behalf of a public meeting of the inhabitants of the City of *Hamilton*; praying that the rate of interest in this Province may be fixed at seven per cent. per annum.

Of *George H. Mills*, Mayor, on behalf of a public meeting of the inhabitants of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for certain amendments to the law of Arrest and Imprisonment for Debt.

Of *John Shepherd*, Reeve, and others, of the Township of *Caistor*; praying for the passing of an Act declaring the line drawn by *Andrew Hood* to be the true southern boundary of Lots in the second concession, Township of *Caistor*.

Of the *Toronto Magdalen* Asylum and Industrial House of Refuge; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of *C. L. Armstrong* and others; praying for certain amendments to the Act 20 *Vic.*, cap. 34, relating to the security of the lives of passengers on Board Steam Vessels.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Joliette*; praying for certain amendments to the Usury Laws.

Of *Miles Coleman* and others; of *R. R. Strobridge* and others, of the County of *Brant*; of *Henry Gammond* and others; of *M. W. Pruyn*, Mayor, and others, of the County of *Brant*; and of *William Lines* and others, of the County of *Brant*; praying that the Act 14 *Vic.*, cap. 74, and 20 *Vic.*, cap. 26, for the protection of the Indians in *Upper Canada* from imposition, may be repealed.

Of the Reverend *Joseph Matte*, Curé, and others, of the Village of *Plessisville*; praying that the said Village may be made the chief place of the Judicial District of *Arthabaska*.

Of *George H. Mills*, Mayor, on behalf of a public meeting of the inhabitants of the City of *Hamilton*; praying that an inquiry may be made into the nature and effect of the existing laws by which our commercial system is regulated.

Of *George H. Mills*, Mayor, on behalf of a public meeting of the inhabitants of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for the passing of an Act with reference to Insolvent Debtors.

Of *James Farmer* and others, of *Melancthon* and other Townships; praying that the mileage for service at present allowed to the Bailiffs of *Upper Canada*, may be reduced.

Of *François Roberge* and others, of the Township of *Somerset*; representing that many of them have settled on waste lands and made improvements on them, believing them to belong to the Crown, but that they are the property of individuals who now claim a high price for them, and praying for the passing of an Act to afford them protection.

Of *Louis Foisy* and others, of the Parish of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*; praying that the chief place of the Judicial District of *Arthabaska*, may be fixed in the Village of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*.

Of the Reverend *C. Dufour* and others, of the Parish of *St. Zotique*, County of *Soulanges*; representing that their lands are inundated by the erection of a dam at the Head of the *Beauharnois* Canal, and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent it.

Of *Joseph Gaudet* and others, of the Township of *Maddington*, District of *Three Rivers*; praying that they may be allowed to cut and fell timber on the lands they occupy, and also that the price of the said lands may be reduced.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph K. Dean*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, Gentleman, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said City, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Boyd*, of the Town of *Simcoe*, Iron Founder; and *John A. Asford*, of the Township of *Woodhouse*, Farmer, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Norfolk*, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Robert R. Smith*, of the Township of *Bromley*, in the County of *Renfrew*, Esquire, and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John J. C. Abbott*, of the City of *Montreal*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Léon Noël de Tilly*, Co-Seignior of the Parish of *St. Antoine de Tilly*, in the County of *Lotbinière*; and the Petition of *Edouard Noël de Tilly* and others, of *St. Antoine de Tilly*, County of *Lotbinière*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Charles François Fournier*, Esquire, of the Parish of *St. Jean Port Joli*, County of *L'Islet*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *François Evanturel*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Quebec*, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Marc Aurèle Plamondon*, Esquire, Advocate, and others, of the City of *Quebec*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said City, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Alexander Drysdale*, of the Township of *Garrafraxa*, County of *Wellington*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for said County, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Louis Octave Bernier*, Esquire, of the Parish of *Chateau Richer*, District of *Quebec*, Notary, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Montmorency*, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Mr. *Benjamin* reported from the General Committee of Elections, that they had selected the following eight Members to be the Chairman's Panel, and to serve as Chairmen of Election Committees for the present Session:—*Michael Hamilton Foley*, Esquire; *Angus Morrison*, Esquire; the Honorable *François Lemieux*; *Oliver Morvat*, Esquire; *Dunbar Ross*, Esquire; *George Sherwood*, Esquire; *Joseph Edouard Turcotte*, Esquire; and the Honorable *Timothy Lee Terrill*.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the table.

Mr. *Benjamin* reported from the General Committee of Elections that they had divided into three Panels the list of Members to serve on Election Committees.

Whereupon the Clerk decided by lot, at the table, the order of the said Panels, and distinguished each of them by a number, denoting the order in which they were respectively drawn, as follows:—Panel C No. 1; A No. 2; and B No. 3.

Ordered, That the said Panels be printed.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ouimet*, and the Question being put, That the Honorable *Louis Victor Sicotte* having stated, that it would prevent him from attending to his official duties as Commissioner of Crown Lands, if he were obliged to sit as a member of a Select Election Committee, he be excused from serving upon any Select Election Committee during the present Session.

The House divided; and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 16th ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, a Return shewing the amount of the defalcation or default of *Thomas Baines*, late Agent for Public Land Sales in *York County*; what steps have been taken to recover the amount of said default or embezzlement, whether any false or fraudulent Returns were made to any Department of Government by said Agent, as regards moneys by him received, or lands leased or sold, together with such information and reports in the power of the Crown Land Department to give, as may enable the House fully to understand the proceedings taken by, or on behalf of, or concerning said defaulter, or others said to have been concerned with him.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 22.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 15th ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House copies of all correspondence relating to the murder of *John Farrell*, at *Alma*, County of *Wellington*, and of all communications to the Provincial Government concerning subsequent disturbances at the Village of *Arthur*, and elsewhere, in the same County, growing out of that occurrence.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 26.)

Ordered, That the Quorum of the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines be reduced to nine Members.

On motion of Mr. *Talbot*, seconded by Mr. *Macbeth*,

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to allow Verdicts on Trials by Jury in Civil Causes to be returned, although the Jury may not be unanimous," be now read the first-time.

The Bill was accordingly read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Quorum of the Standing Committee on Printing be reduced to seven Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the North Riding of *Leeds* and *Grenville*, in the room of *Basil Rorison Church*, Esquire, deceased.

Ordered, That Mr. *Foley* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Church Society of the Diocese of *Huron*, and for other purposes therewith connected.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Langevin* have leave to bring in a Bill to reserve to the Municipal Councils of Parishes or Townships only, the right of granting Licenses for keeping Taverns and Houses of Public Entertainment, and for the sale by retail of spirituous liquors.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hartman* be excused from serving on Select Election Committees during the present Session in consequence of feeble health.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mowat* have leave to bring in a Bill to vest in *Robert Brampton* certain rights derived from *William Cooke*, the Patentee under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, of certain improvements in ventilation.

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 Thursday next.

The Order of the House being read, for the attendance at the Bar, of the witnesses to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on the Poll Book for the Township of *Cambridge*, at the last Election for the County of *Russell*.

And the House being informed that—

James Keays, Esquire, was in attendance, he was called in, and further examined at the Bar, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Patrick*.

92.—Have you and Mr. *Fellowes* been closely connected in business transactions, and did you electioneer in his behalf? When Mr. *Fellowes* was in *Russell* a few days since, did he lodge at your place, and did he meet Mr. *Casselman* and *C. M. Chrysler*, the Deputy Returning Officer, there?—We never had any transactions until last Saturday, when we bought a lot of land. I have always electioneered in his behalf previously to receiving the writ. Mr. *Fellowes* has always lodged with me for the last seven or eight years. Mr. *Casselman*, Mr. *G. M. Chrysler* and Mr. *Fellowes* met at my place about three weeks ago.

93.—In a former answer you have stated you sent the Poll-books to *Cambridge* on Tuesday preceding the Election, and if so by whom? What distance is the polling place in *Cambridge* from your residence?—I am not positive, but I think it was Tuesday, it was sent by a person named *Jeremiah Laflamme*. I do not know that the distance has ever been measured, but I should suppose it is about 15 or 16 miles, but I am not positive.

94.—You have said this party did not understand the instructions you gave him; how came you to employ an incompetent person?—I did not think him incompetent. He told me afterwards that he had not understood me. There was no road to that place, and it was difficult to get any one to take the Poll-book; but he lived in the Township of *Cambridge*.

95.—Did you send instructions to the Deputy Returning Officer of the Township of *Cambridge*? If so, what were they? where were they sent? and by whom? and were they received?—I sent the instructions required by the Act, and my Warrant to him as Deputy: I sent them before the Poll-book was sent on the day of nomination; I think they were received; I sent them by Mr. *Fellowes*.

96.—Did you lend *George M. Cryslar*, the Deputy Returning Officer of *Cambridge*, any money, in order that he might attend at the Bar of this House? Do you know that any other person lent him money for the same purpose?—I advanced him some money upon his fee as Deputy Returning Officer. Mr. *Fellowes* told me that he had sent him money yesterday to enable him to come up.

By Mr. *Fellowes*.

97.—When *John Loux* called on you for a copy of the Poll-book, who was with him, and where was the paper got on which the copy given *Loux* was made?—*Adam J. Baker* was with him. I think I had no paper in my shop at the time, and it was bought at *Craig's*. Mr. *Loux* did not come to look for the copy; he came to see the Poll-book. Mr. *Baker* came alone for the copy.

98.—When you sent the Warrant and papers by Mr. *Fellowes*, had you the Poll-books then prepared, and did you go to any place to get them made?—They were not then prepared. I went to *Ottawa* on the same day, that is the day of nomination, to get them prepared.

99.—How came you to send the Warrants and papers by Mr. *Fellowes*, or know that he was going? Did Mr. *Loux* go to *Cambridge* at the same time?—Mr. *Fellowes* told me he was going to *Cambridge*. I think I heard Mr. *Fellowes* say that he met Mr. *Loux* on the ice somewhere in *Cambridge*.

100.—When Mr. *Cryslar*, Mr. *Casselman*, and Mr. *Fellowes* met at your house, was it not in consequence of Mr. *Fellowes* sending them word that they were ordered to attend, and that he wished them to be punctual in attending?—He sent word to Mr. *Casselman* to inform Mr. *Cryslar* that they were ordered up to the House of Assembly forthwith; I heard him tell them both to attend.

101.—Did not Mr. *Casselman* and Mr. *Cryslar* go to see Mr. *Fellowes* at your house to know what it was about, as they had then received no notice or summons?—They both said they had not received their summonses. I had then received mine by mail.

102.—Don't you know that Mr. *Cryslar* is a very poor man with a large family and unable to bear the expenses of attending, going to and returning from *Toronto*?—I believe him to be a very poor man, he told me he had eight children; I do not think he is able to bear the expense of attending at *Toronto*, and going to and returning therefrom,

And then he was directed to withdraw.

And the House being informed that *Martin Casselman*, Esquire, was in attendance, he was called in, and at the Bar, examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Patrick*.

103.—Did you represent Mr. *Fellowes* at the Poll for the Township of *Cam-*

bridge at the last Election? Is your residence in that Township, and are you one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the County of *Russell*?—I represented Mr. *Fellowes* at the said Poll—my residence is in that Township, and I am one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Russell*.

104.—Is it the case that on the first day there were only about 30 votes enregistered at the said Poll? if not what was the number enregistered, or if you cannot say exactly, about what number were recorded?—I cannot remember the exact number recorded on the first day, I think it was between 40 and 70.

105.—How many votes had been polled up to about four o'clock on the second day, when Mr. *John Cameron*, Mr. *Loux's* Agent, left the Poll?—I do not know.

106.—Who were the Deputy Returning Officer and the Poll Clerk at the said Poll in the Township of *Cambridge*, and who it is that recorded the votes as they were given, up to the time that Mr. *John Cameron* left the Poll?—*George M. Cryster* was the Deputy Returning Officer, and *John Saxon Casselman* was the Poll Clerk; it was Mr. *J. S. Casselman*, the Poll Clerk, who recorded the votes.

107.—For how long a period have you resided in *Cambridge*? Are you Reeve of that Township and well acquainted with its inhabitants? State at what period it had a sufficient population to entitle it to become a Township Municipality, and what number of voters are there, or how many do you think there are?—I have resided 14 years in that Township; I am Reeve of the Township; I am not acquainted with many of its inhabitants; it had a sufficient population three years ago, but all were not assessed, consequently we did not become a Municipality so soon as we were in justice entitled to; I have no means of knowing accurately the number of voters in the Township; my opinion is, that there are between 100 and 200.

108.—Examine the Poll-book now exhibited to you, and state if that is the Poll-book in which the votes were recorded at the Poll in the Township of *Cambridge* on the first polling day; and also on the second?—It is the Poll-book.

109.—Were you not the person who took the Poll-book to the Returning Officer in *Russell*, and were you not then accompanied by Mr. *Fellowes*?—The Poll-book was delivered to me on the last day of the Election a few minutes after five by the Deputy Returning Officer, and I took it to *Russell*. I was in my own sleigh with Mr. *Casselman*. Mr. *Fellowes* had a sleigh of his own.

110.—When you received this Poll-book were the certificates under oath of the Deputy Returning Officer and of the Poll Clerk annexed to it, and who annexed said certificates?—They were not annexed to it, they were written out and sworn to before me, and then I locked up the Poll-book in my desk; it was Mr. *Cryster*, the Deputy Returning Officer, who annexed the certificates.

111.—Were any alterations or additions made to the Poll-book after you had received it from the Deputy Returning Officer and before you finally delivered it to the Returning Officer?—There were no alterations or additions, as I was present from the time the Deputy Returning Officer brought it to my house and laid it on the table. He then wrote out the certificates and affidavits and I swore them, and took possession of the book and locked it up.

112.—When were the certificates of the Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk annexed to the Poll-book?—Shortly after it was brought in.

113.—Were these certificates annexed by or in the presence of the Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk?—They were annexed by the Deputy Returning Officer in presence of the Poll Clerk and myself.

114.—Where are the Poll Clerk and the Deputy Returning Officer now residing? and when did you last see them or either of them?—The Deputy Returning Officer resides in the Township of *Finch*, County of *Stormont*. The Poll Clerk is in the State of *New York*. I saw the Deputy Returning Officer about three weeks ago, when he and I went to *Russell* to see Mr. *Fellowes*.

115.—Did you not take the Poll Book to the Returning Officer, Mr. *Keays*, and

if so, state on what day, at what hour, and by whom you were accompanied when you delivered it?—I took the Poll Book to Mr. *Keays* on the Tuesday evening after the Election about half an hour after dark, accompanied by Mrs. *Casselman*. Mr. *Fellowes* had a horse and sleigh of his own. When I took it into the house I was not accompanied by any one. I left Mrs. *Casselman* in the sleigh holding the reins, took the book in and laid it on the center table of Mr. *Keays*' sitting-room. He was not in at the time. I then went out and met him a short distance from the house, turned immediately back, and delivered the book to him in the house.

116.—Was the Poll Book sealed when you delivered it to the Returning Officer, and if so, when and by whom had it been sealed?—It was sealed by the Deputy Returning Officer when I took possession of it.

117.—Is not *John S. Casselman*, who was Poll Clerk at *Cambridge*, your son, and if so, what is his age, and why has he not appeared at the Bar of this House?—He is my son; his age, I think, is eighteen. The reason why he has not appeared at the Bar of this House is, that he has been at school since the holidays.

118.—Where is he at school?—At *Waddington*, in the State of *New York*.

By Mr. *Dorion*.

118½.—Was your son, *John S. Casselman*, at school at *Waddington* before the Elections, and if he was, how long had he been away from it, and when is it that you sent him there after the Elections?—He was not there before the Elections, he went there in the early part of January.

By Mr. *Patrick*.

119.—When did you see the Deputy Returning Officer for the last time, and where was it?—About three weeks ago, in the Township of *Russell*.

120.—Was not the Poll at *Cambridge* kept in a portion of the house where you resided, and were not the votes taken through a door or window, the voters standing outside?—No, the house in which the Poll was held is about four acres from my residence, and the votes were taken inside and outside.

121.—Were you in the Poll during the two polling days, if not, say how long you remained in it on the first day, and how long on the second day, and whom did you see in the Poll when you were there?—I was there the first day and the second day, nearly all the first day, and the second day about three hours. I then went to my residence, and returned to the Poll-house. I saw a great many people from the Township, and from the bordering Townships, whom I did not know, also several strangers.

122.—Were any electors admitted within the Polling-booth on the second day to give their votes, and if so, how many?—There were electors admitted in the Polling-booth the second day; those who wished to go in could do so; I could not tell how many were admitted, as the polling was going on both outside and inside. People were coming to the Poll and going from it in groups.

123.—Were they parties from the Township or strangers who were admitted to vote in the Poll on the second day?—I could not tell whether they were parties from the Township or not who were admitted, as I am not acquainted with three-fourths of the people of the Township, and all who had the appearance of being peaceably disposed could enter if they chose. There were strangers whom I had never seen before, and who I was told did not live in the Township, who were voting, some outside and some within the Poll-house.

124.—Have you seen any parties residing in the *United States*, or who described themselves as residing in the *United States*, vote at the said Election, and if so, how many?—I saw two or three persons who said they lived in the *United States*. I did not see them vote; I heard one of them say the next day that he had voted.

125.—Did you see on the second day of the polling within the Poll-booth, *Earl Bedell*, a man of the name of *Pronty*, and another of the name of *Ellis*, or either

of them, and if so, did you see them vote?—I saw those persons once or twice on the second day in front of my house, and about the place. I did not see them in the Polling-booth, neither did I see them vote.

126.—Are not *Bedell*, *Pronny* and *Ellis*, citizens of the *United States*?—They are.

127.—Look at the *Cambridge* Poll Book, and state if you know any of the parties whose names are entered therein, and who are described as being from *Albany*, *Rome* or *Troy*, and if you were present when these votes were given?—I know some of the parties whose names are entered in the Poll Book, and who are described as living in *Albany*, *Rome* or *Troy*. I was present when these votes were given.

128.—Name those you know, and state by whom were these votes given?—I have not looked over the whole of the book. Many of the residents of *Cambridge* are put down as being from *Troy*. *George Scott*, *William Stowe*, *William Scott*, *Louis Morrisseau*, *Fayette St. Amour*, *James Swerfager*, *Marcus Monk*, *Martin Casselman* (myself), *Edward Bronton*, *Joseph Longpre*, *John Smith*,—these votes were given by the parties themselves. The error as to the residence was committed by the Poll Clerk. Some of these parties reside in the Township of *Cambridge*, and others in the bordering Townships.

129.—Do you know that most of the names of the parties described in the Poll Book as being of *Troy*, *Rome* and *Albany*, were given in by *Bedell*, *Pronny* or *Ellis*, and were entered in the Poll Book at their suggestion?—I do not.

130.—Did you, or the Deputy Returning Officer, swear any special constables during the polling days, and if so, was *Bedell* one of them?—The Deputy Returning Officer swore in constables; but not special constables; I wished him to swear in special constables on the appearance of a riot. *Bedell* was not sworn in.

131.—Did you, in company with *Mr. Fellowes*, visit the Towns of *Brasker* or *Stockholm*, in the State of *New York*, since the Election, and did you assume the names of Colonels *Johnson* and *Brown*, and had you personal communication with *Bedell*, *Pronny*, and *Ellis*?—Yes; I received a letter from a friend in *Brasker*, informing me that *Mr. Loux* was over there, and had paid *Bedell* a sum of money to swear to mis-statements which would affect us. After receiving the letter, I went to *Ottawa* City, shewed the letter to *Mr. Fellowes*, and he concluded to go over and find out what the statements were. When we got there we saw *Bedell*. He said that he had not sworn to anything that would affect our position in society. He said that *Mr. Loux* offered him ten dollars if he would swear that he had given votes in favor of *Mr. Fellowes* at that Election. He refused to do so, but on being strongly urged, he swore that he had voted seventy-five times. Then, in about a week after, *Mr. Loux* came over again, and offered him ten dollars more to swear to another affidavit, which he had drawn up. *Bedell* said he scrupled to do so. They had five or six affidavits drawn up, and offered the amount of ten dollars more if he would swear that he had voted seventy-five times, and that I had furnished him lists, and *Mr. Fellowes* had made out parcels of lots for him to vote on. This *Mr. Loux* is the father of the Candidate. *Bedell* said that *Mr. Loux* had only paid him five dollars, after promising him ten, and that he (*Bedell*) had only sworn to fifteen dollars worth of lies. As a joke in travelling, *Mr. Fellowes* was Colonel *Johnston* and I was Colonel *Chambers*. *Bedell* said that *Mr. Loux* had offered him one hundred dollars if he would swear that he had voted after the hour at which the Poll should close by law, that is five o'clock; or if he would swear that *Mr. Fellowes* had bribed him to vote. *Bedell* then said that he would give an affidavit to *Mr. Fellowes* to shew that the first and second affidavits he had made to *Mr. Loux* were false. An affidavit which I now produce was written out on his own statements, and sworn to before Justice *Skinner*, in my presence.

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County of *St. Lawrence*,
State of *New York*, *United States*.

Earl Bedell, of *Brasher Falls*, in said County of *St. Lawrence*, personally appeared before me at the Town of *Brasher*, in said County, one of the Justices of the Peace in said County, maketh oath and saith, That on or about the ninth day of January last past, a person named *Loux* called upon me and asked me to make an affidavit before one *Philo Abbott*, a Justice of the Peace, with reference to the votes polled at the *Cambridge* Poll, in the Township of *Cambridge*, in the County of *Russell*, on the twenty-sixth and twenty-eighth days of December last, 1857, for a Member to represent that County in the *Canadian* Parliament, and paid me ten dollars for making the affidavit which I then did before said Justice *Abbott*, and offered me one hundred dollars if I would then swear that I was paid money or some remuneration by *George B. Lyon Fellowes* to vote at that Election, and poll illegal votes for him. That in that affidavit I stated that I had polled seventy-five illegal votes for the said *George B. Lyon Fellowes*, and that no part of that affidavit contained, or was read to me, as containing a statement that I was induced to do so by *Martin Casselman* or *George B. Lyon Fellowes*, or that they furnished me with lists of names and lots for qualification, but was pressed to swear to many other statements not true and intended to damage said *Martin Casselman* and *George B. Lyon Fellowes*, which I would not do.

That some time after the making of that affidavit this man *Loux* returned to me and asked me to make another affidavit before one Justice, *O. D. Edgerton*, and wanted to swear to more than the first before *Abbott*, contained, which did not answer his purpose, and promised me ten dollars more to make the affidavit before *Edgerton*, and paid me five dollars to do the same, that the said affidavit made before *Edgerton* was not read to me as containing a statement that I had been sworn in at said Election as a special constable, or that I was furnished with a list of names by *Martin Casselman*, and list of lots by said *George B. Lyon Fellowes* from which to poll illegal votes, or that I was requested by said *Martin Casselman* to vote, or that I had polled two hundred and upwards of illegal votes, of which thirty or forty were recorded after five o'clock, that is between six and nine o'clock, p.m. That the same affidavit made before *Edgerton* was made by me under the supposition that it only contained a statement of my having polled seventy-five votes, but I was again coaxed and urged to swear to many other statements which were not true, reflecting on said *Martin Casselman* and *George B. Lyon Fellowes*, but which I would not do and refused, although several affidavits were written out at the instance of *Loux*, shaped in different ways to effect the object *Loux* had in view. And I do now further make oath and say that I never was sworn in as a special constable by *Martin Casselman*, Esquire, at said Election, on the twenty-sixth and twenty-eighth days of December last, and never saw the said *George B. Lyon Fellowes* at the Poll during said Election, nor do I know that he knew anything about the voting at said Poll; or who voted, or how the voting was done, nor did I receive any lists or instructions from him from which to Poll illegal votes, nor was the said *Martin Casselman* at the said Poll during the time any votes were recorded, except when recording his own vote and others of people residing at *Cambridge*, and that said *Martin Casselman* did not hand me any list of names or lots, with instructions from which to record illegal votes.

(Signed,) *Earl Bedell*.

Sworn before me,

at the Town of *Brasher*, in the County of *St. Lawrence*,
State of *New York*,

this Eighteenth day of February, A.D. 1858.

(Signed,)

John F. Skinner, Justice of the Peace.

132.—Was Mr. *Fellowes* at your house on the second day of the election, at what hour did he arrive, or at what hour did you see him or hear that he was there?—Mr. *Fellowes* was at my house between one and two o'clock the second day, and remained until Tuesday afternoon.

133.—Did you see any other book in which the Poll Clerk recorded the names of the voters on the first day, and was not that book similar to the Poll Books for *Russell*, *Osgoode*, and *Gloucester*, now exhibited to you?—None but that which was shown to me this evening; there was a book brought to the Deputy Returning Officer of *Cambridge*, by a *Canadian*, on the first day, and laid upon the table; no entries were made in that book.

134.—Are there any places in the Township of *Cambridge* known as *Rome*, *Troy*, and *Albany*?—Not that I am aware of.

By Mr. *Fellowes*.

135.—When the poll was closed, and the Deputy Returning Officer went into your house, did he inform Mr. *Fellowes* of the state of the poll, and what was his statement?—He came into the sitting room in which were Mr. *Fellowes* and myself. He laid the book upon the table, counted up the number of votes, and told Mr. *Fellowes* the number. As near as I can recollect, it was 380 odd.

136.—Was Mr. *Fellowes* at the poll during any part of the day, and if not, where was he?—He was not at the poll any part of the day. He was in my house.

137.—Did you and Mr. *Fellowes*, or either of you, give *Earl Bedell* any list, either of names or lots, to vote upon?—I never did; and I did not see Mr. *Fellowes* do so. I do not think he did, for I was with him nearly all the afternoon.

138.—Did *Bedell* tell you, when at *Brasher*, that *Loux* told him at one time if he would disqualify from 15 to 25 voters that *Loux* would get Mr. *Fellowes*' seat in Parliament, as his majority was only 14?—He did.

139.—Did *Bedell* deny having made the affidavit, sworn before one Justice *Edgerton*, containing all the allegations you before mentioned, and referred to in his affidavit made before *Skinner*, and now filed?—He did.

140.—Was not the affidavit made before *Skinner* twice read over to *Bedell* before sworn to, and read over before the said Justice, before sworn to?—Yes; it was twice read over to him before the Justice came, and then read over to him in presence of the Justice before it was sworn to.

141.—Was any sum of money or other inducement held out to or promised to *Bedell* if he would make said affidavit before Justice *Skinner*, or did he get any reward afterwards for having sworn to it?—No reward was offered nor was there any conversation on the subject. Nothing was offered either before or after the affidavit.

By Mr. *Patrick*.

142.—How many affidavits did Mr. *Fellowes* write out for *Bedell* before he would swear to one?—None but the one he swore to.

By Mr. *Fellowes*.

143.—What is the general character of *Bedell* for veracity and truth among the people, and his neighbours where he resides?—Very bad. He is not believed under oath. He is regarded as a liar, and it is said, will swear to anything.

By Mr. *Patrick*.

144.—Have you resided in *Bedell's* neighbourhood? How often have you been there?—I have not resided in his neighbourhood; I have been twice there.

By Mr. *Fellowes*.

145.—Did you make strict inquiries about him and his character?—I did; when there last week; on Monday morning I received a letter from a friend in *Brasher* saying that parties had written to *Bedell*, and that he had shown the

letter to several parties, offering him 200 dollars if he would come to a City in *Canada West* and swear to what he had sworn to in his two first affidavits for *Louv.* I then went over last week in order to ascertain the certainty, and when I got there was informed that a *Mrs. Baker* and a person called *Ira Morgan* had paid to *Mr. Abbott*, the depot master, two hundred dollars, on condition that one hundred was to be paid to *Bedell*, if he came to *Toronto*, and if he would swear, as he did, to corroborate the two first affidavits, he would have the other hundred. The bargain was not at once closed. He contended for five hundred. They finally concluded upon two hundred. The villagers interfered, however, and said that he was a fool to go unless the money was secured to him. The money was then paid by *Baker* and *Morgan* to *Mr. Abbott*, who paid it over to a merchant in the village of *Brasher*, of the name of *Moss*. *Bedell* was indebted to *Moss* in the sum of fifty dollars, and *Moss* had taken fifty of the dollars to pay a note which he had in the bank.

146.—Were and are *Baker* and *Morgan* partizans of same?—They were, and are now.

147.—When you saw the Poll Book on the evening of the second day after the Poll closed, did it contain the number of votes it now does, and was the last sheet then on it, which is now on it after the sheet on which the Deputy Returning Officer's name and seal are?—The book was then just as it is now, with the same number of votes, and the last sheet was affixed just as it is at present.

148.—Was the Poll Book when first made of the same size that it now is, and containing the same number of sheets, or has it been enlarged or diminished since first made for the purpose of recording votes?—I did not count the number of sheets in it. It looks like, and is the identical book, and is not enlarged or diminished.

149.—Do you know who bought the paper of which the Poll Book is made, and from whom it was bought?—The Deputy Returning Officer purchased the paper from *Mr. Craig*, dry goods merchant in *Russell*.

150.—Do you believe that the votes recorded in the Poll Book were recorded as pretended by *Bedell*, *Ellis*, and *Pronty*, or either of them, and not by other parties, excepting the residents of the Township?—I do not believe they were recorded by *Bedell*, *Ellis*, and *Pronty*. They were recorded by persons having a right to vote, living in the Township, or in the adjoining Townships.

151.—Does the Assessment or Collector's Roll contain all the residents, free holders and householders, (heads of families) and if not, how much does it fall short of the number in your opinion, and what reason have you for knowing or thinking so, state fully?—The Assessment Roll does not contain all the resident householders in the Township. The Assessor did not make his assessment until a few days previous to that on which the law requires it to be revised. I being Reeve, he brought the Roll to me. I saw at once that he had left out a great many people, and in one case a settlement of 27 families, and in many other instances, in consequence of his not being acquainted with the French language, and because people were away from home. The consequence is, that through his neglect the Roll contains 84 only. I should suppose there are 36 or 38 persons who should be on the Roll in addition to those on it now.

152.—How many persons were on the Collector's Roll last year?—Eighty-four.

153.—What is the total population of the Township, including those on the Assessment and Collector's Roll?—I could not say positively, but to the best of my opinion, I should think it is about 150 families.

154.—When you say there are from 100 to 200 voters in *Cambridge*, do you include within that computation all the absentee freeholders, or do you mean that computation to cover only those heads of families who ought to be on the Roll?—I want to be understood that it is those who reside in the Township, and not the absentees.

155.—Can you form any correct estimate of the number of absentees, fresh hold voters, or do you think any other person can, and what do you estimate them at?—I do not think that I can, or that any body else can make an estimate with any degree of certainty of the number of absentees.

156.—What quantity of Crown, Clergy, and School lands are unsold by the Crown in the Township, or is the greatest part of the lands private property?—I have a map of the Township, with all the *Canada* Company, Crown, Clergy, and School lands, and to my knowledge, there is but a trifling remnant of those lands which has not become private property.

157.—Was the Deputy Returning Officer always with the Poll Clerk when he was recording votes in the Poll-book?—As far as I know, he was.

158.—In whose hand-writing are the names of voters recorded in the Poll-book?—In the hand-writing of the Poll Clerk.

159.—Has the Poll Clerk been served with the Order of the House to attend, or does he know any thing about the order?—He was not served with the order. Whether he knows anything about it or not, I do not know.

By Mr. *Patrick*.

160.—What quantity of land do you own in the Township? and do you know parties holding large tracts of land that purchased them from the Crown?—I yet hold eight thousand acres; I have disposed of a great quantity by deed in half and quarter lots. I know nothing except from hearsay as to what parties hold large tracts of land from the Crown. I have heard that the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald* had purchased a tract, but the number of acres I do not know.

161.—How do you happen to know that the order was not served upon the Poll Clerk, your son?—Because it was left at my house while he was away at school. Mine was left also during my absence.

By Mr. *Fellowes*.

162.—Why was *John Cameron*, *Loux's* agent, arrested on the first day; explain fully?—I acquainted the Deputy Returning Officer that I appeared on behalf of Mr. *Fellowes* as his agent, and showed him my authority, and claimed the right to act as such agent. The polling had been going on a short time when *Cameron* came in and said he was agent for Mr. *Loux*. I demanded his authority. He said he had no written authority. The polling was going on, and he insulted voters by putting frivolous questions to them. I said I would not suffer him to insult any gentleman voter, as I could not recognize him as agent without authority. He appeared disposed to behave in a disorderly manner, and assaulted me. I requested him to conduct himself in a manner more becoming, otherwise I should order him to be taken into custody. Shortly afterwards he assaulted me for the second time, as he had done the first time, by rushing up to me, and placing his fist before my face. I then ordered the constable to take him in charge. At the same time some six or seven persons who were intoxicated and disposed to act in a disorderly manner, prevented the recording of votes. The Returning Officer then ordered the constable to arrest Mr. *John Smith*. *Cameron* was also disposed to resist. The constable got the better of *Smith* and dragged him out. It was then suggested to clear the room and allow no more of the crowd into the booth, but to carry on the voting from the outside. When that was said both *Cameron* and *Smith* promised to behave themselves, and they were released. The polling was then resumed.

By Mr. *White*.

163.—Had *Cameron* a right to vote, or did he vote at the election, and if so, for what person?—He did vote for Mr. *Loux*, but I doubt very much whether he had a right to vote.

164.—What right had you to order *Cameron* into custody?—For assaulting me.

I consider I had a perfect right. I told him I was a Justice of the Peace, and was not to be intimidated by him in that manner.

By Mr. *Dorland*.

165.—Have you not reason to believe that the names of voters in the Poll Book for the Township of *Cambridge* are fictitious? If not the whole of them, say how many you think are so?—I would not say that every vote is a good vote. I am satisfied that bad votes were recorded, both for Mr. *Fellowes* and Mr. *Lowe*, in the Township of *Cambridge*. I could not say whether there were five, six, or any other quantity of the votes which are fictitious.

By Mr. *White*.

166.—Did the Returning Officer take any notice of *Cameron's* conduct?—He did; he was going to swear in special constables, but on their promising to behave in a more orderly manner he refrained from doing so.

By Mr. *Fellowes*.

167.—Did *John Cameron* vote as a freeholder or occupant, and if so, did he take the qualification oath as a freeholder or occupant, and if so, which?—*John Cameron* gave his description to the Returning Officer as a freeholder; and when all the headings were taken down the Returning Officer asked if there were any objections to his vote; I said "yes, I object to that vote." I wanted the oath to be administered to him; *Cameron* would not take the oaths, but went back to the rear of the room. I wanted the Returning Officer to mark "refused." He did not do so. In about ten minutes a brother-in-law of *Cameron* was talking in private with him, after which *Cameron* came forward and took the whole of the oaths. I then said to him, "now I'll respect you as agent," and he acted in that capacity, exercising the same privilege as myself.

168.—Did *Cameron* take only the portion of the oath relating to bribery, or the whole oath, and was it the freeholders' oath?—The whole of the oaths were read, and he took them.

By Mr. *White*.

169.—What do you mean by the "whole of the oaths." Can you say what were the number of such oaths?—As he gave his denomination as a freeholder that oath was the first read. The Returning Officer then read the whole of them, for the information I suppose of others who were there as voters. I do not remember the numbers of the oaths. He took the oath as a freeholder.

170.—Have you any reason to believe that names were entered on the Poll Book for *Cambridge* as voters who were not present at any time during the said Election?—I have not.

By Mr. *Fellowes*.

171.—Did *John Cameron* take only the portion of the oath relating to bribery?—He did not; he took the whole oath. I stood by him and heard it read.

By Mr. *White*.

172.—Do you know that residents in *Albany*, *Rome*, and *Troy*, in the State of *New York*, are legal voters in *Cambridge*, and did some of them vote in person at the recent Election; if so, how many of them?—I do not know that residents in *Albany*, *Rome* and *Troy* are legal voters in *Cambridge*. I know there are persons residing in *Cambridge*, who are put down in the Poll Book as residing in *Troy*, and I never knew it until I saw the book to-day. It is an error of the Poll Clerk.

By Mr. *Fellowes*.

173.—Was *John Cameron* at all under the influence of spirits during the Election, and where did he get the liquor?—I thought he was. His nearest

neighbours said they pitied him, that the man was in liquor, and a Mr. *Richard Murphy*, a tavern-keeper in the adjoining Township, said that he would swear that *John Cameron* gave him ten dollars to bring liquor down to induce people to vote for *Mr. Loux*, which liquor was brought and deposited on the east side of the river at one of my barns, about forty rods from the polling booth. When they came over some of them was scarcely able to walk. *Cameron* was not so drunk as the others, but he was the worse of liquor.

By Mr. *White*.

174.—Did you, as agent for Mr. *Fellowes*, assent to the votes of persons recorded on the Poll Book as residents in *Rome, Albany* and *Troy*, being so recorded?—I did not. I did know that they were so recorded.

By Mr. *Mattice*.

175.—Was Mr. *Richard Murphy* sober when he told you so, and would you believe Mr. *Murphy* under oath?—He was perfectly sober. It was about three or four weeks ago that he told me so, and I have no reason to disbelieve him under oath.

By Mr. *Fellowes*.

176.—At what time in the morning did *John Cameron, Loux's* agent, arrive at the Poll on the second day? was he continuously at the Poll during the time he was there? and when did he leave?—I should think about ten or fourteen minutes past eleven. He remained there about half an hour, and then went away; returned again after fifteen or twenty minutes, and left the Poll about two o'clock, or a few minutes after, and did not appear any more at the Poll.

177.—Did you perform the duty of agent for Mr. *Fellowes* in a careful and watchful manner during the Election?—I did as well as I could; I was in ill-health at the time; I was about the place nearly all the time. The afternoon of the last day I spent with Mr. *Fellowes* at my house.

178.—How could so many votes be recorded as appear in the Poll Book by residents of *Albany, Troy*, and *Rome* without your knowledge?—I did not hear a single vote recorded in the name of *Rome, Troy*, or *Albany*.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, and the Question being put, that this House do now adjourn.

It passed in the Negative.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Foley*,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 13th April, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Thibaudéau*,—The Petition of the Reverend *N. Bellenger, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de Deschambault*.

By Mr. *Sincennes*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Thérèse Potvin*, Widow of the late *Louis Claprood*.

By Mr. *Webb*,—The Petition of *Pierre Roy* and others, of the Township of *Wotton, County of Wolfe*; and the Petition of the Reverend *A. Bouchard* and others, of the Townships of *Stratford, Garthby*, and *Winslow*.

By Mr. *Langevin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *C. E. Poiré, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Anselme de Lauzon*, County of *Dorchester*.

By Mr. *Somerville*,—Five Petitions of the Township of *Elgin*.

By Mr. *Munro*,—The Petition of *Robert Fleming Gourlay*; and the Petition of *William McIntosh*, of the Village of *Newcastle*.

By Mr. *McMicken*,—The Petition of *R. Stevenson* and others, of the County of *Welland*; the Petition of *Jacob Misener* and others, of the County of *Lincoln*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Wainfleet*; the Petition of *Peter Gibbons* and others, Merchants and others, resident on the line of the *Welland Canal*; and the Petition of *A. Sherwood* and others, Merchants, owners of Vessels and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*,—Two Petitions of the Reverend *J. Tardif, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Pierre*, Island of *Orleans*; the Petition of *Paul Langlois* and others; and the Petition of the Reverend *A. Gosselin, Curé*, and others.

By Mr. *Dorion*,—The Petition of the *Montreal Catholic Orphan Asylum*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—The Petition of *Charles S. Rodier*, Mayor, and others, Proprietors of Land on the *Montreal Mountain*; the Petition of the University Lying-in Hospital of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the Corporation of the *Montreal General Hospital*.

By Mr. *Mowat*,—The Petition of the Town Council of *Whitby*.

By Mr. *Biggar*,—The Petition of the *British Farmers' Union Insurance Company of Brantford*.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Dumas* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Port Joli*, County of *L'Islet*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Donald Cameron*, of *Thorah*.

Mr. *Turcotte*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the second Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find the Notices sufficient, viz. :—Of *H. Stephens* and others, for Incorporation of the *St. James Club of Montreal*; of *Henry Watson* and others, of the Town of *Milton*, and of School Section No. 5 of the Township of *Trafalgar*, County of *Halton*, for a union of the said School Section with the Town of *Milton*; of *Allan Wilmot* and others, sons of the late *Samuel Street Wilmot*, for power to dispose of the estate bequeathed to them by their late father, free from the limitations created by the Will; of *James Pearson*, of the City of *Toronto*, for power to construct a Tram-way to connect his quarry in *Esquesing*, with the Grand Trunk Railway; of *George L. Allen*, Grand Master and others, Grand Officers of the Loyal Orange Institution of *British North America*, for an Act of Incorporation; and of *Thomas Mawlam* and others, of the Village of *Florence*, in the Gore of *Camden*, for certain alterations in the division line between the Counties of *Kent* and *Lambton*.

The Petition of *J. O. Bureau* and others, for an Act to change the title of the *North Shore and St. Maurice Railway and Navigation Company*, is not, in the opinion of your Committee, of a nature to require the publication of Notice.

Mr. *Benjamin* reported, from the General Committee of Elections, the amended Panels.

Mr. *Benjamin* reported, from the General Committee of Elections, that they had selected the following days for the appointment of the Select Committees to try the matter of the Petitions complaining of undue Elections and Returns, for the following places:—

County of *Durham* (East Riding), Wednesday, the 21st day of April instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel A, No. 2.

County of *Argenteuil*, Wednesday, the 21st day of April instant, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel A No. 2.

County of *Perth*, Thursday, the 22nd day of April instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel A, No. 2.

County of *Stormont*, Thursday, the 22nd day of April instant, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel A, No. 2.

County of *Essex*, Wednesday, the 28th day of April instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel B, No. 3.

Mr. *Benjamin*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee respectfully recommend that in order to prevent the printing in the Appendices to the Journals of useless matter, they should have power to direct the omission from the said Appendices of such documents as are laid on the table from time to time in answer to Addresses or otherwise, or order the same to be condensed, as your Committee may deem expedient; in all such cases to report from time to time.

Also that your Committee should have power to advertise for tenders for work required, not included in existing contracts, and to accept such tenders as they may deem advisable.

That during the recess the Chairman of your Committee should have authority to carry out any instructions made or given by your Committee, or to enforce any order made by them, touching the performance of any Contract or other Work, and shall have power to aid and assist the Clerk of the House, in seeing that the Work is properly done, and according to Contract.

That no payments be made during the Recess, for any work not under Contract, under the heads of Printing, Binding, Lithographing, &c., chargeable to the Contingent Account of the House, unless first examined by the Chairman of your Committee, and his certificate had to the same; and that no Account for Printing, or Binding, be laid before the Committee on Contingencies until it is first inspected and certified by your Committee during the session, or by the Chairman of your Committee, during the recess.

In conclusion, your Committee recommend, that in future, all Returns and documents furnished to the House, be referred to your Committee, previous to their being printed for the Journals.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Alexander Hamilton* and others, of the County of *Perth*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

On motion of Mr. *Patrick*, seconded by Mr. *Cook*,

Ordered, That *Earl Bedell* do attend the Bar of this House, to give testimony touching the irregularities apparent on the Poll Book kept for the Township of *Cambridge*, at the said Election for the County of *Russell*.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law in relation to the Jurisdiction and Procedure of the several Surrogate Courts in *Upper Canada*, and to simplify and expedite the proceedings in such Courts; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Alley.</i>	<i>Darust,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Robin,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Powell, Wm. F.</i>	<i>94. Wright.</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>	<i>8. White.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read the second time, on Tuesday next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,

Resolved, That this House will, on Friday next, take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, delivered to both Houses of the Legislature, at the opening of the present Session.

The Order of the day for the Second Reading of the Bill to Consolidate and Amend the Laws relating to the Interest of Money, being read;

Mr. Solicitor General *Rose* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, and the Question being proposed, that the Bill be now read a second time.

And a Debate arising thereupon.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Friday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 14th April, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of *Edward Hilton*, of the Township of *Nassaganewya*.

By the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*,—The Petition of the *Lambton Pioneer Lodge of Good Templars*.

By Mr. *Galt*,—The Petition of *Edward Hale* and others, of the Township of *Oxford*, District of *St. Francis*.

By Mr. *Thibaudeau*,—The Petition of *Eli Dupuis* and others.

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—The Petition of *J. Bissonnette* and others, of the Parish of *St. Valentine*, County of *St. John's*.

By Mr. *McMicken*,—The Petition of *Richard Morwood* and others, Merchants, and others; and the Petition of *Henry Brownlee* and others, Merchants, and others.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of *Charles Beauchène* and others, of the Parish of *St. Norbert d'Arthabaska*.

By Mr. *Starnes*,—The Petition of *Daniel Campion* and others, of *St. Jean Chrysostome*; the Petition of *Thomas Gebbe*, of *Howick*; two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Chateauguay*; and the Petition of *F. Dufresne* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joachim*, County of *Chateauguay*.

By Mr. *Benjamin*,—The Petition of *John Wilson* and others, of the Township of *Hope*.

By Mr. *Panet*,—The Petition of *Patrick Cassin* and others, of *Valcartier*.

By Mr. *McGee*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Edward Vaughan* and others, of the Township of *Ramsay*, County of *Lanark*; the Petition of *James Develin* and others, of *Maidstone* and vicinity; the Petition of *D. Downey* and others, of *Hilbert*, *McKillop*, and vicinity; and the Petition of *D. Coffee* and others, of *Guelph* and vicinity.

By Mr. *Laberge*,—The Petition of the *Canadian Institute of Iberville*.

By Mr. *Foley*,—The Petition of *William DeCew* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; the Petition of *William Fitch* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; the Petition of *Thomas Slavin* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; and the Petition of *George Lishman* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*.

By Mr. *Wallbridge*,—The Petition of *John Lee* and others, of the Village of *Frankford*, and vicinity.

By Mr. *Dimme*,—Two Petitions of *J. Heath*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *L'Isle Verte*, County of *Temiscouata*.

By Mr. *Dorion*,—The Petition of *Charles S. Rodier* and others, Merchants and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Lincoln*.

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of the Board of Trade of the Town of *Collingwood*, County of *Simcoe*; and the Petition of the Town Council of *Whitby*.

By Mr. *Ross*,—The Petition of *Samuel Coit* and others, of the Counties of *Bonaventure*, *Gaspé* and *Rimouski*; the Petition of *Alfred Gill* and others, of *Hartford*, in the State of *Connecticut*, *United States of America*; the Petition of the Reverend *James Nelligan* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de la Beauce*, County of *Beauce*; and the Petition of *James McKenzie* and others, Protestant residents of the Parish of *Notre Dame de la Victoire*, opposite *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Macbeth*,—The Petition of the Great South Western Railway Company.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the *Canadian* Catholic Institute of *Notre Dame de la Victoire*; praying for aid.

Of *Louis Lacosse*, of the County of *St. Johns*; and of *Joseph Tremblay*, of the Town of *St. Johns*; praying to be remunerated for services rendered during the last War with the *United States*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Brooke*; praying that in the event of a new County being formed of *Middlesex, Elgin, Kent* and *Lambton*, the said Township of *Brooke* may not be included therein.

Of *C. Knowlson* and others, of the *Omeme* Division of the Sons of Temperance; of the *Somerville* Temperance Society; of the *Augusta* Lodge, No. 56, of the Independent Order of Good Templars; and of *Asa Durkee*, Worthy Patriarch, and *Chester Johnson*, Recording Scribe; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *Etienne Mayrand* and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup*; praying aid to repair the Bridge across the River *du Loup*.

Of *F. X. Vaillancourt* and others, of the Township of *Peterborough*, County of *Mackinongé*; praying aid for a Road.

Of the Reverend *J. Boucher*, Curé, and others, of *St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup* and other places; praying aid to improve the navigation at the mouth of *la Rivière du Loup*.

Of the Reverend *L. Gariepy*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Anicet*, County of *Huntingdon*; praying that a wharf may be built at *St. Anicet* for the benefit of the public.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Bellechasse*; Of *L. Pepin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Charles*, County of *Bellechasse*; of the Reverend *N. Gingras*, of *St. Raphael*, County of *Bellechasse*; of the Reverend *E. Dufour*, Curé, and others, of *St. Lazare*, County of *Bellechasse*; of the Reverend *P. Pouliot*, Curé, and others, of *St. Gervais*, County of *Bellechasse*; and of the Reverend *Antoine Campeau*, Curé, and others, of *St. Etienne de Beaumont*, County of *Bellechasse*; praying that the County of *Bellechasse* may be annexed to the District of *Quebec* for Judicial purposes.

Of the Reverend *E. Dufour*, Curé, and others, of *St. Lazare*, County of *Bellechasse*; of the Reverend *Antoine Campeau*, Curé, and others, of *St. Etienne de Beaumont*, County of *Bellechasse*; of *Louis Dallaire*, and others, of *St. Raphael*, County of *Bellechasse*; of the Reverend *Z. Gingras* and others; of *Joseph Duguay* and others, of *St. Antoine de la Baie*, County of *Yamaska*; of the Reverend *L. Roy*, Curé, and others, of *Trois Pistoles*; and of *Louis Chabot* and others, of the Parish of *St. Charles*, County of *Bellechasse*; praying that the legal rate of Interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of the School Commissioners and others, of the City of *Three Rivers*; praying for aid to enlarge and repair a School House in the said City.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *London*; praying aid for an Hospital in that City.

Of the Board of Trade of the City of *London*; praying for the passing of an Act fixing the legal rate of Interest at seven per cent., but permitting individuals and the Chartered Banks to collect any rate of interest that may be agreed upon.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; praying that certain alterations may be made in the Municipal Bill.

Of the Board of Trade of the City of *London*; praying for the passing of an Act to facilitate arrangements between Debtors and Creditors.

Of the Mechanics' Institute of the Canton of *Chambly*; praying for aid.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Quebec*; praying for certain amendments to the Act, 20 Vic., cap. 125, relating to the *Quebec* Turnpike Trust.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Guillaume d'Upton*, County of *Drummond*; of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Germain*, County of *Drummond*; of the Navigation Company of *Yamaska*; of *J. Wurtele* and others, of *Yamaska* and other Counties; of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Hugues*, County of *Bagot*; and of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Michel d'Yamaska*, County of *Yamaska*; praying for aid to improve the navigation of the River *Yamaska*.

Of the Mechanics' Institute of the Village of *L'Avenir*, County of *Drummond*; praying for aid.

Of *J. L. Héroux* and others, of the Township of *Warwick*; praying that a Post Office may be established at the Village of *Héroux*.

Of the *Quebec Bank*; praying to be allowed to Increase their Capital Stock.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Polycarpe*, County of *Soulanges*; and of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Ignace du Coteau du Lac*, County of *Soulanges*; praying that the chief place of the County of *Soulanges* may be changed.

Of *John Smith*, Ferryman across the River *Restigouche*; representing that he has carried Her Majesty's Mail across the said River during the last season, and praying to be remunerated for the same.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; praying that the Jury Law may be amended.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; praying for the passing of an Act to provide for the payment of Jurors in *Upper Canada*.

Of *Henry Taylor*; praying aid to enable him to republish his History on the *Canadas*, destroyed by fire.

Of *W. H. Boulton* and others, Merchants, Bankers, and others; praying for the passing of an Act to facilitate the borrowing of such sums as may be required by landed proprietors, to be raised by Debentures issued upon the credit of the Capital of a Joint Stock Company.

Of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Bathurst* and *South Sherbrooke*, Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; praying for certain amendments to the new Municipal Bill.

Of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Bathurst* and *South Sherbrooke*, Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; praying for certain amendments to the Act for the formation of Joint Stock Road Companies in *Upper Canada*.

Of *James Sharp* and others, of the Township of *South Dumfries*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act of *Upper Canada*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Pickering*; praying that the said Township may not be divided, and also for certain amendments to the Municipal Act.

Of *Joseph Quinn* and others, of the Township of *Broughton*, County of *Me-gantic*; praying to be exempted from the Municipal Tax for the opening of new Roads, and offering to contribute labor instead thereof.

Of *W. S. Conger* and others, of the Town of *Peterborough*; and of *James Shaw* and others, of the County of *Simcoe*; praying that an examination may be made to determine the most favorable route for the construction of a Ship Canal, to unite the waters of Lakes *Ontario* and *Huron*.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Collingwood*; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of *Dugald Smith* and others; praying that their lands may not be included within the limits of the Town of *Collingwood*.

Of *Walter Sheridan* and others, of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*; praying for the passing of an Act incorporating a Company to construct a Railway from *Peterborough* to *Georgian Bay*.

Of *W. B. Hamilton*, Mayor, on behalf of a public meeting of the inhabitants

of the Town of *Collingwood*; praying that the Government lien upon the *Ontario, Simcoe, and Huron* Railroad, may be removed.

Of the Town Council of *Collingwood*; and of the Town Council of the Town of *Barrie*; praying for certain Amendments to the Municipal and Assessment Acts of *Upper Canada*.

Of *William Gordon* and others, of the Town of *Whitby*, County of *Ontario*; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the Town of *Whitby*.

Of *Antoine Hamilton* and others, of the Parish of *St. Edouard*; praying that the said Parish of *St. Edouard* may be annexed to the District of *Montreal* for judicial purposes.

Of *A. G. Hall* and others, Trustees of the *Lanark* County Grammar School; praying that the Grammar Schools of *Upper Canada* may receive additional Legislative aid.

Of the Reverend *J. Paradis* and others, of the County of *Yamaska*, south-west of the river *St. Francis*; praying that *St. François du Lac* may be made the chief place of the County of *Yamaska*.

Of *J. Wurtele* and others, of *Yamaska*, and other Counties; praying to be incorporated under the name of "*La Compagnie de Navigation d'Yamaska*."

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Alfred*; praying for aid to erect a Bridge across the *Petite Nation* River, at *Jessup's Falls*.

Of the Medical Institute and School of Medicine and Surgery of *Montreal*; praying for aid.

Of *D. Stewart* and others, of the Township of *Esquesing*, County of *Halton*; praying that no Act may be passed authorizing *James Pearson* to construct a Rail or Tram Road, to connect certain stone quarries in the said Township.

Of *P. R. Jarvis* and others, of the Town of *Stratford*; and of Messrs. *Adam Hope & Co.* and others, of the City of *London*; praying that the Usury Laws may be abolished.

Mr. *Jobin*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Books and Accounts setting forth the expenditure of the House to the 31st December last, and have found the same to be correct, and supported by proper vouchers. They now submit the Balance Sheet and statement of outlay, duly certified.

Your Committee have had their attention particularly directed to the very large sum disbursed for Printing. Of the whole amount of forty-five thousand eight hundred and four pounds eight shillings and a penny, it appears that the sum of twelve thousand six hundred and seventy-one pounds thirteen shillings and a penny, has been paid for Maps, Binding and Printing, executed under the authority of the House, but not under the contract for printing, nor by tenders.

Your Committee consider that this course is highly objectionable, and calculated to put the House to unreasonable charges; it is, therefore, recommended that the execution of any Printing, Engraving, or other work, not properly included under the ordinary contracts, shall be given out during the Session in the usual manner by the Standing Committee on Printing, and during the recess, by the Clerk of the House, under tenders addressed to him after due public notice, or by the Chairman of the Committee on Printing, should the House authorize such action by him.

Your Committee have much pleasure in expressing their entire satisfaction with the accuracy and neatness with which the accounts of the House are kept, and the manner in which their respective duties are discharged by Mr. *Vaux*, the Accountant, and Mr. *Langevin*, the Bookkeeper.

Account Current of *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, of the Moneys received and disbursed by him as Contingencies, from 31st December, 1856, to 31st December, 1857 :—

1856.		Dr.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
December	—	To Balance on hand, per last audit						391	14	11	
1857.											
January	19	To amount of Warrant received on the application of the Clerk						5000	0	0	
March	6	do do on account of Indemnity						6000	0	0	
do	20	do do on Address of 18th instant						10000	0	0	
April	14	do do on account of Indemnity						5000	0	0	
do	28	do do on Address of 27th April						10000	0	0	
May	20	do do on account of Indemnity						5000	0	0	
June	6	do do on account of Address of 27th									
		May						10000	0	0	
do	13	do do on account of Indemnity						2000	0	0	
do	25	do do on account of Address of 27th									
		May						10000	0	0	
July	8	To Fees on 49 Private Bills, at £15 each						735	0	0	
do	do	To Translating and Printing on do do						192	5	9	
do	31	To amount of Warrant on account of Address of 27th May						5000	0	0	
August	25	do of do do						5000	0	0	
September	7	do as aid to Library, by Address of 30th June, 1856, and voted in Supply of 1857.						1000	0	0	
do	26	do of Warrant on account of Address of 27th May						6000	0	0	
November	11	do of do do in full						7583	5	1	
		do due to George Desbarats				1390	1	11			
		do due to John Lovell				5939	18	7			
		do due to Rollo Campbell				124	18	10			
		do due to L. Perrault				403	5	0			
								7858	4	4	
								£	96760	10	1
December	31	To Balance on hand						£	27	17	1

		Cr.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
A	Indemnity to Members, payments in full							20558	2	0	
B	Salaries, do do							12939	18	3	
C	Extra services, do do							1504	2	6	
D	Messengers, do do							2480	13	8	
E	Expenses of Committees, do do							71	2	9	
F	Library, do do							2164	1	2	
G	Printing, do do				37946	8	9				
	do, due Contractors, per contra				7858	4	4				
								45804	8	1	
H	Stationery, in full							1419	16	0	
I	Postage, do do							450	2	3	
J	Newspapers and Advertising, do do							726	5	10	
K	Tradesmen, et al. do do							2195	11	0	
L	Pensions, do do							248	0	0	
M	Insurance, do do							457	0	0	
N	Miscellaneous, do do							5713	9	1	
	By Balance on hand							27	17	1	
								£	96760	10	1

E. & O. E.

Thomas Vaux,
Accountant, L.A.

W. B. Lindsay,
Clerk, Assembly.

Accountant's Office,
Toronto, 31st December, 1857.

A. T. Galt,
T. E. Campbell,
J. E. Thibaudeau,
John Holmes,
J. S. Hogan. } Auditors.

Trial Balance of the Books, on 31st December, 1857.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash.....	27	17	1	27	17	1
Legislative Assembly						
Printing	7858	4	4			
G. Desbarats				1390	1	11
J. Lovell				5939	18	7
Rollo Campbell				124	18	10
Louis Perrault.....				408	5	0
	£ 7886	1	5	7886	1	5

Accountant's Office,
Legislative Assembly,
Toronto, 31st December, 1857.

Thomas Vaux,
Accountant.

Audited, 22nd March, 1858.

{ A. T. Galt,
T. E. Campbell,
John Holmes,
J. E. Thibaudeau,
J. S. Hogan. } Auditors.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed, for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. Jobin, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House, the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:

Your Committee recommend, that during the present session, the Indemnity to Members of your Honorable House, as provided by the Act 12 Vic., cap. 33, be augmented Ten shillings per diem.

Mr. Jobin moved, seconded by Mr. Thibaudeau, and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Report; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. Cayley, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

Edmund Head.

The Governor General transmits to the Legislative Assembly, the Public Accounts for the year 1857, together with the Tables of the Trade and Navigation of the Province, for the said year.

Government House,
Toronto, 14th April, 1858.

E. H.

For the said Public Accounts, see Appendix (No. 4.)

For the said Tables of Trade and Navigation, see Appendix (No. 2.)

Ordered, That the Public Accounts for the years 1856 and 1857, and the Tables of Trade and Navigation for the year 1857, be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Mr. *Jobin*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House, the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee recommend, that the present Statute fixing the sessional allowance at Four dollars per diem, be amended, by establishing such rate as the House may now consider proper and reasonable, considering the circumstances of the Country, and the expenses accruing upon the attendance of Members on Parliament.

Mr. *Benjamin*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the following motions for Printing:—

By Mr. *Fergusson*,—The Petition of the County Council of the County of *Simcoe*, in relation to the payment of the Expenses of Criminal Justice in *Upper Canada*.

Your Committee recommend that this Petition be not printed.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—Returns of Pardons by Government for Criminal Offences, including commutations of punishment, showing nature of offences, period sentenced, &c., &c., &c.

Your Committee recommend that these Returns be not printed.

By Honorable Mr. *Alley*,—Report of the Commissioners of Public Works for the year 1857.

Your Committee recommend that this Report be printed; but not in the proportion as to languages, as in the motion.

By Mr. *Brown*,—Return to an Address as to Timber limits on the coasts of Lakes *Huron*, *Nipissing*, and *Superior*, &c.

Your Committee recommend that this Return be not printed, inasmuch as it forms part of the documents attached to the Report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands of the year 1856, and printed in the Appendices to the Journals of last Session.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—Return to an Address relative to the proceedings taken by the Government on the subject of the First Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the conduct of the late *John Clark*, Agent for the Sale of Public Lands in the County of *Huron*.

Your Committee recommend that this Return be not printed.

By Mr. *Foley*,—Correspondence relative to the appointment of *W. L. Mercer*, Esquire, to the office of Sheriff of the County of *Norfolk*.

Your Committee recommend that these documents be printed.

By Mr. *Price*,—Return to an Address for an account in detail of *W. O. Bossé*, Returning Officer, of the Election Expenses, United Counties of *Chicotimi* and *Saguenay*.

Your Committee recommend that this Return be not printed.

By Mr. *Aikins*,—Annual Report for 1857, of the Bursar of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, *Toronto*; also, Statement of the Income and Expenditure of the *Toronto* General Hospital, up to 1st January, 1858.

Your Committee recommend that these documents be printed.

By Mr. *LeBoutillier*,—Petition of the Reverend *Charles N. Boudreault* and others, of the *Magdalen Islands*; praying that the tenure of their lands may be changed to that under which the Crown lands are now held in this Province.

Your Committee recommend that this Petition be printed.

Ordered, That the Copy of the correspondence relating to *W. L. Mercer*, Esquire, laid before the House on Thursday last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Quorum of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills be reduced to Seven Members.

Charles Joseph Laberge, Esquire, one other Member appointed by Mr. Speaker, to serve on the General Committee of Elections, and not objected to by the House, took the following oath:—

I do swear that I will truly and faithfully perform the duties belonging to a Member of the General Committee of Elections, without fear or favour, to the best of my judgment and ability.—So help me God.

The Order of the House being read, for the attendance at the Bar of the Witnesses to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on the Poll Book for the Township of *Cambridge*, at the last Election for the County of *Russell*.

On motion of Mr. *Fellowes*, seconded by Mr. *Richard W. Scott*,

Ordered, That *O. D. Edgerton*, Esquire, do attend at the Bar of this House, to give evidence in the matter of the controverted Election for the County of *Russell*.

The House being informed that *Earl Bedell* attended at the door; he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Patrick*.

179.—Is your name *Earl Bedell*, and if so, where do you reside, and are you a *British* subject?—My name is *Earl Bedell*. I reside at *Brasher Falls*, in the State of *New York*. I am not a *British* subject.

By Mr. *Powell*.

180.—Did you make an affidavit in January last before one *Philo Abbott*, Justice of the Peace, and also one before *O. D. Edgerton*, a Justice of the Peace, and also another one before *John P. Skinner*, Justice of the Peace, in February last, respecting the Election held in December last for the County of *Russell*?—I made one before *Philo Abbott*, I think in January; also one before *O. D. Edgerton*; I am not certain, but think it was in January. I also made one in February last before *John F. Skinner*, respecting the Election held in December last for the County of *Russell*.

181.—Look at the paper now handed to you herewith, marked A, and say if that be the affidavit made by you before *John P. Skinner*, the said Justice of the Peace, and does the same bear your signature and that of the said Justice *Skinner*?—The signature looks like mine; as to signing the whole of the affidavit I could not say. I wish the affidavit to be read over to me.

The affidavit, marked A, was then read over to the witness. (For affidavit A, see page 208, of Journal of Monday, 12th instant.)

By Mr. *Ross*.

182.—You are requested to state positively whether or not that be your signature, and whether you believe it to be such?—It looks like my handwriting, but I could not state positively that it is. I do not believe it to be mine.

By Mr. Powell.

183.—Did you make the affidavit just read?—I did not.

184.—Did you swear to more than one affidavit, relating to the *Russell* Election, before Justice *Skinner*, and if only one, was it not read to you before being sworn, and by whom?—I only swore to one affidavit before Justice *Skinner*. It was read to me, before being sworn, by *George B. Lyon Fellowes*.

By Mr. White.

185.—Did you make an affidavit before one *O. D. Edgerton*, a Justice of the Peace?—I did.

186.—Is the signature affixed to the affidavit, marked B, now shown to you, yours?—It looks like it; but I could not say that I ever wrote it.

The following is the affidavit referred to in the question :—

B.

St. Lawrence County, S. S.

Earl Bedell, being by me duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is a resident of the Town of *Brasher*, in the County of *St. Lawrence*, and State of *New York*, and that he was in the Province of *Canada* on the 26th and 28th days of December, 1857, and that he attended an Election held in the Township of *Cambridge*, in the County of *Russell*, in the Province of *Canada*, for the purpose of electing a Member to represent the said County of *Russell* in the ensuing Provincial Parliament, and that this deponent was appointed a Special Constable for the purpose of keeping the peace at said Election, by *Martin T. Casselman*, who, being a Magistrate or one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, did then and there administer the oath of office to this deponent as such constable, and that this deponent was requested by said *Casselman* to vote at said Election, and was furnished by him with a printed list of names from a newspaper of a great number of persons; and that a Qualification List was furnished me by *George Byron Lyon Fellowes*, and on this list of lots I voted, and gave in the names on the printed list, and upwards of two hundred names from memory, whom I knew to be residents of the State of *New York*, which names were entered and recorded by *John S. Casselman*, the acting Poll Clerk, on the Poll Book, in presence of *George M. Chrysler*, Deputy Returning Officer, in favor of said *George B. Lyon Fellowes*, and that the numbers of the Lots and parts of Lots on which I voted and gave in names as above stated, were from the Qualification List furnished me by said *Fellowes*, and that among the names so given in from memory by me were the following, to wit :—*John Dickson, Jonas Spears, George Churchill, George Wilson, Henry Squires, William Kennedy, John Keenan, John McLennan, John Little, Robert Oliver, Charles Smith, John Smith, William Allen, David C. Chandler, John Barber, Earl Bates, John Hall, John Kennedy, John McDonald, John Phelps, Duncan Rick, Noah Jenkins, Allen Wright, Samuel Fletcher, Isaac C. Austin, John Finch, Edwin Atwater, Henry Washburn, Daniel O'Brien, Samuel Fuller, Clarkson Palmer, Lyman Fitch, Ambrose Starks, and Samuel Otis*, whom I know to be residents of *St. Lawrence* County, and to be legal voters in said County; and this deponent further says that from thirty to forty of the votes as above stated to have been given in by me and recorded by the acting Poll Clerk in presence of said Deputy Returning Officer, was done between the hours of six and nine o'clock p.m., on the 28th day of December last, and further this deponent says that *Gideon Ellis*, a resident of said County of *St. Lawrence*, was there in person and voted at said Election, and that *Abraham Boice* was sworn in as Special Constable, was in the Polling room and voted at said Election.

Subscribed and sworn before me,

Earl Bedell.

this 25th day of January, 1858.

O. D. Edgerton,

Justice of the Peace.

State of *New York*,

St. Lawrence County,

Clerk's Office, [L. s.]

I, *Benjamin G. Baldwin*, Clerk of said County of *St. Lawrence*, and also Clerk of the Courts of Record directed by law to be held therein, do hereby certify that *O. D. Edgerton*, before whom the annexed affidavit was made, was, at the time of taking the same, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, and duly authorized to take the same; and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of said Justice, and verily believe his signature to the jurat of the annexed affidavit is genuine.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said County and Courts, this 28th day of January, 1858.

(L. s.) *B. G. Baldwin*, Clerk.

187.—Did you make the affidavit just read to you?—I did.

By Mr. *Powell*.

188.—Was there only one affidavit written out for you when you made the affidavit you say you made before *Skinner*?—There was more than one.

By Mr. *White*.

189.—Who wrote the affidavit?—Mr. *George B. Lyon Fellowes* wrote out two which I would not sign. The reason was that they wanted me to swear to things that were not true.

By Mr. *Mowat*.

190.—What was in that affidavit which you swore for Mr. *Fellowes* as it was read to you?—I think the first question in it was that Mr. *Fellowes* did not ask me individually to assist in polling illegal votes; the next was that I did not receive directly or indirectly any remuneration for what I did at the Polls; this is all I remember.

191.—How long was Mr. *Fellowes* with you on the occasion you refer to? Did he call on you more than once before you swore to the affidavit? At what time of the day or night was it that you swore to the affidavit?—We met, I think, about half-past twelve in the afternoon; I should think it was not far from four o'clock when the affidavit was given; we met some eight miles from my house; he did not call on me more than once before I swore to the affidavit; we were together, to the best of my knowledge, all the time between half-past twelve and four; he spoke to me a number of times during that interval, with regard to the affidavit he wanted me to swear to, and to what I did swear to finally.

192.—Were any others present except Mr. *Fellowes* and yourself during all the time you mention, or during any, and what part of the time?—There were persons present other than Mr. *Fellowes* and myself, I should think, about two-thirds of the time; Mr. *Martin Casselman* and Mr. *D. C. Chandler*, of *Brasher Falls*, were present during part of the time.

193.—Was there any talk between you and Mr. *Fellowes* about the number of fictitious votes being 75, and if so, what was said about that number?—There was some conversation on that subject: I told him I had sworn in a former affidavit that I had polled 75 votes, and also remarked to him that I thought I would set the number low enough; the reason I made that remark was, that I knew he was aware that I had polled a great deal more than that number.

194.—You say that you did not swear to the affidavit produced, and purporting to be sworn before Mr. *Skinner*? Did Mr. *Fellowes* read over to you, at any time, such an affidavit, though you say it was not sworn to?—Mr. *Fellowes* did not, at any time, read over to me such an affidavit as that produced, and purporting to be sworn to before Mr. *Skinner*; part of the contents of that affidavit were talked of to me, and I refused to swear to them as they wished me to do.

195.—Are the facts true as sworn to in the other affidavit (of January last) and which you have heard read?—The facts sworn to by me in my affidavit before Mr. *Edgerton*, on the 25th of January last, are true.

196.—Were Mr. *Fellowes* and Mr. *Casselman* calling themselves by their own names or by some other and what, on the occasion of the visit in question, and if so, did they give you any and what reason for doing so?—They did assume other names, and requested me to call them by such names; Mr. *Fellowes* requested me to call him Colonel *Johnson*, Mr. *Casselman*, Colonel *Chambers*, and he also requested me not to let anybody know in *Brasher Falls* or the vicinity that they had been there in person; they wanted to keep it a secret, and did not wish some party to know they had been there.

By Mr. *Powell*.

197.—How many affidavits did Justice *Skinner* sign which you swore to?—One only.

By Mr. *Mowat*.

198.—Did anything else pass on the occasion of the visit you have been speaking of, which may be material to the present inquiry? If so, please state what it was?—Nothing else passed to my knowledge, on that occasion.

199.—How long have you been acquainted with *Martin T. Casselman*?—I met him first, I think, on the last day of October last. I have met him several times since at his residence, and once at my own village.

200.—How long were you in *Canada* before the 26th of December last? How did you happen to be in *Canada* at the time?—I went to *Canada* first about the latter part of October with a man named *Kingsley*, from the Town of *Norfolk* in the State of *New York*, we went on a trapping and hunting expedition. We staid I think about two weeks, during which we became acquainted with Mr. *Casselman*. We returned home in the State of *New York*, and four more of us went back for the express purpose of hunting deer. On the day before the Election took place, that is Friday the 25th, we intended coming home. Mr. *Casselman* said to us, "We are going to have an Election to-morrow and Monday," that is the 26th and 28th days of December, and requested us to stay that we might have some fun, as there would be a crowd there. We consented to remain. On the Sunday intervening between the two Election days, about three o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. *Casselman* came to me, sat down beside me, and asked me which had the most learning, myself or Mr. *Ellis*, one of the party who was with me. I told him I thought Mr. *Ellis* had been an old school-teacher. He asked me if I could read and write, and read writing; I told him I could. He then said they had got to do something or they would be defeated by Mr. *Loux*, and devised a plan. The plan was to furnish me with a catalogue of names out of a newspaper which he shewed me for names to vote from. He also said that he would furnish me with a list of qualifications made out from a tract of land which he owned. I finally consented. I was requested to assist in entering those names as voters, and producing the qualifications from the list that he furnished; in order that the Poll Clerk might record them. This is all which took place on that evening.

201.—What was done on Monday the 28th December? State all particulars fully?—On Monday I was furnished with a catalogue of names and a qualification list. The latter was in writing, and the former contained in a newspaper. They were furnished by Mr. *Casselman*. The voters were not allowed into the house, but entered their votes through the window pane, out of which the glass had been taken. There were a number of persons in the room, who came up to the window on the inside. I then proceeded to poll votes from the catalogue and qualification list that I held. I continued to do so until noon every time I could get a chance, when no voters could come up to the window to see me. In

the afternoon we resumed the same proceedings until some time in the afternoon, when I ran short of names, after which I furnished them from memory from my own town and towns adjoining. We then adjourned and went to supper, after which it was thought by Mr. *Casselman* that there were not enough. We took our chairs and lights and went back to the room, and polled a considerable number of votes that evening.

202.—Did you see Mr. *Fellowes* on the Monday you refer to, and what was he doing, and where was he; state fully?—I saw him on Monday morning, I think, at breakfast. I saw him several times during the day and evening. After dinner I went into his room where I supposed they were making out the qualification list. He sat beside the table with his back towards me as I entered the room: Spoke to him, but I do not recollect whether he looked round; but he held out the paper containing the qualification list with his left hand: I took it, left the room and went to the polling-place. I saw him again late in the evening, and was with him about two or three hours.

203.—Were you at the time told anything, and what, about the consequences of giving fictitious votes, and who told you the same, and when?—Mr. *Casselman* told me on Sunday that there was no danger at all.

204.—What has become of the paper of qualifications Mr. *Fellowes* gave you? Did he make any remark when he gave it you? Had you any conversation with him after the election about what had taken place; State fully?—The papers were all destroyed at Mr. *Casselman's* request. Mr. *Fellowes* did not make any remark when he gave me the paper of qualification. I had no particular conversation with him after the election with regard to what had taken place.

205.—About how many fictitious votes were given in the way you have described, and were they all given for one candidate, and which? Were they all made use of, or were there any afterwards omitted, and how do you know?—When we counted up in the evening, between nine and ten o'clock, including the legal votes, I think there were 608. I counted them, and so did Mr. *Ellis*; we both agreed. The legal votes given by voters in the Township were about forty-six; I do not think they would exceed fifty or fifty-five. All these fictitious votes were given for Mr. *G. B. Lyon Fellowes*. Mr. *Fellowes* told me when at *Brasher*, at the time of my affidavit, that they did not use the votes polled in the evening, as it was not necessary.

206.—Have you any means of knowing (beyond what you have stated) whether Mr. *Fellowes* was aware of fictitious votes being given for him? State fully everything you are aware of, to shew whether he knew or was ignorant of what was done on his behalf by *Casselman* and yourself.—I have no other means of knowing except that Mr. *Ellis* told me that Mr. *Fellowes* was making out a qualification list, and that he thought it was in Mr. *Fellowes's* own handwriting.

207.—Was there any door-keeper at the door of the room in which the Returning Officer was taking the votes? Who was the door-keeper? Was there any drinking going on in the room; and to what extent? State all you know or saw?—There was a door-keeper during a short time in the morning. I attended at the door myself for a short time. I think Mr. *Boice* attended it after that. The door was finally fastened and kept so during the greater part of the day. There was some drinking going on. Towards night I thought the Returning Officer was the worse of liquor. Mr. *Boice* drank pretty freely. There were some others who might have taken a little, but it could not be noticed in their appearance. The liquor was handed in several times through a back window by Mr. *Casselman's* son to me.

208.—Were you sworn in a special constable by Mr. *Casselman* during the election, or did you suppose so? Could you have been in error in supposing so, and what reasons have you for stating what you do, and what were the facts on the

subject?—Not being acquainted with the way of swearing in constables in *Canada*, I supposed I was at the time. I have but lately become convinced of my error. A lot of men came in the morning into the polling place. Mr. *Casselman* said he wanted to make them constables to preserve peace during the election. They then walked up in groups of four to five; the head one of them putting his hand on the Bible and taking the oath; they would then walk away, and another group would take their place. I was one of the number, although I did not put my hand on the Bible, but I supposed I was a special constable.

209.—Was the newspaper from which the names were taken for voters an *American* or *Canadian* newspaper? Do you recollect, or did you know the name of the newspaper?—I could not be positive, but I think it was an *American* paper; I do not recollect the name of the paper.

210.—Look at the Poll Book now produced and point out if you can the names you gave from memory, on what pages do they occur, where do the persons so named reside? Do you know those persons yourself?—*Robert Prouty, David C. Chandler, John Phelps, Duane Peck, Noah Jenkins, Allen Wright, Samuel Fuller, Isaac Austin, John Finch, Edward Atwater, Daniel O'Brien, Samuel Fletcher, Clarkson Palmer, Ambrose Starks, Samuel Otis*; these are all I recollect putting down from memory, but I put down a great many more. Part of the above persons reside in my own town and part in the towns adjoining; I am personally acquainted with all of them.

211.—What do you mean by saying you put down a great many more votes besides those you have named? I mean that I put down a great many more that I was personally acquainted with, but I do not find their names on the Poll Book.

212.—Can you explain how it happens, that your name is signed to the affidavit produced, of the 18th of February, which you say you did not swear to? State also what reasons Mr. *Fellowes* gave you for his anxiety to have you to swear to the affidavits you say he prepared for you?—I cannot explain how it happens that my name is signed to that affidavit. Mr. *Fellowes* said the affidavit I had given before, would ruin him if he did not get another one from me to rebut it. Mr. *Casselman* also said the same thing.

By Mr. *Dufresne*.

213.—What is your profession, trade or occupation?—I am a Mechanic by trade.

By Mr. *Burton*.

214.—In the affidavit you made before Mr. Justice *Abbott*, did you not swear you had polled seventy-five illegal votes?—I think I did.

215.—Has the affidavit you swore before *Edgerton* been shown to you since you came to *Toronto*?—It was not till this evening.

216.—Have you been promised any reward by any person or persons, for making the statements you have made before the House; if so, say what it is, and if in money, how much?—I have not been promised any reward for making such statements.

217.—Who brought you here, and who paid your expenses, and with whom have you been living, and by whom are your expenses paid whilst here?—I came on the cars, and paid my own expenses. I have been living at the *Rossin* House. I do not know who will pay them. Mr. *Baker* told me that he would see my expenses paid while I am here. I do not know whether they will be paid or not, but he told me he would pay them.

218.—Did not *Baker* give you the money which paid your expenses from *Brasher* here, and how much did you get and are yet to get for coming here?—He did not give me any money to pay my expenses, and I have not been promised and do not know that I am to get a cent.

219.—Were you paid any money by Mr. *Louis* for making the affidavit you

swore to before *Abbott*, and how much? What were you paid for swearing the affidavit before *Edgerton*, and how much were you promised?—*Mr. Louw* handed me a Ten Dollar Bill and said, "Here, I make you a present of this." This was after the affidavit before *Abbott*. I was promised fifteen dollars as a present for swearing the affidavit before *Edgerton*, but I only received five.

220.—Did you negotiate with *Baker* or any else for any certain sum of money to be paid you if you should come to *Toronto* to give evidence, and if so, how much, and upon what terms?—I did not negotiate with *Baker* or anybody else verbally. I received the following letter, but I do not know who wrote it; I have never heard anything about it since:—

Prescott, March 25th, 1858.

Mr. Bedell.

Dear Sir,—In regard to the seats contested in *Canada*, it is far from being settled; now, Sir, if you will meet me at *Brasher* Depot on the 5th day of April, I will make you a present of two hundred dollars, and bear all your expenses to *Toronto* and back home, and if you want I will give you good and sufficient securities that you shall not be harmed, and shall not be detained more than one week from home. I will have bonds to that effect signed by one of your townsmen. I wish an answer to this immediately.

Address *W. T. L.*, *Prescott*, *C. W.*

221.—Do you know *I. W. L.* to be the initial letters of *Mr. Louw's* name?—I do not. The initials are *W. T. L.* in the letter.

222.—Were the bonds entered into named in the letter?—They were not; I have not heard anything more of it since.

223.—Did you meet any party in pursuance of the suggestion contained in the letter?—Not that I know of.

224.—Has *Baker* or *Morgan* been at *Brasher*, or at *Brasher* Railway Station since the date of that letter, and if so, did the person who was there deposit any money with any person for your benefit?—Both of them have been there since that time. They did not deposit any money for my benefit to my knowledge.

225.—Have you been occupied and engaged at your trade or occupation for the last six months, and have you been making a respectable living by it?—I have worked some of the time at my trade. I have been out of health so that I did not work at it the whole time. I have been making a respectable living at it.

226.—Have you been exclusively in the company of *Morgan*, *Baker* and *Louw*, or of either of them since you came to *Toronto*; and did they or any of them suggest to you to attend this House to hear *Mr. Casselman's* testimony before you made your statement?—I have been in the company of *Mr. Morgan* the greater part of the time since I have been in *Toronto*. No one of those mentioned in the question requested me to come and hear *Mr. Casselman's* testimony.

227.—Did you come to hear *Mr. Casselman's* testimony? and with whom did you come to this House to hear it?—I did not come to hear *Mr. Casselman's* testimony, neither had I seen him before this evening since I came to *Toronto*.

228.—Do you know any person who has been acting for you in the negotiation for the two hundred dollars mentioned in the letter you have put in?—I do not.

By *Mr. Mowat.*

229.—You said, in answer to a question from *Mr. Burton*, that you thought you did say in an affidavit, sworn before *Mr. Abbott*, that you had polled seventy-five illegal votes. How did you happen to say seventy-five votes then, while you now testify to a much larger number? Explain this fully if you can?—*Mr. Louw* wanted to know how many names I gave from recollection; and I told him seventy-five. I thought I would not give a higher number than there actually was, but rather a lower one.

230.—What *Mr. Louw* paid you the sums you have said you were paid after

swearing to the affidavits before Mr. *Abbott* and Mr. *Edgerton*? Was it the Mr. *Loux* who was a Candidate at the Election?—He is, I suppose, the father to Mr. *Loux* who was Candidate.

231.—Were the affidavits you swore before Mr. *Abbott* and Mr. *Edgerton* true or false? Did Mr. *Loux* or any one on his behalf ask you to swear to any thing, and what, that was not true? Did he, or did any one on behalf of Mr. *Loux*, promise you anything, and what, for testifying to any and what false statement, either by affidavit or hire?—The affidavits sworn to before Mr. *Abbott* and Mr. *Edgerton* were true. No, neither Mr. *Loux*, nor any one on his behalf, asked me to swear to anything that was not true. I was promised nothing either by Mr. *Loux* or any one else on his behalf for testifying to any false statement either by affidavit or here.

By Mr. *Burton*.

232.—How do you know it was not Mr. *Loux* the Candidate but Mr. *Loux* his father,—had you seen either of them before the Election or during the Election?—Mr. *Loux* told me that his son was Candidate at that Election. I had not seen either of them before or during the Election.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

On motion of Mr. *Powell*, seconded by Mr. *Burton*,

Ordered, That *James Keays*, *John Cameron*, and *John W. Loux*, be severally discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

Mr. *Somerville* moved, seconded by Mr. *McCann*, and the question being put, that this House do now adjourn; the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Archangebeault,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	18. <i>Webb.</i>
<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	20. <i>White.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the House being read, for the attendance at the Bar of the Witnesses to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on the Poll Books of the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*.

And the House being informed, that *Rémi Séraphine Noël* attended at the door; he was called in, and at the Bar, was further examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Lemieux*.

31.—On the morning of the day of Proclamation, were you informed (and if so, state by whom, and how) that certain persons had armed themselves, and would present themselves armed in front of the place at which the Proclamation was to be made,—and state who those persons were?—

Notice being taken, that there was no Quorum;

The Witness was directed to withdraw;

And the names of the Members present were taken down, as follow:—

Mr. Speaker, Messrs. *Brown, John Cameron, Cayley, Attorney General Carrier, Dorion, Dubord, Dunkin, Gauvreau, Howland, Laporte, Lemieux, John S. Macdonald, Mackenzie, Mattice, Mowat, O'Farrell, Sicotte, and White.*

And at five minutes after midnight, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put.

Thursday, 15th April, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Roblin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *William English* and others, of the Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington*; the Petition of *William Beeman* and others, of the Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington*; the Petition of *Sidney Warner* and others, Magistrates, Merchants, Manufacturers, and others, of the United Counties of *Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington*; and the Petition of the Trustees of the *Napanee County Grammar School*.

By Mr. *Langevin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. Poulin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Isidore de Lauzon*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Charles Beaumont, Curé*, and others of the Parish of *Ste. Hénédine*.

By Mr. *Rymal*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Wentworth*.

By Mr. *McMicken*,—The Petition of *Christopher Moss*, farmer, and others, of the County of *Welland*.

By Mr. *Stirton*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Wellington*.

By Mr. *William F. Powell*,—The Petition of *James Keays*, Returning Officer for the County of *Russell*.

By Mr. *Price*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. B. Gagnon* and others, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Freeholders of the Township of *Chicoutimi* and other Townships; and the Petition of *Daniel Coté* and others, of the Township of *St. Jean*, County of *Chicoutimi*.

By Mr. *Simpson*,—The Petition of the *Upper Canada Society* of the Electoral Division No. 25, for the encouragement of Horticulture, Agriculture, and Works of Art.

By Mr. *Pope*,—The Petition of *James Ryther* and others, of the Township of *Westbury*, County of *Compton*; and the Petition of the Trustees of the High School at *Robinson Village*, County of *Compton*, and of the School Commissioners for the said Municipality.

By Mr. *Baby*,—The Petition of the Reverend *G. S. Marceau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Simon*, County of *Rimouski*; the Petition of *James Smith* and others, of *Metis*, County of *Rimouski*; and the Petition of the Reverend *G. Nadeau* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Luoe*.

By Mr. *Webb*,—The Petition of *Christopher E. Wurttele*, Mayor, and others, of the Townships of *Windsor* and *Wotton*, in the United Counties of *Richmond* and *Wolfe*.

By Mr. *Burton*,—The Petition of *John Brown* and others, Manufacturers and others.

By Mr. *Allan*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Fergus*.

By Mr. *Labelle*,—The Petition of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Volunteer Rifle Company of *St. Martin*.

By Mr. *Gould*,—The Petition of Lodge No. 134 of the Independent Order of Good Templars; and the Petition of *Neil McDougall* and others, of the County of Ontario.

By the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,—The Petition of *James Ferguson* and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts of the United Counties of *Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—The Petition of Messieurs *W. P. McLaren & Company*, and others, Merchants, Tradesmen, and Operatives, of the City of *Montreal*; the Petition of the Manufacturers of Cordage in *Western Canada*; the Petition of Messieurs *J. Brown & Company*, and *Robert Henderson*, of the City of *Quebec*, Cordage and Rope Manufacturers, and others; and the Petition of the Manufacturers of Cordage, Lines, and Twines, in the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *LeBoutillier*,—The Petition of *T. Tremblay* and others, of the Parish of *Grande Rivière, New Port*.

By Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute of *Terrebonne*.

By Mr. *Beaubien*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Z. Sirois* and others, of the Parish of *St. Pierre, Rivière du Sud*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Reverend *N. Bédoulet*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de Deschambault*; of the Reverend *C. E. Poiré*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Anselme de Lauzon*, County of *Dorchester*; of the Reverend *J. Tardif*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Pierre*, Island of *Orleans*; and of the Reverend *J. Dumas* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Port Joli*, County of *L'Islet*; representing that for some years past, and more especially at the last General Election of Members for the Legislative Assembly, numerous frauds and acts of violence have been committed; and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent a recurrence of the same.

Of Mrs. *Thérèse Potvin*, Widow of the late *Louis Claproot*; praying for arrears of pension due her late husband, for services rendered during the late war with the *United States*.

Of *Pierre Roy* and others, of the Township of *Wotton*, County of *Wolfe*; praying that the Township of *Wotton* may be divided into two separate Municipalities.

Of the Reverend *A. Bouchard* and others, of the Townships of *Stratford, Garthby, and Winslow*; praying aid for Roads and Bridges in the County of *Wolfe*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Elgin*; praying that representation may be based upon population.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Elgin*; praying that the chief place of the District of *Beauharnois* may be established in the centre of the said District.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Elgin*; praying that no more aid be given to the Grand Trunk or any other Railroad Company.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Elgin*; praying that the duties on teas, sugar, coffee, and coarse cotton, be reduced, and that all duties be on the *ad valorem* principle.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Elgin*; praying for certain amendments to the School Law.

Of *Robert Fleming Gourlay*, setting forth certain grievances; and praying that he may be heard personally at the Bar of the House.

Of *William McIntosh*, of the Village of *Newcastle*; praying for the passing of an Act granting to him power and authority to hold the three-quarters of lot No. 28, in the second concession, Township of *Clarke*, in fee simple, with power to sell, mortgage, and otherwise dispose of the same.

Of *R. Stevenson* and others, of the County of *Welland*; and of *Jacob Miser* and others, of the County of *Lincoln*; praying for the passing of an Act incorporating a Company to construct a Railway from the *Niagara* River within the limits of the Town of *Clifton*, to some point on the *Detroit* River.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Wainfleet*; and of *A. Sherwood* and others, Merchants, Owners of Vessels, and others; praying that the *Welland* Canal may be enlarged.

Of *Peter Gibbons* and others, Merchants and others, resident along the line of the *Welland* Canal; praying for the passing of an Act to make vessels holden for all stores and provisions obtained by them while passing through the said Canal.

Of *Paul Langlois* and others; of the Reverend *J. Tardif*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Pierre*, Island of *Orleans*; and of the Reverend *A. Gosse*, Curé, and others; praying that the legal rate of Interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of the *Montreal* Catholic Orphan Asylum; praying for aid.

Of *Charles S. Rodier*, Mayor, and others, proprietors of land on the *Montreal* Mountain; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company to construct a *Boulevard* round the Two Mountains at *Montreal*.

Of the University Lying-in Hospital of *Montreal*; praying for aid.

Of the Corporation of the *Montreal* General Hospital; praying that their annual grant may be increased.

Of the Town Council of *Whitby*; praying that no action be taken by the House to reduce the present incorporated limits of the Town of *Whitby*.

Of the *British* Farmers' Union Insurance Company of *Brantford*; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of *Donald Cameron*, of *Thorah*; praying for the adoption of certain measures to obtain for him and his followers, the issue of deeds of lands for which they have received location tickets.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John McNaughton*, of the Township of *Hope*, in the County of *Durham*, and others of the said County, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William Fitch* and others, of the Township of *Grimsbey*, County of *Lincoln*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Gordon Brown*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, Gentleman, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said City, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Robert Bell*, of the City of *Ottawa*, in the Province of *Canada*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said City, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Jean Louis Beaudry* and others, Merchants, of the City of *Montreal*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, Esquire, to represent the said City, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Jean Louis Beaudry* and others, Merchants, of the City of *Montreal*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Esquire, for the said City, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger* laid before the House,—Statement of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of *Gaspé*, for the year 1857.

For the said Statement; see Appendix (No. 16.)

Ordered, That Mr. *Jobin* be excused from serving on Select Election Committees during the present Session, on account of the precarious state of his health.

The Order of the House being read for the attendance at the Bar of the Witnesses to be examined, touching the irregularities apparent on the Poll-book for the Township of *Cambridge*, at the last Election for the County of *Russell*.

And the House being informed that *O. D. Edgerton*, Esquire, attended at the door, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Fellowes*.

233.—What is your name and place of residence, and are you a Justice of the Peace for *St. Lawrence* County, in the State of *New York*?—My name is *O. D. Edgerton*. I reside at *Brasher Falls*, and am a Justice of the Peace for *St. Lawrence* County, in the State of *New York*.

234.—Do you know *John F. Skinner*; where does he reside? Is he a Justice of the Peace in and for *St. Lawrence* County, in the State of *New York*, and are you acquainted with his writing or signature?—I know *John F. Skinner*. He resides in the Town of *Brasher*. He is a Justice of the Peace in and for *St. Lawrence* County, State of *New York*. I am acquainted with his writing and signature.

235.—Do you know *Earl Bedell*, of *Brasher Falls*, and does he reside in the same Village with yourself, and do you know his signature, and if so, look at the paper or affidavit herewith shewn you, marked B, and say if he signed the same, and if his name so signed thereto is his hand-writing, and if he swore thereto before you?—I know *Earl Bedell*. He resides in the same Village as myself. I have seen him write his name, and saw him sign his name to the affidavit marked B, now shewn to me. He swore to the said affidavit before me.

236.—Look at this Affidavit now shewn to you marked A, purporting to be the Affidavit of *Earl Bedell*, sworn before *John F. Skinner*, said Justice of the Peace, and say if the signature *Earl Bedell*, subscribed thereto, is his hand-writing and signature; also say if the signature *John F. Skinner*, and addition of Justice of the Peace, is the hand-writing and signature of *John F. Skinner*, of *Brasher*, whom you know to be a Justice of the Peace as before mentioned, for *St. Lawrence* County, in the State of *New York*?—I think it is the same as the other signature on the Affidavit marked B; I think the signature of *John F. Skinner*, and addition of Justice of the Peace, are in the hand-writing of the said *John F. Skinner*, of *Brasher*, Justice of the Peace for *St. Lawrence* County, State of *New York*.

237.—Was *Earl Bedell* accompanied by one *Loux* and *Roper* when he made the said Affidavit marked B, before you; and were not several paragraphs altered several times before being engrossed to suit the views of *Loux* and *Roper*, or either of them, with the consent of *Earl Bedell*?—*Loux* and *Roper* were with *Earl Bedell* when he made the Affidavit marked B before me; several alterations were made in the Affidavit before it was completed; some were made by *Loux*, and some by *Roper*, with *Bedell's* approval.

238.—Did *Earl Bedell* tell you that when he came to *Toronto* to give evidence in the *Russell* Election, he would say what he had a mind to, and when did he say so?—I think he said he would answer such questions as he had a mind to. This occurred last Tuesday week.

239.—Had you any conversation with *Earl Bedell* respecting the offers made to him, if he would come to *Toronto* to give evidence in the *Russell* Election case; if so, when was such conversation. Have you learnt what arrangement was made by him, or for him, to remunerate him for giving evidence, and if he were to receive money,—how much and upon what terms?—I had conversation

with him on the same Tuesday morning. He said there were two men at the depot who wanted him to come up here with them; that he had been up to see them the night before, that they offered him two hundred dollars, and that he had asked for three hundred dollars; that he was going up to see them again that morning about it. I learnt elsewhere that they came to an agreement and that these men had deposited two hundred dollars with Mr. *Abbott*, and that Mr. *Abbott* had handed it over to some other person. I understood that the arrangement was, that he was to have one hundred dollars if he came here, and the remainder if he appeared here and gave his testimony.

240.—Was the testimony to be in support of his affidavit made before you?—I think it was to corroborate the affidavits he had made.

241.—Which affidavits do you refer to?—There were none designated, but I understood it to mean those sworn to before myself and Mr. *Abbott*.

242.—Are you of opinion, and do you believe that the signatures "*Earl Bedell*," and "*John F. Skinner*," subscribed to said affidavit, marked A, are respectively the signatures of the said *Earl Bedell*, and said *John F. Skinner*, the said Justice of the Peace before spoken of by you?—It is my opinion, and I believe them to be such.

243.—What is the character of *Earl Bedell* for veracity and truth among his neighbors and the people where he resides, and would he be believed on oath?—His character is not good. His testimony under oath would require corroboration.

244.—How long have you known *Earl Bedell*, what are his circumstances, and do you think him capable of bearing and paying his expenses to, at and from *Toronto*, out of his own resources?—I have known him several years. He is poor in circumstances. I do not know how he could get means of his own to pay his expenses to, at and from *Toronto*.

245.—What is the trade of *Earl Bedell*, and does he support his family thereby, and in what state? And do you know any other way he has of making money besides his trade?—He is quite a genius at mechanical business. I know of no other way he has to support his family. It is reported that they live rather close some of the time. I do not know any other way he has of making money besides his trade.

246.—Does he make money by swearing affidavits?—I only know that by his own statement here.

By Mr. *Patrick*.

247.—Do you know *David C. Chandler*, and can you say where he resides?—I do not know him. He resides at *Brasher Falls*.

248.—Was the Affidavit now put in your hand, marked D, made before you on the 25th January last?—It was.

[The following is the affidavit referred to in the question:—

D.

David C. Chandler, being duly sworn, says that he is well acquainted with *John Phelps*, *Duane Peck*, *Allen Wright*, *Isaac C. Austin*, *John Finch*, *David O'Brien*, *Samuel Fletcher*, *Clarkson Palmer*, *Ambrose Starckes*, *Samuel Otis*, *George Wilson*, *John Shell*, *William Kennedy*, *John W. Morgan*, *Robert Oliver*, *Charles Smith*, *John Baines*, *John Barber*, *Charles Blake*, *John Clark*, *John Hall*, and *John Kennedy*, whose names appear on said Poll Book; that they are residents of *St. Lawrence County*, in the State of *New York*; and that I verily believe said persons were not in the Province of *Canada* at the time of said Election.

David C. Chandler.

Subscribed and sworn before me,
this 25th day of January, 1857.

O. D. Edgerton,
Justice of the Peace.

State of *New York*,

St. Lawrence County,

Clerk's Office, [s. s.]

I, *Benjamin G. Baldwin*, Clerk of said County of *St. Lawrence*, and also Clerk of the Courts of Record directed by law to be held therein, do hereby certify that *O. D. Edgerton*, before whom the annexed affidavit was made, was, at the time of taking the same, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, and duly authorized to take the same; and I further certify that I am well acquainted with the hand-writing of said Justice, and verily believe his signature to the jurat of the annexed affidavit is genuine.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of the said County and Courts, this 28th day of January, 1858.

(L. S.)

B. G. Baldwin, Clerk.]

249.—Do you know the persons whose names are mentioned in that affidavit, or any of them, and are they residents of the State of *New York*? Are they *British* subjects or *American* citizens?—I know persons who bear the same names as part of those mentioned in the affidavit. They are residents of the State of *New York*. Those whom I know are *American* citizens.

250.—How many do you know?—I know *John Phelps*, *Allen Wright*, *John Finch*, *Samuel Fletcher*, *Ambrose Starkes*, *William Kennedy*, *Charles Smith*, *Charles Blake*.

251.—Do you think they visited *Canada* during the late Election, or that they are entitled to vote in this Province?—I do not know that they did visit it, and I do not know whether they were entitled to vote. They might have been here without my knowledge.

252.—Was the affidavit marked E, and now placed in your hands, made by *Chandler* before you?—It was.

[The following is the affidavit referred to in the question:—

E.

David C. Chandler being duly sworn says, that he is a resident of the Town of *Brasher*, in the County of *St. Lawrence*, and State of *New York*, and that he is the Postmaster at *Brasher Falls*, in said Town, and further, that whereas my name appears on a copy of a Poll Book this day shewn me, kept at an Election held in the Township of *Cambridge*, in the County of *Russell*, in the Province of *Canada*, for the purpose of electing a Member to represent the said County of *Russell* in the ensuing Provincial Parliament; now, therefore, I do solemnly declare on my oath, that I was not in said Township nor in the Province of *Canada* on the 26th and 28th days of December last, but that I was at that time in the County of *St. Lawrence*, in the State of *New York*, and that I did not vote at that Election, nor did I authorize any person to use my name at such Election.

David C. Chandler.

Subscribed and sworn before me,
this 25th day of January, 1858.

O. D. Edgerton,
Justice of the Peace.

State of *New York*,

St. Lawrence County,

Clerk's Office, [s. s.]

I, *Benjamin G. Baldwin*, Clerk of said County of *St. Lawrence*, and also Clerk of the Courts of Record directed by law to be held therein, do hereby certify that *O. D. Edgerton*, before whom the annexed affidavit was made, was at the time of taking the same, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, and duly authorized to take the same; and I further certify that I am well acquainted

with the hand-writing of said Justice, and verily believe his signature to the jurat of the annexed affidavit is genuine.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said County and Courts, this 28th day of January, 1858.

[L. s.]

B. G. Baldwin, Clerk.]

253.—Is the said *Chandler* of good reputation, and do you believe his affidavit to be true?—I have not heard his reputation doubted under oath. I have no means of knowing anything respecting the truth of his affidavit.

By Mr. *Mowat*.

254.—Have you any and what reasons for knowing or being aware whether any fictitious votes were given for Mr. *Felloves* at the election now in question?—I have no reasons for knowing or being aware whether any such fictitious votes were given.

255.—Do you get anything, and what, and from whom, for coming here to give your testimony in this matter? Who pays or has paid your expenses? What have you received or are you to receive for expenses? How much more have you received or do you expect to receive? State the whole truth regarding the same?—Mr. *Casselman* asked whether I would come if I was wanted, and told me that if I did, he would see that I was paid my time and expenses. I have not received anything. What I have above stated is all that has been said to me on the subject.

256.—How much is it understood that you should receive for your time, or how much, or about how much do you expect to receive therefor?—There is no understanding about it further than what I have above stated, and I have not calculated on any definite sum.

By Mr. *Felloves*.

257.—Look at the affidavit now shown to you, marked F, signed "*John Bacon*," and say if the said affidavit was sworn before you by said *John Bacon*; and where does he reside, and is he a credible person?

[The following is the affidavit referred to in the question:—

F.

St. Lawrence County,

Town of Brasher, [s. s.]

John Bacon being by me duly sworn, says that he is a resident of the *Town of Brasher*, in *St. Lawrence County, New York*, and that he is well acquainted with *Earl Bedell*, a resident of said *Town*, and that the general reputation of *Earl Bedell*, as to truth and veracity, is not good, and that to the best knowledge and belief of this deponent, he is not entitled to belief when under oath; and this deponent believes that to be his general reputation in this community.

John Bacon.

Subscribed and sworn before me,
this 27th day of April, 1858,

O. D. Edgerton,

Justice of the Peace for said County.]

Answer.—The affidavit now shown to me marked F, was sworn to before me. *John Bacon* resides in the *Town of Brasher*. He is considered a credible person.

258.—Look at the affidavit now shown to you, marked G, signed "*Isaac Goodrich*," and say, if so, did he swear to the same before you. Where does he reside, and is he a credible person?

[The following is the affidavit referred to in the question:—

G.

St. Lawrence County,
Town of *Brasher*, [s. s.]

Isaac Goodrich, being by me duly sworn, says that he is a resident of the Town of *Brasher*, in *St. Lawrence County, New York*, and that he is well acquainted with *Earl Bedell*, a resident of said town, and that the general reputation of *Earl Bedell*, as to truth and veracity, is not good, and that to the best knowledge and belief of this deponent he is not entitled to belief when under oath, and this deponent believes that to be his general reputation in this community.

Isaac Goodrich.

Subscribed and sworn before me,
this 7th day of April, 1858.

O. D. Edgerton,
Justice of the Peace for said County.]

Answer.—The affidavit marked G, was sworn to before me by *Isaac Goodrich*, who resides in the Town of *Brasher*. His reputation as to truth is good.

259.—Look at the Affidavit now shown to you marked H., signed *Ira B. Bacon*; was the same sworn before you by him? where does he reside, and is he a credible person?

[The following is the Affidavit referred to in the question:—

H.

St. Lawrence County,
Town of *Brasher*, [s. s.]

Ira B. Bacon, being by me duly sworn, says that he is a resident of the Town of *Brasher* in *St. Lawrence County, New York*, and that he is well acquainted with *Earl Bedell* a resident of said Town, and that the general reputation of *Earl Bedell* as to truth and veracity is not good, and that to the best knowledge and belief of this deponent he is not entitled to belief when under oath, and this deponent believes that to be his general reputation in this community.

Ira B. Bacon.

Subscribed and sworn before me,
this 7th day of April, 1858.

O. D. Edgerton,
Justice of the Peace for said County.]

Answer.—The affidavit marked H, was sworn to before me by *Ira B. Bacon*, who resides in the Town of *Brasher*. I never have heard his oath doubted.

260.—Look at the affidavit now shown to you, marked I, signed *Jarvis B. Blount*; did he swear to the same before you? Where does he reside, and is he a credible person, and are all said four affidavits of the same tenor and effect?

The following is the affidavit referred to in the question:—

I.

St. Lawrence County,
Town of *Brasher*, [s. s.]

Jarvis B. Blount being by me duly sworn, says that he is a resident of the town of *Brasher*, in *St. Lawrence County, New York*, and that he is well acquainted with *Earl Bedell*, a resident of said town, and that the general reputation of *Earl Bedell* as to truth and veracity is not good, and that to the best knowledge and belief of this deponent, he is not entitled to belief when under oath, and this deponent believes that to be his general reputation in this community.

Jarvis B. Blount.

Subscribed and sworn before me,
this 7th day of April, 1858.

O. D. Edgerton,
Justice of the Peace for said County.]

Answer.—The affidavit marked I, was sworn to before me by *Jarvis B. Blount*. He resides in *Brasher*. I have never heard his oath doubted; I think all said four affidavits are of the same tenor and effect.

By Mr. *Walker Powell*.

261.—When *Earl Bedell* told you he would say what he had a mind to when he came to *Toronto*, had you any reason to believe that he would make statements which were untrue? State under what circumstances this conversation took place?—I met him at the corner of a street, and we spoke about this matter. I supposed that he meant by the remark he made that he would answer such questions as he had a mind to, and no more.

He was then directed to withdraw.

The House being informed that *Martin Casselman*, Esquire, attended at the door, he was called in, and further examined at the Bar, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Fellowes*.

262.—Did you invite *Earl Bedell* and his hunting companions to remain with you for the election held in *Cambridge* on the 26th and 28th December last, and had you any conversation with him about it, and what was it?—I never invited him. I never had any conversation with the man until last winter, when I went over to *Brasher*. I saw him about the time of the election at a house where my labouring men lived. He lodged with them while he was there. During the time the election was going on, in passing to the Poll, I had to pass by that house, and I think I saw him once or twice. At one time he was partly in front of my house with other people, and on the evening following the last day of the election, in passing through, I saw him in the kitchen among a number of men, but I cannot be positive.

263.—Did you, on the Sunday mentioned by him, (27th December,) say that you wished him or any one else to poll illegal votes for Mr. *Fellowes*, or did you say to him that Mr. *Fellowes* would be defeated, and arrange with him to devise some plan to carry the election, such as that described by him in his statement made before this House?—I never did.

264.—Had you, on the Sunday intervening between the two election days, any information as to either the general state of the poll for the whole County or any Township except *Cambridge*, or had you any knowledge how the Polls in each Township stood, or in any other Township than *Cambridge*; or did you know which candidate was ahead on the whole vote of the County?—I had not, for we did not hear from any poll, nor did any person from my house go for that purpose, to my knowledge.

265.—Had *Earl Bedell* free access into your dwelling house during the time he was there, and if so, at what time, or had he or any other persons (strangers) free access to the rooms in which Mr. *Fellowes* was on the part of the second day he was there?—He had not, nor had any other stranger. Mr. *Fellowes* was in the sitting room in my house; no strangers are admitted there, nor are any other persons with whom we are not well acquainted.

266.—Were you not in attendance at the poll pretty constantly during the morning of the second day; if so, did you see *Earl Bedell* in the Poll room, and if he had been there, would you not have seen him?—I was at the poll and went in the polling booth. The house is divided into three rooms, and I was in each room during the morning of the second day. If he had been there, I could not but have seen him.

267.—Did Mr. *Fellowes*, when he saw *Bedell* at *Brasher*, and during any of the time he was with him, tell *Bedell* that no sheets with illegal votes had been used, because there was enough without them, as stated by *Bedell*?—When at *Brasher*, I heard no such conversation.

268.—Were you present all the time that Mr. *Fellowes* and *Bedell* were together?—I was.

269.—Could any liquor have been taken into the poll room from your house on the second day, and if not, why could it not? And was the Deputy Returning Officer under the influence of liquor that day?—No liquor could have been taken from the House. What liquor I had, I kept in a travelling case in square bottles. The Deputy Returning Officer was perfectly sober when he came in at five o'clock in the evening, nor did I see him intoxicated during any part of the election.

270.—Did *John Cameron*, (*Loua's Agent*.) during the time he was at your place on the second day, remain steadily at the polling booth, or did he wander from the Poll and about the place any of the time?—He did not remain steadily at the polling booth. He would sometimes be at a distance of about three acres talking to people who were there. He would then return, stay for a few minutes, and then go away again.

271.—Were persons going to, and returning from your place, at times during the second day, in sleighs, and how many do you think were continuously at your place and on the polling ground during the day?—They were going and coming continually from about nine o'clock in the morning. I do not know the exact number; but I should suppose there were about a hundred or upwards of eighty who took dinner at my house during the day. All the people did not take dinner, for there were some outside who would not come in.

272.—Did you see any number of persons voting during the morning of the second day, and how many votes do you think were polled whilst you were there, and were they polled by one person, or by different persons?—I did see people voting at the poll; the votes were given by different persons. I saw no one vote more than once. I could not exactly say the number who voted while I remained at the poll; but to the best of my knowledge, from seventy to ninety had voted up to the time I left the poll.

273.—Did you or Mr. *Fellowes* know the state of the several polls before you left *Cambridge*, or before you delivered the poll-book to the Returning Officer?—I did not. I do not know what chance Mr. *Fellowes* could have of knowing it, being at my house on the afternoon of the second day.

274.—Did Mr. *Fellowes* make out any qualification lists of voters for voting at the said election, and if he did make any would you not have known it, and seen such lists if made by him?—I do not think he did, for I could not but have known it if he had.

275.—Where did the Deputy Returning Officer spend his time after the close of the poll on the second day, or did he go back to the house where the poll was after five o'clock?—After getting through with the business of closing the book and delivering it to me, he left the room. I did not see where he went to as I was absent about ten or fifteen minutes. He then came into the sitting room where he had left us, and remained with us until we went to bed.

276.—Did you see any sheets of paper with names for votes written thereon in the evening of the second day, which did not belong to the poll-book? What quantity do you think you saw? Where did they come from? Who made them? And what was done with them?—About half-past nine I think, my son came to the sitting-room door and called me; he said to me that *Earl Bedell* had told him that he and *Ellis* had made some five or six hundred votes, and wanted them to be attached to the poll-book. I told my son to get them; he then delivered them to me; I took the sheets of paper on which they were written, and said to Mr. *Fellowes*, "see what some of those strangers have done." *Bedell* told my son that he wanted to have them annexed to the poll-book. I said "No." On suggesting the thing to Mr. *Fellowes*, he was quite indignant, and said that no illegal means should be used. I opened the stove door and put them in.

By Mr. *Patrick*.

277.—You have said you own 8,000 acres of land in the Township of *Cambridge*. State what are the numbers of your lots in the sixth concession?—Lots Numbers 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, are those which I still own.

278.—State the Numbers of Lots in the seventh concession?—Lots Numbers 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27.

279.—State the Numbers of Lots in any of the other concessions?—In the fifth concession, the rear half of 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27; in the ninth concession, west half of 9; in the eighth concession, the rear half of 8, 9, 11, 13. As near as I can remember, that is all I own, though I may be mistaken in a figure.

280.—Did you own any lands at the time of the election with which you have since parted?—I did not. I did not part with any since the election. I verbally made a sale of one lot, but no deed was entered into.

By Mr. *White*.

281.—Are you aware of any person claiming to vote, as proprietor or tenant, on any of the lots mentioned, at the election; and if so, who? Explain fully?—I am not aware of any but four parties, *Abraham Boice*, *Warren Casselman*, *Ephraim Gregory*, and *Robinson Person*. I was not present when the latter voted, but I heard that he had voted.

By Mr. *Patrick*.

282.—Examine the poll-book, and refer to the lots and concessions mentioned, and state who voted on the lots or parts of lots claimed as your property?—I do not know any of the persons who voted on the lots of the sixth concession. *Thomas Greenlove*, *Thomas Whely*, *Joseph Whely*, *George Baillie*, *Alexander Sutherland*, *John Scott*, *George Gordon*, *James Reid*, *Joseph Pingush*. These are all the names I find as far as my land goes in that concession. In the seventh concession, *John M. Ross*, *John Macdonald*, *Robert Mann*, *David Macpherson*, *William Grant*, *John McKay*, *Donald Tate*, *Donald Campbell*, *William Eaton*, *Samuel Childs*, *Lorenzo Clark*, *John Davidson*, *John Davis*, *James Edwards*, *Edward Gorman*, *Thomas Goodman*, *Felix Hackett*, *David Hewitt*, *Richard Mattice*. In the fifth, *Gabriel McCann*, *James McLean*, *Thomas Lawson*, *David Bell*, *James Silbury*, *David Wright*, *Charles Scott*, *Thomas Scott*. In the eighth concession, *William Marshall*.

283.—Examine the certificate marked J, of the Register of the County of *Russell*, now put in your hand, and say if it is his hand-writing, and you believe it genuine?

[The following is the certificate referred to in the question:—

J.

Registry Office, County of *Russell*,

January 30, 1858.

Lot number one, in the fifth concession of *Cambridge*. Not patented in this office.

Lot number nineteen, in the fourth concession of *Cambridge*. Not patented in this office.

Lot number seventeen, in the seventh concession of *Cambridge*. Patented to Lieutenant-Colonel *Abraham Crysler*. Date of Patent, June 8th, 1796.

Deed—*Jacob C. Crysler, et al.*, to *Samuel Gale*. Date of Record, 6th November, 1849, in Book B. Number of Memorial, 4791.

Deed—*Samuel Gale* to *John Richard Casselman*. Date of Record, 19th of July, 1853, in Book B. Number of Memorial, 6280.

Deed—*John Richard Casselman* to *Martin Casselman*. Date of Record, 19th July, 1853, in Book B. Number of Memorial 6281.

Lot number three in the ninth Concession of *Cambridge*. Not Patented in this office.

Lot number twenty-four in the sixth concession of *Cambridge*. Patented to Lieutenant-Colonel *Abraham Crysler*. Date of Patent, June 8, 1796.

Deed—*Jacob G. Crysler et al*, to *Samuel Gale*. Date of Record, November 6, 1849, in Book B. Number of Memorial, 4791.

Deed—*Samuel Gale* to *John Richard Casselman*. Date of Record 19th July, 1853, in Book B. Number of Memorial, 6280.

Deed—*John Richard Casselman* to *Martin Casselman*. Date of Record, 19th July, 1853, in Book B. Number of Memorial, 6281.

Lot number five in the tenth Concession of *Cambridge*. Not patented in this Office.

Lot number eleven in the eighth Concession of *Cambridge*. Patented to *John Rankin*. Date of Patent, December 17th, 1828.

Deed—*Sheriff Treadwell* to *R. Hamilton* and *C. A. Law*. Date of Record, 18th February, 1847, in Book 10. Number of Memorial, 4276. Release, *R. Hamilton* to *C. A. Law*, unclaimed half. Date of Record, 15th March, 1847, in Book B. Number of Memorial, 4305.

Deed—*W. Rankin* to *George B. Lyon*. Date of Record, 13th October, 1854, in Book B. Number of Memorial, 6405. (Sheriff Deed cancelled.)

Deed—*George B. Lyon* to *Martin Casselman*. Date of Record, December 15th, 1855.

James Keays,
Registrar.

(Paid 12s. 6d.)

Answer.—I could not say that it is his ; it is some years since I saw his writing ; this looks more contracted than his ; some five or six years ago I was well-acquainted with his handwriting. I think he wrote a higher hand than this.

284.—Compare the return with the certificate and signature in the Poll-book, and say if they agree, or are the same?—The writing on the return is what used to look like his handwriting, but that on the certificate marked J does not. I would not positively assert it, but in my opinion the latter is not in his handwriting.

285.—Do you know the parties whose names you have given as having voted on your lands?—I do not.

286.—For how long a period have you owned those lands?—I cannot say ; I owned 1600 acres before I went there, that is 14 years ago ; I purchased 500 in the summer following. I purchased the remainder at different intervals. I owned part of them previously to the election ; since that I have purchased 400 acres. Some of the names which I have given in a former answer are those of parties who are represented as having voted on those 400 acres.

287.—Do you mean to say you owned all the lands but the four hundred acres at the time of the last Election?—I do.

288.—What 400 acres have you purchased since the Election, and from whom, and who owned them at the time of the Election?—Lots No. 9 and No. 13 in the eighth concession, which I purchased from Mr. *Fellowes*. I do not know who owned them at the time of the Election. Probably he did, but I am not able to say.

And he was then directed to withdraw.

On motion of Mr. *Fellowes*, seconded by Mr. *William F. Powell*,
Ordered, That *Martin Casselman*, Esquire, be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that he had, in obedience to its Order of the ninth day of April instant, issued his Warrant to the Serjeant-at-Arms to take into his custody *James McCullough*, Poll Clerk of the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*,

and *Moïse Roy*, Poll Clerk of the Parish of *St. Giles*, at the late Election for the County of *Lotbinière*; and that the Serjeant-at Arms had sent a Deputation to *William Smith Sewell*, Esquire, the Sheriff of the District of *Quebec*, requiring him, the said Sheriff, or his lawful Deputy, to execute his, the Serjeant-at-Arms said Warrant, and that the following letter had been received in reply:—

Sheriff's Office, *Quebec*, 13th April, 1858.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from you of a Warrant from the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, commanding you “to take into your custody *James McCullough*, of *St. Sylvestre*, and *Moïse Roy*, of *St. Giles*, and to bring them to the Bar of the House,” to which Warrant is attached a deputation from yourself to me, or my lawful deputy, authorizing me to execute the same.

I conceive that although bound, and ready and willing to give every assistance to the person clothed with the direct authority of the Speaker in the execution of his duty, when within the limits of my jurisdiction as Sheriff of the District of *Quebec*, I cannot properly be called upon to Execute any Warrant not personally addressed to myself, and I must therefore decline to do so on the present occasion.

I have the honor to return to you the Speaker's Warrant and to subscribe myself,

Your most obedient Servant,
William S. Sewell.

Donald William Macdonald,
Serjeant-at-Arms, Legislative Assembly.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, *William Smith Sewell*, Esquire, Sheriff of the District of *Quebec*, ought not, without sufficient reason, to have declined to execute the Warrant of Mr. Speaker directed to the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, dated the 9th day of April 1858, for taking into custody *James McCullough* and *Moïse Roy*, under the deputation of the Serjeant-at-Arms, dated the said 9th day of April, 1858.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker, do issue his further Warrant to the Serjeant-at-Arms, for taking into his custody the said parties, and do therein direct the said Serjeant-at-Arms to appoint the said Sheriff of the District of *Quebec*, the Deputy of the Serjeant-at-Arms for that purpose; and that all Mayors, Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Constables and Officers of the House, be required to be aiding and assisting in the execution of the said Warrant.

On motion of Mr. *Patrick*, seconded by Mr. *White*,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, to take into his custody *George M. Crysler*, Deputy Returning Officer, and *John S. Casselman*, Poll Clerk for the Township of *Cambridge*, at the late Election for the County of *Russell*, for having disobeyed the order of this House; and that all Mayors, Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs, Bailiffs, Constables, and Officers of the House, be required to be aiding and assisting in the execution of the said Warrant.

The Order of the House being read, for the attendance at the Bar, of the Witnesses to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on the Poll Books of the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*.

And the House being informed that *Rémi Séraphim Noël* attended at the door, he was called in, and further examined at the Bar, as followeth:—

By Mr. Lemieux.

31.—On the morning of the day of Proclamation were you informed, and state by whom and how, that certain persons had armed themselves and would present themselves armed in front of the place at which the proclamation was to be made, and state who those persons were?—On the morning of the day of the proclamation, I was informed that on the previous night a certain number of guns had been collected, and that the parties intended proceeding to the hustings with those guns loaded. I then went into the house in which those guns were placed. This house was about 7 or 8 acres distant from the hustings. I wished to prevent the persons having those guns from going with them to the hustings, but my advice was not followed. They then proceeded to the place in which the proclamation was to be made, but I would not make it nor reckon up the votes until the guns and other arms were placed in the upper part of the house. The persons whom I saw there, might number 55. I furnished a list of those persons to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery. They were nearly all from *Ste. Croix*, except about ten who were strangers. Among those persons, there were from the Parish of *Ste. Croix* the persons named *Parant, Couture, François Boisvert, Godefroi Boisvert*, another *Godefroi Boisvert, Thivèrge, Jean Baptiste Boisvert, Misaël Delisle*, a person called *Edmund*, and several others whose names I do not remember. From *St. Flavien* there were *George Houle, Ludger Méthot, Wincelas Méthot, Jean Grenier*, and several others whose names I do not remember. From *Quebec*, Mr. *O'Farrell*. From *Lotbinière*, there were persons named *Frénette, Leroux, Daigle*, and several others of whom I am not certain.

32.—Look at the list of special Constables given in your return and state whether all the persons named therein were present and armed, and state what arms they had, and whether those arms were loaded, and with what?—

We, the undersigned, swear, each for himself, that we will do our duty as special constables, in order to preserve the peace on the day of Proclamation at *Ste. Croix* :—

Ste. Croix, 2nd January, 1858.

Iréné Lemay,
his
Joseph x Jacques,
mark.
his
Micael x Delisle,
mark.
his
David x Montmagny,
mark.
his
D. x Smith,
mark.
his
Etienne x Paradis,
mark.
his
Xavier x Derochers,
mark.
his
Joseph x Emond,
mark.
his
Joseph x Lacombe,
mark.
his
William x Thurber,
mark.

his
Daniel x Kellour,
mark.
his
J. B. x Daigle,
mark.
F. Boisvert,
his
Xavier x Croteau,
mark.
his
Alfred x Thivèrge,
mark.
his
Jean x Grenière,
mark.
his
Alfred x Bergeron,
mark.
his
Pierre x Grenier,
mark.
M. Couture,
his
George x Houle,
mark.

his
Antoine ✕ *Montfette*,
 mark.
 his
Joseph ✕ *Houle*,
 mark.
Maxime Rousseau, Bailiff,
 his
Fabien ✕ *Croteau*,
 mark.
 his
Joseph ✕ *Lemay*,
 mark.
J. O. Farrell.
 his
Pierre ✕ *Jacques*,
 mark.
Wenceslas Méthot,
Siméon Delisle,
God. Boivert,
 his
Jerome ✕ *Daigle*,
 mark.
 his
Godfrois ✕ *Boisvert*,
 mark.
 his
Joseph ✕ *Bloun*,
 mark.
 his
William ✕ *Johnstone*,
 mark.
 his
B. ✕ *McGuire*,
 mark.
 his
Nazaire ✕ *Boisvert*,
 mark.
 his
Joseph ✕ *Rouleau*,
 mark.
 his
Daniel ✕ *Johnson*,
 mark.

his
François ✕ *Croteau*,
 mark.
 his
Ambroise ✕ *Lemay*,
 mark.
 his
Julien ✕ *Boisvert*,
 mark.
 his
Baptiste ✕ *Boisvert*,
 mark.
 his
Onésime ✕ *Demers*,
 mark.
Ld. Méthot,
 his
Jacques ✕ *Lemay*,
 mark.
 his
Philios ✕ *Martet*,
 mark.
 his
Godfrois ✕ *Daigle*,
 mark.
T. O. Trenet,
 his
Joseph ✕ *Demisseau*,
 mark.
 his
Honoré ✕ *Lemay*,
 mark.
 his
Edmond ✕ *Boisvert*,
 mark.
 his
Cyprien ✕ *Boisvert*,
 mark.
 his
Mag. ✕ *Parent*,
 mark.
 his
James ✕ *McCullough*.
 mark.

Sworn before me at *Ste. Croix*, this 2nd January, 1858.

(Signed,)

James Thurber, J. P.

Answer.—Some of those persons were strangers to me, not being from *Ste. Croix*. The greater number were armed with guns. When I wanted to prevent them from taking their guns to the hustings, they wanted, in order to make less display, to carry them in covers, but several opposed, saying that it was too dangerous to place together a large number of guns loaded with ball. They then carried them on their shoulders. I saw balls in the hands of several persons, and after the Proclamation those armed men proceeded to Mr. *O'Farrell's* boarding house. There they discharged their guns. They pointed their guns towards the road, but as there were persons opposite Mr. *Thurber* told them to fire in the air.

33.—Was Mr. *O'Farrell* in company with those persons? Had he a weapon? State what weapon; and do you know whether it was loaded?—Mr. *O'Farrell* was accompanied by those persons. I saw no arms in his possession at the hustings; but when returned to his dwelling he placed in his private cabinet a revol-

ver with five barrels. I examined the pistol. He told me to take notice that it was loaded.

34.—Who was at the head of those persons; and who lead them as chief? Was it Mr. *Thurber* who had sworn in the special constables?—It was Mr. *Thurber*.

35.—Was the Riot Act read? State by whom, and how often, and what was said by that person about the reading of the Riot Act, and what those persons might do afterwards, if they received any order or command, and from whom they were to receive such order or command; state what was then said and done, as well, what you did and said yourself, as what the other persons did and said then?—The Riot Act was read to the special constables before starting for the Polls by Mr. *O'Farrell*. He read it twice, at least, to them, and explained it, saying that after it would have been read three times by a magistrate, if the parties came for the purpose of making any disturbance, they should wait an hour if possible, and that then if the rioters did not cease their threats and violence they should fire in pursuance of the command which would be given, and that there would be nothing to fear for the person who would cause death in that case. I caused the arms, as I stated before, to be laid down. Mr. *Thurber* told me that he would be the party to have them taken up if it were necessary, but that it was unfortunate, and contrary to his wish, that they had been brought. I did not see that any one had been ordered to take the command; but when Mr. *Thurber* told me that he would do so, I told him that no one had a right to take command but myself; he then seemed satisfied.

36.—Were there any reasons for so arming the people? Were there any armed persons of the other party who were desirous of taking Mr. *O'Farrell's* life. On the contrary, did you not tell Mr. *O'Farrell* that if any one attempted to injure him, you would protect him with your body? Call to mind what you told him?—On the evening before the Election rumours were circulated that persons from *St. Antoine de Lotbinière*, on the one hand, and from *St. Sylvestre* on the other hand, would assemble at the hustings at the Proclamation. These rumours were, I think, of sufficient weight to justify the swearing in of special constables, but having received intelligence from *St. Antoine* and *Lotbinière* on the morning of the day of Proclamation, and also from Mr. *O'Farrell*, at *St. Sylvestre*, that they would not come to the hustings; I then stated to Mr. *O'Farrell* that it was useless to arm constables with guns, that there was nothing to fear, that I would defend him in every possible manner, and a sword should pass through my body before he should be touched.

37.—Is it not true that the proceedings at the Proclamation passed off peaceably, and that there was no disturbance?—Everything passed off quietly.

38.—Were you alone with Mr. *O'Farrell* when he offered you one hundred pounds to cause him to be elected without contestation? Do you think that he then spoke seriously? Did he afterwards tell you anything else which leads you to believe that he was serious at the time, and call to mind what he afterwards said to you, and state where and when?—I was alone with Mr. *O'Farrell* when this offer was made to me, except for an instant, when a man came in and said a few words to him. I cannot decide as to whether or not he was serious, but subsequently and before the Proclamation, he told me at my own house that I had better accept the hundred pounds, as his Election would cost him much more. On the day of the Proclamation, and after it had taken place, Mr. *O'Farrell* told me that he had expended two hundred and seventy pounds, and that that only paid one-third of his Election expenses.

39.—Did Mr. *O'Farrell* speak in the presence of the person who so entered, and do you know that person?—I do not recollect whether he spoke to me in presence of that person; I did not know him.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*.

40.—Did Mr. *O'Farrell* say anything more to you than what you have repeated of the conversation he had with you at your house, and state fully what he said to you?—I have but little to add to what I have already mentioned of the conversation which I had with Mr. *O'Farrell* at my house; some one having asked him how it was possible to enter so many votes in so short a time, he replied that that was his own secret (*que c'était un secret à lui*). I cannot recollect any other conversation.

By Mr. *Bourassa*.

41.—Did Mr. *O'Farrell* tell you from what quarter he received the money which he employed to meet the expenses of his Election?—Mr. *O'Farrell* told me after the Proclamation that he had left home with one hundred pounds in his pocket; that Mr. *Allyn* had sent him one hundred pounds more; he did not tell me whence they came, and that he had afterwards received fifty pounds and thirty pounds, without mentioning from whom, and that he had about ten pounds left of the whole amount.

By Mr. *O'Farrell*.

42.—Did Mr. *O'Farrell*, in any conversation with you, state anything else to his prejudice or disadvantage than what you have already mentioned?—I do not recollect that he did.

43.—Is your memory bad? Were you, at any time during the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, favorable to the return of Mr. *O'Farrell*?—Generally my memory is not bad. I do not believe that, during the Election, I showed any favor in behalf of either candidate.

44.—Are you not one of the sureties for the payment, by Mr. *Leon Noël*, your brother, of all the expenses incident to an Election Petition presented for him, and in his name, to this House, against Mr. *O'Farrell's* return, and still pending and undetermined? and would not the avoidance of Mr. *O'Farrell's* Election in a summary manner, by this House, liberate you from liability as such surety?—I am surety for my brother. The recognizance was entered into during the inquiry which took place at *Ste. Croix*, long after the proclamation. I think, but am not certain, that the avoidance of Mr. *O'Farrell's* election by the House, in a summary manner, would relieve me from my liability as such surety.

45.—Do you not think that this House has the power, in continuing this investigation, to avoid Mr. *O'Farrell's* Election in a summary manner, upon evidence now being and hereafter to be given?—Yes, I think it has.

46.—Did you have, since the service of the order of this House on you, any conversations with the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*, a Member of this House, in relation to your evidence before this House? If so, state when, where, and how often you had such conversations, and the purport thereof?—I have several times had conversation with Mr. *Lemieux* in this House, in which conversation he inquired of me whether I could give answers to various questions which he mentioned to me (*soumisés*.) I have had several conversations since I have been in *Toronto*, within the last week. I cannot exactly state on what days, but I have had several.

47.—Do the questions which Mr. *Lemieux* asked you if you could answer form part of the series of questions put to you on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*?—Among the questions which Mr. *Lemieux* mentioned to me (*soumisés*) are several which were put to me.

48.—Have you had with other Members of this House such conversations as you state you have had with the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*? If so, state with whom you have had such conversations?—Several general inquiries have been made of me relative to the *Lotbinière* Election by several Members of this House:

Mr. Simard, Mr. Cauchon, Mr. Dufresne, Mr. Thibaudeau, and some others whom I do not know.

49.—Is it not true that at and before the Proclamation a rumour prevailed generally at *Ste. Croix*, to the effect, that people from *St. Antoine* and *Lotbinière* intended on the day of Proclamation to come to the Hustings to tear the *St. Sylvestre* Poll-book and to kill Mr. *O'Farrell*? and did you not tell Mr. *O'Farrell* that the *Lotbinière* and *St. Antoine* folks would have done so but for your having sent them word not to come? and were not the persons you have named in the 31st answer appointed special constables in consequence of that rumour?—On the day before the Proclamation the rumour prevailed that there would be a gathering of the people from *Lotbinière*, *St. Antoine*, and *St. Sylvestre*. I surely think that there was good reason for swearing in the special constables, who were sworn in. That night Mr. *O'Farrell* told me that several persons from *St. Sylvestre* would come down to the Proclamation. It was just then I heard that people were coming from *St. Antoine* and *Lotbinière*. My wife then remarked to Mr. *O'Farrell* that it would be a great misfortune. He answered, "If the others can be stopped, I will stop the *St. Sylvestre* people." I requested a man from *St. Antoine*, who was going to *Lotbinière*, to tell the people not to come. I did not warn the people of *St. Antoine* that evening.

49½.—Did Mr. *O'Farrell* say what the five *St. Sylvestre* men came for from *St. Sylvestre*?—He told me that it was to protect him, and to protect the *St. Sylvestre* Poll-book, which he was afraid would be taken.

50.—Is it not true that *C. F. Dionne*, Esquire, your brother-in-law, and *Léon Noël*, Esquire, your brother, have been for years past residents in the County of *Lotbinière*?—It is true.

51.—Is it not true that before the last Election took place, to your knowledge, all the Deputy Returning Officers for the County of *Lotbinière*, at the last Election, had openly expressed themselves in favor of a Candidate resident in that County in opposition to Mr. *O'Farrell*; If all did not so express themselves, state whether any and who so expressed themselves?—I saw *M. de la Chevrotière* and *M. Lemay*, who came to *Ste. Croix* to a County meeting held there. They told me that it had been resolved at that meeting not to send either an Advocate or a Seigneur to the House, but to elect a man from the County. I do not know whether they were delegated or not. I took no part in that meeting at all. Mr. *Larue* was one of the delegates. He informed me that they had not agreed at the meeting; some being desirous of having a Member from one place, others from a different place, but all within the County.

And he was then directed to withdraw.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Dawson*, seconded by Mr. *Connor*,
The House adjourned.

Friday, 16th April, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Bureau*,—Two Petitions of the Reverend *P. Bedard*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Remi*; the Petition of *P. Halpin* and others, of *Sherrington*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Joseph Gratton* and others, of *Sherrington*.

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. Pouliot*, Curé, and others, of *St. Gervais*, County of *Bellechasse*.

By Mr. *Thibaudeau*,—The Petition of *François Couture*, Mayor, and others; the Petition of *Louis Leclerc*, Mayor, and others; and the Petition of the Reverend *A. Milette*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Augustin*, County of *Portneuf*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *John O'Brien* and others; the Petition of the Reverend *J. N. Campbell*, Curé, and others, of *Laval*; and the Petition of *William Kennedy*.

By Mr. *Bellingham*,—The Petition of *Joseph Lerue* and others, of the Township of *Morin*, County of *Argenteuil*; the Petition of *Charles S. Burroughs* and others, of the County of *Argenteuil*; the Petition of *Joseph Mayer* and others, of the Township of *Wentworth*; and the Petition of *George Hamilton*, Mayor, and others, of the Township of *Morin*, County of *Argenteuil*.

By Mr. *Gill*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Paradis* and others.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. A. Martel* and others, of the Parish of *St. Paschal de Kamouraska*.

By Mr. *Starnes*,—The Petition of the Bank of *Montreal* and other Chartered Banks.

By Mr. *McCann*,—The Petition of the Trustees of the *L'Orignal* County Grammar School.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—The Petition of *D. Lewis* and others, of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*, in connection with the Church of *Scotland*.

By Mr. *Benjamin*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Hastings*.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. B. Leclair* and others, of the Township of *Kingsey*.

By Mr. *Talbot*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex*.

By Mr. *Patrick*,—The Petition of *Thomas Doolan* and others, navigating the Lakes.

By Mr. *Buchanan*,—The Petition of the Synod of the *Presbyterian* Church of *Canada*; and the Petition of the President and Directors of the *Preston* and *Berlin* Railway Company.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,—The Petition of the Board of Trade of the City of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Daly*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Stratford*.

By Mr. *Macbeth*,—The Petition of the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Elgin*, in General Quarter Sessions assembled.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *Edward Hilton*, of the Township of *Nassagaweya*; complaining of certain grievances, and praying that a Committee may be appointed to inquire into the same.

Of the *Lambton* Pioneer Lodge of Good Templars; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *Edward Hale* and others, of the Township of *Orford*, District of *St. Francis*; praying that no Act may be passed granting to *J. C. Clarke & Co.* the privilege to erect a dam, &c., across the River *St. Francis*, in the Township of *Brompton*, without provision is made to secure the rights of private individuals, and the protection of the different description of fish which pass by the said dam.

Of *Elie Dupuis* and others; and of *John Lee* and others, of the Village of *Frankford* and vicinity; praying that the legal rate of interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of *J. Bissonnette* and others, of the Parish of *St. Valentin*, County of *St.*

Johns; praying for aid to deepen the channel of the Rapids of the River *Richelieu*, opposite the Town of *St. Johns*.

Of *Richard Normood* and others, merchants and others; and of *Henry Brownlee* and others, merchants and others; praying for the passing of an Act to make vessels holden for all stores and provisions obtained by them while passing through the *Welland Canal*.

Of *Charles Beauchene* and others, of the Parish of *St. Norbert d'Arthabaska*; praying that *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska* may remain the chief place of the Judicial District of *Arthabaska*.

Of *Daniel Campion* and others, of *St. Jean Chrysostome*; praying that *Russelltown* may remain attached to the Municipality of *St. Jean Chrysostome*.

Of *Thomas Gebbie*, of *Howick*; praying for aid to construct a bridge across the *Chateauguay River*, at *Ogilvie's Rapids*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Chateauguay*; praying that the road leading from *Ste. Martine* via *Ste. Philomene*, to the Village of *Caughnawaga* may be macadamized.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Chateauguay*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal and Road Acts of *Lower Canada*.

Of *F. Dufresne* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joachim*, County of *Chateauguay*; praying that means may be taken to deepen the channel leading to the *Chateauguay Basin*, and that the two roads leading to the *Sault St. Louis* may be macadamized.

Of *Patrick Cassin* and others, of *Valcartier*; praying that their lands may be placed upon the footing of other Seigniories, and enjoy the privileges of commuting their ground rents.

Of the Reverend *Edward Vaughan* and others, of the Township of *Ramsay*, County of *Lanark*; of *James Devlin* and others, of *Maidstone* and vicinity; of *D. Downey* and others, of *Hilbert*, *McKillop* and vicinity; and of *D. Coffee* and others, of *Guelph* and vicinity; praying that the Loyal Orange Institution of *British North America* may not be incorporated.

Of the Canadian Institute of *Iberville*; praying for aid.

Of *William DeCew* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; of *William Fitch* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; of *Thomas Slavin* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; and of *George Lishman* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; praying for the passing of an Act incorporating a Company to construct a Railway from the *Niagara River*, within the limits of the Town of *Clifton*, to some point on the *Detroit River*.

Of *J. Heath*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *L'Isle Verte*, County of *Temiscouata*; and of the Reverend *James Nelligan* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de la Beauce*, County of *Beauce*; representing that for some years past, and more especially at the last general election of Members for the Legislative Assembly, numerous frauds and acts of violence have been committed; and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent a recurrence of the same.

Of *J. Heath*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *L'Isle Verte*, County of *Temiscouata*; praying aid for a road.

Of *Charles S. Rodier* and others, merchants and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying that no change may be made in the existing Usury Laws.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Lincoln*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable the rate-payers of the said County, to select the most central and convenient place for the County Town of said County.

Of the Board of Trade of the Town of *Collingwood*, County of *Simcoe*; praying for a grant to assist in the establishment of a line of screw-steamers to ply between the Port of *Collingwood* and the *American cities* on the upper Lakes.

Of the Town Council of *Whitby*; praying that a grant may be made to the

Port *Whitby* and Lake *Huron* Railway Company, of the now unoccupied Lands lying along or adjacent to the said line of Railway.

Of *Samuel Coit* and others, of the Counties of *Bonaventure*, *Gaspé* and *Rimouski*; and of *Alfred Gill* and others, of *Hartford*, in the State of *Connecticut*, *United States of America*; praying for an Act of incorporation under the name of the "*St. Lawrence and Bay of Chaleurs Land and Lumber Company*."

Of *James Mackenzie* and others, Protestant residents of the Parish of *Notre Dame de la Victoire*, opposite *Quebec*, complaining that they are unjustly taxed for the making and upholding of a private road leading to the Roman Catholic Church, and praying to be relieved from the same.

Of *John Wilson* and others, of the Township of *Hope*; praying that a survey made by the late Deputy Provincial Surveyor *Hewson*, of the Concession line in front of the Seventh Concession of the said Township of *Hope*, be declared and established as the correct line.

Of the Great South-Western Railway Company; praying for leave to change the line of the route of the said Railway.

Mr. *Turcotte*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find that sufficient notice has been given in each case, viz:—Of *Stanislas Drapeau* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, for Incorporation of the Colonization Society of Workmen of *Quebec*; of the Corporation of the Seminary of *Nicolet*, and others; of the Great Western Railway Company; of the *Toronto Magdalen* Asylum and Industrial House of Refuge; of *A. Campbell* and others, Merchants and Traders and others, of the City of *Quebec*, for Incorporation of the South *Quebec* Cove and Warehouse Company; and of *Samuel Smith Macdonnell*, of the Town of *Windsor*, County of *Essex* and others, for Incorporation of the *Windsor* Land Company.

On the Petition of *Lucas Feader* and others, of the Village of *Iroquois* and Township of *Matilda*, for the annexation of School Section Number 3 of *Matilda* to *Iroquois* for School purposes, your Committee find that sufficient notice was published in a local paper, but none in the Official Gazette; the matter is however one of so purely local a nature, that your Committee have no hesitation in recommending that the notice be considered sufficient.

On the Petition of *Joseph Manseau*, President, and others, Trustees of the Common of the Seigniorship of *Baie du Febvre*, for certain amendments to the Act for establishing the rights of the co-proprietors of the said Common; of the Reverend *A. Beaudry*, Curé, and others, of *La Malbaie* and other Parishes, County of *Charlevoix*, for removal of the Registry Office to the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*; and of the Reverend *C. Trudelle* and others, of *Baie St. Paul*, and other Parishes in the County of *Charlevoix*, for establishment of a Registry Office at *Baie St. Paul*, your Committee find that the notices required by the 62nd Rule, have not been given.

They also find that the notices have not been given with respect to the Petitions of *J. E. Turcotte*, Mayor, and others, for Incorporation of the General Hospital of the District of *Three Rivers*; and of Sister *M. J. Harnault dite Deschamps*, and others, Sisters of Charity, in charge of the General Hospital in the City of *Montreal*, for power to dispose of certain of their property, and to re-invest the proceeds of such sale; but as neither of these applications affect the rights of other parties than the Petitioners, your Committee would respectfully recommend that the notice required by the 62nd Rule, be dispensed with in each case.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dubord* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the South *Quebec* Warehouse Company.

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 Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Simard* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* Tradesmen's Colonization Society.

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 Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Fellowes*, seconded by Mr. *William F. Powell*,

Ordered, That *O. D. Edgerton*, Esquire, be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Patrick*, seconded by Mr. *Bellingham*,

Ordered, That *Earl Bedell* be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Dorion*, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*,

Ordered, That the 62nd Rule of this House be suspended, as regards a Bill to authorize the Community of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of *Montreal*, called "*Sœurs Grises*," to sell or alienate their Fiefs and Seigniories, and other property therein mentioned.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dorion* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Community of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of *Montreal*, called "*Sœurs Grises*," to sell or alienate their Fiefs and Seigniories, and other property therein mentioned.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Daoust* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Turnpike Roads in the neighbourhood of *Montreal*.

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 Tuesday next.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Aikins*, and the Question being proposed, That a Special Committee of seven Members be appointed, with directions to draft and report a Bill or Bills, providing that the Members of the Legislative Assembly, at all stated General Election, shall be nominated on one and the same day throughout *Canada*; that the Election days, in cases of contests, shall be the same in every constituency, and that a reasonable time, to be stated, shall intervene before an Election in case of any dissolution of the Legislative Assembly before the expiration of its stated term; as also, that when any Legislature shall have expired at the close of its term, the then next ensuing Election shall always take place at such a time of the year as will be convenient for the electors, said time to be stated in the Bill or Bills so to be reported.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, and the Question being put, That the Orders of the day be now read; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bellingham.</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McCurn,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Powell, Wm. F.</i>	<i>66. White.</i>
<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>20. Wallbridge.</i>

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, delivered to both Houses of the Legislature, at the opening of the present Session.

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

And the same being read ;

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,

That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of that motion.

Ordered, That that part of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, which relates to a Supply, be referred to the said Committee.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for abolishing arrest in civil actions in certain cases, and for the better prevention and more effectual punishment of fraud, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to make better provision for the punishment of frauds committed by Trustees, Bankers and other persons entrusted with property, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned debate upon the Question which was on Tuesday last proposed, That the Bill (to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the interest of money) be now read a second time.

The House resumed the said adjourned debate ;

And the question being again proposed, that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. *Dorion* moved in amendment to the question, seconded by the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the question be left out, and the words "a Special Committee of seven Members be appointed to consider of the effect of the Laws which regulate or restrain the interest of money, and to report their opinion to this House, with power to send for persons, papers and records," inserted instead thereof.

And a further Debate arising thereupon ;

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Roblin*,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Monday, 19th April, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House,—Statement of the Affairs of the *Canada* Life Assurance Company, on the 30th April, 1857.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (No. 8.)

Also, Return from the Registrar of the County of *Dundas*, pursuant to the Act 16th Vic., cap. 187, sec. 9, for the year 1857.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 5.)

Also, General Statement of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, in the District of *Montreal*, for the year 1857.

For the said General Statement, see Appendix (No. 16.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had received notice from *Joseph K. Dean*, Esquire, that he does not intend to proceed with his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Toronto*; and the same was read as followeth :—

In the matter of the Petition of *Joseph Kay Dean*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, against the Election and Return of *George Brown*, Esquire, as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of *Canada* :

To the Honorable *Henry Smith*, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly; and to *George Brown*, Esquire, one of the sitting Members in the said Legislative Assembly, for the City of *Toronto*.

You are hereby required to take notice, that in pursuance of the authority to that effect granted in and by the Act of Parliament of this Province, made and passed in the 14th and 15th years of Her Majesty's Reign, and chaptered one, it is not intended to proceed with the Petition of me, the said *Joseph Kay Dean*, against the Election and Return of you, the said *George Brown*, Esquire, as Member for the City of *Toronto*; and I, the said Petitioner, do therefore at this time,

being after the presentation of such Election Petition, by this notice in writing, under my hand to you respectively addressed, withdraw the said Petition.

Dated this 14th day of April, 1858.

J. K. Dean.

Mr. Speaker also acquainted the House, that he had received notice from *John Gordon Brown*, Esquire, that he does not intend to proceed with his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Toronto*; and the same was read as followeth:—

In the matter of the Petition of *John Gordon Brown*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, against the Election and Return of *John Beverley Robinson*, Esquire, as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*:

To the Honorable *Henry Smith*, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly; and to *John Beverley Robinson*, Esquire, one of the sitting Members in the said Legislative Assembly for the City of *Toronto*.

You are hereby required to take notice, that in pursuance of the authority to that effect granted in and by the Act of Parliament of this Province, made and passed in the 14th and 15th years of Her Majesty's Reign, and chaptered one, it is not intended to proceed with the Petition of me, the said *John Gordon Brown*, against the Election and Return of you, the said *John Beverley Robinson*, Esquire, as Member for the City of *Toronto*, and I, the said Petitioner, do therefore, at this time, being after the presentation of such Election Petition, by this notice in writing, under my hand, to you respectively addressed, withdraw the said Petition.

Dated this 16th day of April, 1858.

J. G. Brown.

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

By Mr. *Langevin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Joseph Coytur* and others, of the Parish of *St. Isidore*, County of *Dorchester*; the Petition of the Reverend *E. Hallé*, *Curé*, and others, of *Ste. Marguerite* and other places, County of *Dorchester*; the Petition of *J. Genest* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marguerite*, County of *Dorchester*; and the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Desaulniers*,—The Petition of *J. Laverte* and others, of the Parish of *Yamachiche*; and the Petition of the Reverend *D. Paradis* and others, of the Parish of *Pointe du Lac*.

By Mr. *Hogan*,—The Petition of *Thomas Rogers* and others, of *Amaranth* and other Townships; the Petition of *Thomas J. Graffe* and others, of *Amaranth* and other Townships; the Petition of the Trustees of the *St. Catharines* County Grammar School; and the Petition of *Alexander Campbell* and others, of the Townships of *Derby* and *Keppel*, County of *Grey*.

By Mr. *Bell*,—The Petition of *Ramsay* Division of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. A. Proulx* and others, of the Parish of *St. Vallier*, County of *Bellechasse*; the Petition of the Reverend *P. Pouliot*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Gervais*, County of *Bellechasse*; the Petition of *H. Roy*, Mayor, of the Parish of *St. Vallier*, County of *Bellechasse*; and the Petition of *H. Roy*, Mayor, and others, of the County of *Bellechasse*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*,—Two Petitions of the Reverend *J. B. Grenier*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Henri*.

By Mr. *Gauvreau*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Boucher*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *Rivière du Loup*, County of *Maskinongé*; and the Petition of the Reverend *L. Aubry*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Léon*, County of *Maskinongé*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *François Lépine*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *L'Ange Gardien*, County of *Montmorency*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Montmorency*; the Petition of the Reverend *P. Gariépy*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne*, County of *Montmorency*; and the Petition of the Reverend *E. E. Parant*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Chateau Richer*, County of *Montmorency*.

By Mr. *Labelle*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. Brunet*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Rose*.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of the Reverend *A. Dupuis*, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne de la Pêrade*.

By Mr. *Campbell*,—The Petition of *P. Bertrand* and others, of the Parish of *St. Mathias*, County of *Rouville*.

By Mr. *Coutlée*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Clet*, County of *Soulanges*.

By Mr. *Cimon*,—The Petition of the Reverend *A. Beaudry*, Curé, and others, of *Malbaie*, County of *Charlevoix*.

By Mr. *McMicken*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Welland*.

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of Mr. *Tessier* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Dunkin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Andrew Balfour*; the Petition of the Municipality of *St. Germain de Grantham*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Townships of *Grantham*, *Wendover* and *Simpson*.

By Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of *Joseph Gravelle* and others, of *Côte St. Gabriel*.

By Mr. *McKellar*,—The Petition of *Thomas McCrae* and others, of the Town of *Chatham*.

By Mr. *Ouimet*,—The Petition of *H. Leduc* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Timothée* and *Ste. Cécile*.

By Mr. *Dionne*,—The Petition of the Reverend *O. Hébert*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Arsène*.

By Mr. *Pope*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Compton*.

By Mr. *Thibaudeau*,—The Petition of *P. A. O'Neil* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Charles Ovide Grenier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Basile*, County of *Portneuf*.

By Mr. *Hébert*,—The Petition of *C. P. de Champlain* and others, of *St. Ferdinand*, Township of *Halifax*.

By Mr. *Galt*,—The Petition of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*.

By Mr. *Christie*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Paris*.

By the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,—The Petition of the Reverend *John S. O'Connor* and others, of the Town of *Cornwall*.

By Mr. *John Cameron*,—The Petition of *William Cottingham* and others, of *Emily* and other Townships.

By the Honorable Mr. *Harwood*,—The Petition of *John McCuaig* and others, of the Seigniory of *Nouvelle Longueuil*.

By Mr. *Meagher*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Shoulbred*, County of *Bonaventure*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Maria*, County of *Bonaventure*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Bonaventure*.

By Mr. *Panet*,—The Petition of the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Privates of the Volunteer Active Militia Force, Military District No. 7, of *Lower Canada*.

By Mr. *Daoust*,—The Petition of *J. Labelle* and others, of *St. Eustache*.

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of His Grace the Archbishop of *Quebec* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Talbot*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex*; and the Petition of *Angus Chisholm* and others, of the Township of *Ekfrid*, County of *Middlesex*.

By Mr. *Mowat*,—The Petition of *Thomas N. Gibbs* and others, of the Village of *Oshawa*, County of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*; and the Petition of the Members of the *St. George's* Society of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Patrick*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Edmund Patrick Roche* and others, of the Town of *Prescott* and Vicinity.

By Mr. *Beaubien*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. L. Beaubien, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Thomas*.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of *Jean Olivier Godin*, of the Parish of *St. Roch de Quebec*.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—Two Petitions of the Reverend *H. Potvin, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Denis*, County of *Kamouraska*; the Petition of *G. St. Pierre* and others, of the Parish of *St. Alexandre*, County of *Kamouraska*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. Doucet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Hélène*; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. S. Martel* and others, of the Parish of *St. Alexandre*.

By Mr. *Ross*,—The Petition of *Emilien Dupont*, of the Parish of *St. Joachim*, County of *Montmorency*; and the Petition of Mr. *Foley*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. François*, County of *Beauce*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Alley*,—The Petition of the Directors of the *Quebec* Library Association.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Reverend *William English* and others, of the Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington*; and of *William Beeman* and others, of *Lennox* and *Addington*; praying that the Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington* may be separated from the County of *Frontenac*.

Of *Sidney Warner* and others, Magistrates, Merchants, Manufacturers and others, of the United Counties of *Frontenac*, *Lennox*, and *Addington*; praying for certain amendments to the Division Court Acts.

Of the Trustees of the *Napanee* County Grammar School; and of the Trustees of the *L'Orignal* County Grammar School; praying that the Grammar Schools of *Upper Canada* may receive additional Legislative aid.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Wentworth*; praying for certain amendments to the new Municipal Bill.

Of *Christopher Moss*, Farmer, and others, of the County of *Welland*; praying that the hundred weight be reduced to one hundred pounds.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Wellington*; and of the Municipality of the Village of *Fergus*; praying for an extension of time to commence the North-West Railway.

Of the Reverend *J. B. Gagnon* and others, on behalf of a public meeting of the Freeholders of *Chicoutimi* and other Townships; praying that a survey be made of the Timber and other resources of *Lake St. John*, and the Valley of the *Saguenay*.

Of *David Côté* and others, of the Township of *St. Jean*, County of *Chicoutimi*; praying aid for a road from *L'Ance St. Jean* to *Grande Baie*.

Of the *Upper Canada* Society of the Electoral Division No. 25, for the encouragement of Horticulture, Agriculture, and Works of Art; praying that the amount required to be subscribed to secure the public grant, may be reduced.

Of *James Ryther* and others, of the Township of *Westbury*, County of *Compton*; praying that the said Township may be erected into a separate Municipality.

Of the Trustees of the High School at *Robinson Village*, County of *Compton*, and of the School Commissioners for the said Municipality; praying aid for the said School.

Of *Christopher E. Wurtele*, Mayor, and others, of the Townships of *Windsor* and *Wotton*, in the United Counties of *Richmond* and *Wolfe*; praying aid to complete the road from *Windsor* to the said Township of *Wotton*.

Of *John Brown* and others, Manufacturers, and others; praying for certain amendments to the Patent Law.

Of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Privates of the Volunteer Rifle Company of *St. Martin*; praying for certain amendments to the Militia Act.

Of the Justices of the Peace, for the County of *Elgin*, in General Quarter Sessions assembled; praying for certain amendments to the 4th section of the Act 4 and 5 *Victoria*, chapter 12, relating to Returns required from Justices of the Peace.

Of Lodge number 134 of the Independent Order of Good Templars; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *Neil McDougall* and others, of the County of *Ontario*; praying that a Survey may be made to determine the most favorable route for the construction of a Ship Canal to connect the waters of Lakes *Huron* and *Ontario*.

Of *James Ferguson* and other Bailiffs of Division Courts of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas*, and *Glengarry*; praying that the Tariff of fees at present allowed them may be increased.

Of the Manufacturers of Cordage in *Western Canada*; of Messrs. *W. P. McLaren* and Company, and others, Merchants, Tradesmen, and Operatives of the City of *Hamilton*; of Messrs. *J. Brown* and Company, and *Robert Henderson* of the City of *Quebec*, Cordage and Rope Manufacturers, and others; and of the Manufacturers of Cordage, Lines and Twines in the City of *Montreal*; praying that an import duty may be levied upon Cordage, Lines and Twines.

Of the Mechanics' Institute of *Terrebonne*; praying for aid.

Of the Reverend *L. Paulin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Isidore de Lauzon*; of the Reverend *Charles Beaumont*, Curé, and others of the Parish of *St. Hénéaïne*; of the Reverend *G. S. Marceau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Simon*, County of *Rimouski*; of *James Smith* and others, of *Métis*, County of *Rimouski*; of the Reverend *G. Nadeau* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Luce*; of *T. Tremblay* and others, of the Parish of *Grande Rivière, New Port*; of the Reverend *Z. Sirois* and others, of the Parish of *St. Pierre, Rivière du Sud*; and of the Reverend *A. Milette*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Augustin*, County of *Portneuf*; representing that for some years past, and more especially at the last general election of Members for the Legislative Assembly, numerous frauds and acts of violence have been committed, and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent a recurrence of the same.

Of the Reverend *P. Bédard*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Rémi*; praying that the Parish of *St. Rémi* may form part of the Judicial District of *Montreal*.

Of *P. Halpin* and others of *Sherrington*; of the Reverend *P. Bédard*, Curé, and others of *St. Rémi*; of the Reverend *P. Pouliot*, Curé, and others, of *St. Gervais*, County of *Bellechasse*; of *François Couture*, Mayor, and others; of *Louis Leclerc*, Mayor, and others; of *John O'Brien* and others; of the Reverend *J. Paradis* and others; and of the Reverend *L. A. Martel* and others, of *St. Paschal de Kamouraska*; praying that the legal rate of interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of the Reverend *J. N. Campbell*, Curé and others of *Laval*; praying aid for a road.

Of the Bank of *Montreal*, and other Chartered Banks; praying for the repeal of the Usury Laws, and also of those clauses in their respective Charters which limit the charge of discount to six per cent.

Of *D. Lewis*, and others, of *Montreal*; praying that provision may be made for ascertaining and securing the responsibility of Companies, carrying on the business of Fire and Life Insurance, in this Province.

Of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*, in connexion with the Church of *Scotland*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Hastings*; praying that Jurors be paid out of the public funds of the Province.

Of the Reverend *J. B. Leclair*, and others, of the Township of *Kingsey*; praying that *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska* may remain the chief place of the District of *Arthabaska*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex*; praying that no change may be made in the said County.

Of *Thomas Doolan*, and others navigating the Lakes; praying that a fund may be raised for the establishment and support of an Infirmary or Hospital, at or near *St. Catherines*, for the relief of sailors.

Of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; praying for an Act of Incorporation, under the name of "*Know College*."

Of the President and Directors of the *Preston and Berlin* Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act declaring the stock subscribed for by the Municipality of *Berlin* to the said railway, and the Debentures issued therefor, good and valid.

Of the Board of Trade of the City of *Kingston*; praying to assimilate the Tariff of Customs duties, with the Tariff of duties levied on *Canadian* exports entering the ports of the *United States*.

Of the Municipality of the Village of *Stratford*; praying that the said village may be incorporated as a town.

Of the Reverend *Joseph Graton* and others, of *Sherrington*; praying for the removal of certain difficulties experienced by them, in relation to the payment for lands, which they hold of the heirs of the late Honorable *François Baby*.

Of *William Kennedy*, setting forth certain grievances, and praying for an inquiry into the same.

Of *Charles S. Burreoughs* and others, of the County of *Argenteuil*; of *Joseph Mayer* and others, of the Township of *Wentworth*; of *Joseph Lerue* and others, of the Township of *Morin*, County of *Argenteuil*; and of *George Hamilton* and others, of the Township of *Morin*, County of *Argenteuil*; complaining of the conduct of the Honorable Mr. Justice *Badgley* as Commissioner in the *Argenteuil* Contested Election, and praying that all proceedings had and taken by the said Commissioner be suspended and set aside.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Henry Taylor*, be referred to the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament.

The Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, from the Select Committee appointed to devise the best means for securing a correct Report of the Debates of this House, for the future, by the publication of a Mirror of Parliament, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee, in accordance with the instruction of your Honorable House to "inquire into the expense of translating and publishing the Debates in both "languages," advertised in the *Toronto* Newspapers for tenders for reporting and publishing the entire debates of the House complete, in both languages, in manner following:—

“ For reporting, after the manner of *Hansard*, the entire debates of the Legislative Assembly, including debates on all questions of privilege. The Speeches to be reported in the language in which they are delivered, and in the connection in which they are spoken, and to be subsequently translated from *English* into *French*, or from *French* into *English*, as the case may be.

“ For publishing the same, complete in each language, in the form of the Journals of the Legislative Assembly, and in brevier type, two columns. And for furnishing 300 copies of the whole debates in the *English* language, and 300 in the *French* language, at the end of the Session, with names of Members, and Index, after the manner of *Hansard*.

“ For furnishing five hundred copies of the *English* version of such Debates, folded and stitched, to the Legislative Assembly, by half-past seven o'clock of the evening following the day's proceedings which are reported, and five hundred copies of the same debates in the *French* language by the evening of the succeeding day.

“ For furnishing daily sheets of the Debates, to be forwarded gratis to every newspaper in *Canada* by the first post after publication.

“ The tender to embrace the amount per week for which the entire work will be done for the Session. Portions of the work will not be given separately.

“ The paper to be similar in quality and size to that on which the Journals are printed.”

Your Committee received three tenders in answer to this advertisement, the lowest of which was that of Messrs. *Thompson & Co.*, of *Toronto*, who offer to undertake the work on the terms contained in the advertisement, for the sum of two hundred and thirty-seven pounds ten shillings (£237 10s.) per week, from the date of the contract to the close of the session, with a further sum of one hundred pounds (£100) for binding; and for that part of the session already past, to compile and print the Debates, in both languages, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-seven pounds ten shillings (£137 10s.) per week, with a further sum of thirty-five pounds (£35) for binding.

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed, for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Dufresne*, seconded by Mr. *Labelle*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend at the Bar of this House, to-morrow, with the Poll Books, Letters, and Documents, delivered to him by the Returning Officer for the County of *Richelieu*, at the late Election for the said County.

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts have leave to print their proceedings.

On motion of Mr. *William F. Powell*, seconded by Mr. *Richard W. Scott*,

Ordered, That *John F. Skinner*, Esquire, do attend at the Bar of this House, to testify and explain, under what circumstances, *G. B. Lyon Fellowes*, Esquire, a Member of this House, obtained from *Earl Bedell* the affidavit marked A, filed on the inquiry into the *Russell* Election, and purporting to be sworn before the said *John F. Skinner*; and further to testify as to the truth of the statement of the said *Earl Bedell*, respecting the mode in which the said *G. B. Lyon Fellowes* obtained the said affidavit.

On motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Mowat*,

Ordered, That the Order of this House of the twelfth instant, referring the Petition of *Joseph K. Dean*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, Gentleman, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said City, to the General Committee of Elections, be rescinded.

On motion of Mr. *Patrick*, seconded by Mr. *Cook*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House:—1st. A statement of all unpatented lots in the Township of *Cambridge*, in the County of *Russell*, on the 26th December last. 2nd. A statement of all lots sold by Government in said Township, on which arrears were due and unpaid to the Government on the 26th and 28th of December last. 3rd. A statement of all lots sold by Government in said Township on which all payments were made up to the 26th and 28th December.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House, as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Dorion*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Return shewing the number of vessels which have passed in and out under the Great Western draw-bridge over the *Desjardin* Canal and for which the draw had to be used in each year since its construction; also a like Return for the same period of all vessels which have passed in and out without the use of the draw.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *LeBoutillier*, seconded by Mr. *Meagher*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Copy of the Report of *Pierre Fortin*, Esquire, Stipendiary Magistrate in command of the party on board the schooner "*La Canadienne*" during the summer of 1857.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

George Brown, Esquire, Member for the City of *Toronto*, and also for the North Riding of the County of *Oxford*, made his Election to serve for the City of *Toronto*.

On motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the North Riding of the County of *Oxford*, in the room of *George Brown*, Esquire, who has made his Election to serve for the City of *Toronto*.

On motion of Mr. *Robinson*, seconded by Mr. *Price*,
Ordered, That the Order of this House of the twelfth instant, referring the Petition of *John Gordon Brown*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the County of *York*, Gentleman, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said City, to the General Committee of Elections, be rescinded.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Adjutant General of Militia on the state of the Militia for 1857.

For the said Report, see Appendix (No. 27.)

The Sergeant-at-Arms, attending this House, reported, that in obedience to the Order of the House of the 15th instant, he had taken into his custody *George M. Cryster*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Cambridge* at the late Election for the County of *Russell*, and that he was now at the Bar of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Toronto Magdalen* Asylum and Industrial House of Refuge.

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 Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Tassé*, seconded by Mr. *Coutlée*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House:—1. A statement of the expenses incurred by the Local Municipalities in *Lower Canada*. 2. A similar statement of the expenditure in each County Municipality. 3. A separate statement of the Local and County Municipalities which have levied rates and the amounts of such rates, shewing the amounts paid and the amounts still in arrear. 4. A statement of the suits instituted and the executions and *saisies* issued on the part of the Local or County Municipalities, or against the same. The said statements to shew the particulars for each year severally to the 1st January, 1858.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Dawson*, seconded by Mr. *McCann*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, Copies of all instructions given by any Department of the Provincial Government to any person or persons employed in the exploration of the Country between Lake *Superior* and the *Red River*, of all communications in reference to the organization of the exploring party or parties engaged in that service; and of all Reports, &c., received by the Government, or any Department thereof, in relation thereto.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Dorion*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, Copies of all

correspondence which may have passed between the Government and the Wardens of the County of *Chambly*, since 1st January, 1857, relative to the *Longueuil* and *Chambly* Turnpike Road; and also, a statement of all sums of money which may have been placed in the hands of the Warden, or at the disposal of the Municipality of the County of *Chambly*, for the purpose of repairing the said Road.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *W. F. Powell*, seconded by Mr. *Hogan*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Return of the number of Locomotive Engines, Steamboat Engines, and Stationary Engines imported into *Canada* during the last five years, the amount of duty collected on each description of Engine, and the value of each description, as entered at the Custom House.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Langevin* have leave to bring in a Bill to change the name of the *North Shore* Railway and *St. Maurice* Navigation Company.

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 Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Ouimet*, seconded by Mr. *Turcotte*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, Copies of all correspondence which may have passed between Mr. *Ryland*, Registrar, of the City of *Montreal*, and the Government of this Province, explaining why the Registry Office of the City of *Montreal* has not yet been transferred to the new Court House in the City of *Montreal*; also, of any correspondence between the Clerks of the Peace and the Government; and also, a copy of the Report sent in to the Government by Messieurs *Hopkins*, *Lawford*, and *Nelson*.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *John Cameron*, seconded by Mr. *Talbot*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House a Return of the amounts expended during the years 1854, 1855, 1856, and 1857, upon the improvements upon the Water Communication of the *Scugog* and *Sturgeon* Lakes, including the Locks at *Bobcaygean*; whether the works have been carried on under contract, if so, the name of the contractor or contractors, the price paid or contracted to be paid for the several and respective works; if any sum, and if so, what sum has been paid, or agreed to be paid, to *M. Boyd*, Esquire, in compensation to him for the stoppage of his works during the construction of the Locks at *Bobcaygean*, or what other compensation has been made to him for such detention and stoppage of his business.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor

General, by such Members of this House, as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *McMicken* have leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the collection of claims against the owners of Vessels navigating the Lakes and Canals in *Upper Canada*.

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 Thursday the twenty-ninth instant.

Mr. *Dubord* moved, seconded by Mr. *Simard*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Return containing a statement of all cases brought before the Court of Admiralty in *Quebec* during the year 1857; shewing also the amount of costs and fee paid in each case to the proctors or barristers practising in the said Court; also the amount of money and fees paid in each case to all the other officers of the said Court, containing also a copy of the tariff or table of such fees, shewing the authority in virtue whereof they are established and exacted from suitors in the said Court of Admiralty; shewing also the amount of commissions and charges exacted upon the payment to the said Court of money proceeding from the sale of goods or ships saved at sea, or otherwise; also in what manner the evidence is taken, and if the Clerk is not paid sixpence for every hundred words that he writes in taking the said evidence.

Mr. *Ross* moved in Amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*, That the words "year 1857" in the said Address be left out, and the words "last five years," inserted instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment, the House divided, and it passed in the Negative,

Then the main Question being put,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Return containing a statement of all cases brought before the Court of Admiralty in *Quebec* during the year 1857; shewing also the amount of costs and fee paid in each case to the proctors and barristers practising in the said Court; also the amount of money and fees paid in each case to all the other officers of the said Court, containing also a copy of the tariff or table of such fees, shewing the authority in virtue whereof they are established and exacted from suitors in the said Court of Admiralty; shewing also the amount of commissions and charges exacted upon the payment to the said Court of money proceeding from the sale of goods or ships saved at sea, or otherwise; also in what manner the evidence is taken, and if the Clerk is not paid sixpence for every hundred words that he writes in taking the said evidence.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House, as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Dubord*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Copy of the Royal Charter of the Bank of *British North America*.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House, as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Dorion*,

Ordered, That the 37th Rule of this House be amended by adding the words, "Such permission being granted without any dissenting voice," at the end thereof.

On motion of Mr. *William Scott*, seconded by Mr. *Meagher*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Statement of the affairs of the *Guelph* and *Dundas* Road Company, shewing the liabilities and assets of the said Company, up to the 1st of March, 1858.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Ouimet*, seconded by Mr. *Turcotte*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Return in detail shewing the amount expended for maintaining that part of the Police Force of *Lower Canada* under the control and supervision of Major *R. B. Johnston*, Police Magistrate, for each of the years 1855, 1856 and 1857.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a List of those persons who have made claims on the Government for damages caused by the works of the *Beauharnois* Canal, and dam erected near it, shewing also the amount of their claims, the sums paid, the amounts allowed and not yet paid, and the nature of the claim.

Ordered, That the said Addresses be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Burnwell*, seconded by Mr. *McKellar*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Return of all moneys advanced out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province towards the payment of Jurors in *Lower Canada*, according to the first and second sections of the Act 18 *Vic.*, cap. 98.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Cimon*, seconded by Mr. *Labelle*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Statement in detail of the expenditure of £25,000, voted last year, for Education in *Lower Canada*, that is to say, £20,000 for common schools, and £5,000 for superior education.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Chapais*, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all orders in Council and other documents, and of all correspondence having reference to the closing of the School of Navigation, established in the City of *Quebec*

in the year 1851 or 1852, for the instruction of persons intending to devote themselves to the practice of navigation.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Dorion*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Return of the Cash in the Public Chest on the first day of each month, since 1st January, 1855.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Bymal*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a Return of any proceedings had by the Government relative to the transfer of the late Collector of Customs at *Toronto* to the Port of *Belleville*, and concerning the removal of *John Cameron* from the office of the Customs at *Toronto*, as also a Copy of any reports to Government from the Auditor and others upon the financial management of the *Toronto* Custom House, and stating what the salaries of the Collectors of Customs at *Belleville* and *Toronto* are to be in future and what they were five years ago, with a statement of the causes which led to the removal from office of the late Collector of *Belleville*.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Chapais*, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House a copy of the Report of the Exploration and Tract laid out for the proposed Road from *Buchland* to the *Kempt* Road.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Aikins*, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Statement of all sums apportioned to the several Municipalities in *Upper Canada* from the Clergy Reserves Appropriation Fund, as also from what Municipalities the appropriation in the distribution was retained, owing to their indebtedness to the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund, to the present time.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Mr. *Simard* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*, and the question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Copy of the resignation of the Inspector of Model and Elementary Schools for the Counties of *Saguenay* and

Tadousac, with a copy of the post-marks which appear on the envelope containing the said resignation.

Mr. *Cimon* moved in amendment to the question, seconded by Mr. *Chapais*, That the words "And also the correspondence which has taken place on the subject of that resignation, and the correspondence between the resigning Inspector and the Provincial Secretary; also the names of all those Members now elected who held or still hold paid situations under the Government; the correspondence with respect to the resignation of any Members now elected, which took place between them and the Government with reference to the offices or situations filled by such Members, and also a statement shewing the date of the days of voting at their Elections and the date of the day of their proclamation," be added at the end thereof.

And the Question being put, That those words be there added.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Copy of the resignation of the Inspector of Model and Elementary Schools for the Counties of *Saguenay* and *Tadousac*, with a copy of the post-marks which appear on the envelope containing the said resignation; and also, the correspondence which has taken place on the subject of that resignation, and the correspondence between the resigning Inspector and the Provincial Secretary; also the names of all those Members now elected, who held or still hold paid situations under the Government; the correspondence with respect to the resignation of any Members now elected, which took place between them and the Government with reference to the offices or situations filled by such Members, and also, a statement shewing the date of the days of voting at their Elections, and the date of the day of their proclamation.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Bureau*, seconded by Mr. *Hébert*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Statement shewing the whole amount of Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund Debentures issued to 21st January last, under 16 *Vic.*, cap. 22, and 18 *Vic.*, cap. 13; and also the amount issued for each Municipality, the amount of principal, if any, repaid to the Sinking Fund, the amount of principal over due, the amount of interest, if any, paid, and the amount of principal and interest reimbursed from the Clergy Reserve Fund, with such amount and the name of the Municipality in each case.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Playfair*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, Copies of all papers connected with the Petition of *George Nicholls*, praying to be restored to his credibility.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clark* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to mortgages and sales of personal property in *Upper Canada*.

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 Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Bureau*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, Copies of the indictment laid against *William Miller*, charged with the murder of *John Farrell*, at the last assizes for the County of *Wellington*, and return by the Grand Jury; and also, any instructions given to, or report from, the prosecuting officer employed for the Crown in that case.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to authorize investigations in cases of accidents by fire.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts for the protection of Indians in *Upper Canada*.

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 Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Stirton*, seconded by Mr. *Allan*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, Copies of all letters, memorials, or other documents, addressed to the Provincial Government, or any Member thereof, in anticipation of the issuing of the recent Commission of the Peace for the County of *Wellington*, and referring thereto.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lacoste* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855, and to erect *St. Lambert* into a separate Municipality.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lacoste* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Judicature Acts of *Lower Canada*, in so far as they relate to the closing of inventories.

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 Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Aikins*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, Copies of all correspondence which has taken place between the Government and any party or parties, in anticipation of, and relative to, the Commission of the Peace, recently issued for the County of *Norfolk*.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Jobin*, seconded by Mr. *Bureau*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House:—1st. A Statement of the Lots and their numbers, both of Crown and Clergy Reserve Lands in the Township of *Wentworth*, in the County of *Argenteuil* in *Lower Canada*, which have been sold, or for which the Crown has granted location tickets. 2nd.—A Statement of the sums of money received, both from the sale of the said lands and from the location tickets granted therefor from the settlement of the said Township to the first day of January last.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Langevin*, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House: 1st.—A Statement of the Volunteer Companies of Militia formed in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, shewing the names of such Companies, the numbers of men in each of them; and the date of its formation. 2nd.—A Statement shewing the dates and the number of petitions which have been made, and by whom they have been made in the two sections of the Province, for the formation of Volunteer Companies of Militia. 3rd.—A Statement shewing how many, and which of such petitions have been favorably received, and how many, and which of them have been rejected, and the grounds of such rejection.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *White* have leave to bring in a Bill to re-unite part of School Section No. 5, in the Municipality of *Trafalgar*, with the Town of *Milton*, for School purposes.

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 Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Aikins*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House a Return of the loan made from the Public Chest in 1831, to aid in the completion of *Oakville Harbour*; the security received from the said loan, and the conditions attached to the amounts received in part liquidation, with the dates of each payment, the amount of principal and interest now due, and the security now held for the debt.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House, as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Allan*, seconded by Mr. *Stirton*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Copy of the Report of the Commissioners appointed to value the lands in the Townships of *Peel* and *Maryborough*, in the County of *Wellington*, together with a statement of the amount paid to the said Commissioners for their services, shewing the time during which they were employed, and the remuneration they received.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House, as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province

Ordered, That Mr. *McMicken* and Mr. *Sherwood*, be added to the Select Committee to which is referred the Bill respecting the Municipal Institutions of *Upper Canada*.

The Order of the House being read, for the attendance at the Bar of the Witnesses to be examined, touching the irregularities apparent on the Poll Book for the Township of *Cambridge*, at the last Election for the County of *Russell*.

And the House being informed that Mr. *George M. Crysler* attended at the Bar, he was examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Patrick*.

289.—Were you the Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Cambridge* at the late election for the County of *Russell*?—I was.

290.—Are you the Township Clerk and one of the Selectors of Jurors for the Township of *Cambridge*, and how long have you been so? Did you previously live in the Township and for how long?—I am Township Clerk, and one of the Selectors of Jurors by law, and have been so since the 25th of July; I have never lived in the Township.

291.—State the number of names on the Assessor's Roll, and also the number of absentee proprietors in the Township for the year 1857?—The number on the Assessment Roll is between 80 and 90; I do not know the number of absentee proprietors, from any information I have had in my possession.

292.—What number of votes were recorded in the Township of *Cambridge* on the first day at the late general election, or about what number? Were there any and what number so recorded without your knowledge, and how did this happen?—I think that from 40 to 60 were recorded on the first day as well as I can recollect; none were recorded without my knowledge.

293.—What number of votes were recorded the second day, or about what number? Were there any or what number so recorded without your knowledge, and how did it happen?—Upwards of three hundred were recorded on the second day; none, I think, were recorded without my knowledge.

294.—Do you know the names of any parties residing in *Troy*, *Albany* or *Rome*, in the State of *New York*, who were entitled to vote in your Township at the said Election?—I do not.

295.—How many names did you order the Poll Clerk to record? Who stated their residence to be *Troy*, *Albany* or *Rome*?—I think there were some eight or ten who gave their names as residing in *Rome*, *Troy* or *Albany*, but I do not know that they were such residents. If my Poll Clerk put any other such names down, he did it unwittingly, and without my knowledge.

296.—Did the persons whose names are recorded as foreigners appear indivi-

dually, or did another vote in their behalf, using their names?—I am not aware that there are any voters recorded on the Poll Book as foreigners, and all persons who voted did so in their own names.

297.—Do you say that there were over three hundred votes at the poll in the second day in that Township?—I said that to the best of my recollection upwards of three hundred legal votes had been polled on that day. I could not count the number of votes, as I was attending to my duties.

By Mr. *Wallbridge*.

298.—Look at the Poll Book now shewn to you, and say whether for each vote there recorded, there appeared a separate person?—A separate person would come to the window of the poll booth to vote. No man ever gave his name to me twice at the same time, to my knowledge. There did appear a separate person for each vote recorded.

By Mr. *Patrick*.

299.—Do you believe the persons whose names you ordered to be recorded, to have been the persons whom they represented themselves to be?—I do, for I am not acquainted with them.

300.—Did you see an American of the name of *Earl Bedell* during the second day of Polling; and in whose interest was he acting?—I am not acquainted with any man of that name. He may have been there, but I do not know in whose interest he was acting. I would not know such a person if I met him in the street.

301.—Did he, *Bedell*, vote oftener than once; if so, how often and for whom?—I would not have allowed him to vote oftener than once, and if he did vote I do not know for whom he did vote.

302.—How is it that some fifty persons whose names appear on the Poll-book as residents of the State of *New York*, were allowed to vote as freeholders on lands owned by *Martin Casselman*?—I am not aware that as many voters came from the State of *New York*. I do not know on whose lands they voted.

303.—Did your clerk record votes differently from what you directed?—I think he made a few mistakes in taking down the names as to the places of residence.

304.—Do you call three hundred a few?—I do not.

By Mr. *Wallbridge*.

305.—Did you keep the poll open beyond five o'clock on the last day of the election; and how many or about how many votes were polled after half-past four on that day?—I did not keep the poll open after five o'clock on the last day. I do not know how many votes were polled after half-past four, but there may have been 20 or 25. Votes were polled up to a few minutes before five.

By Mr. *Cook*.

306.—When you say that three hundred votes had been polled on the second day, do you say that that number of voters on that day appeared and voted regularly?—I do.

By Mr. *Dorion*.

307.—Was Mr. *Loux* represented at the poll of *Cambridge* on the second day of the Election, and if so, by whom?—He was not represented by any body legally, as he did not shew me any legal authority. *Cameron* told me he had authority to represent him, but he did not shew me such authority.

By Mr. *Wallbridge*.

308.—Did not the same individual vote or give in the names of different persons which were recorded on the Poll-book as residing in *Troy* and *Albany*?—Not to my knowledge.

By Mr. *Dorion*.

309.—Did not *Cameron*, you have named, vote at the said Election?—He did.

310.—Was *Cameron* allowed, on the second day, to remain in the room where you and the Poll Clerk recorded the votes?—He never asked but once on the second day to come in, and then I told him that as a little dispute had taken place inside, I could not allow him in: he did not urge it; I said I did not like to let him in.

311.—Were any persons allowed, on the second day, to remain in the room where you and the Poll-Clerk recorded the votes, and state their names?—None were allowed to remain inside the room; two or three votes were taken inside at a quiet time; the voters then immediately went out.

312.—Were all the votes taken through the window on the second day, or were some persons allowed to give their votes from within the room where the Poll-Clerk recorded the votes, if so, how many?—They were all taken from the outside but few; I do not know how many.

313.—Did you put the oath of qualification to any of the persons who voted on the second day for Mr. *Fellowes* at the said Election?—I do not exactly recollect; I cannot say positively.

314.—To whom did you give the Poll Book after the Election? On what day, and at what hour did you part with it?—A few minutes after five, on the second day of Polling, I delivered it at Mr. *Casselman's* house, to him. I told him to take care of it, and he locked it up.

315.—Was the Poll Book sealed when you gave it to Mr. *Casselman*?—Not at first. Immediately afterwards, I sat down and made out the certificates and affidavits. He handed me the Poll Book, to which we attached them. He swore the Poll Clerk and myself. The Poll Book was then sealed up, given to Mr. *Casselman*, and by him put away.

316.—Was Mr. *Fellowes* present at the time you gave the Poll Book to Mr. *Casselman*?—He was not in the room at the time when I first gave the Poll Book to Mr. *Casselman*.

317.—Was not Mr. *Casselman*, to whom you delivered the Book, Mr. *Fellowes'* agent at the said Election?—Yes, he acted as such.

By Mr. *Wallbridge*.

318.—Was Mr. *Fellowes* present at the close of the Poll on the second day, and if not at the Poll, was he at any place near there, or in the same house in which the Polling took place?—He was not present at the close of the Poll, nor at any time during both days. I never saw him there. I heard he was at Mr. *Casselman's* house, three or four acres from the polling place.

By Mr. *Fellowes*.

319.—Have you any knowledge that the Assessment Roll did not contain the names of all the residents of the Township whose names ought to have been on the Roll, and how have you that knowledge?—I was credibly informed that they were not all on the Roll. Mr. *Benton*, the Assessor, did not put them all on the Roll, as he informed the Council he could not get to their residences, and a great many of them were *Canadians*, and as he could not speak *French*, he could not get any information from them as to what lots they were on.

320.—Was *John Cameron* qualified on oath as a voter when he voted, and what oath was administered to him? How many other oaths were read to him, or in his presence, and for what purpose, and how do you recollect it?—*John Cameron* came up to vote; I asked him whom he wished to vote for; he said he wished to vote for Mr. *Louw*. I asked him on what he voted; he said he voted on a freehold. The Clerk was about recording the vote, when Mr. *Casselman*, Mr. *Fellowes'* agent, asked him if he would not be qualified; he at first refused to be qualified; he came back in a few minutes, after consulting some body, and said

he would take the oath. I then read him Oath No. 3, which he took. I do not recollect whether I read any more oaths to him.

321.—Do you mean to say that he is qualified as a freeholder, and did the said oath administered contain the bribery clause, or did you only administer the bribery part of the oath?—I administered the whole oath to him; I read it all to him.

322.—Did any disturbance take place in the Poll room on the first day, and what was the nature of it? Was *Cameron* under the influence of liquor as well as others?—There was a disturbance between *Cameron* and *Mr. Casselman*, and it was thereupon that I ordered them out of the room. *Cameron* put his fist before *Casselman's* face; I cannot say whether *Cameron* was under the influence of liquor, but I believe he was. There were others who were under the influence of liquor.

323.—Was any liquor introduced into the Poll room on the second day? Were any persons drinking there? and did you drink any there?—There was no liquor introduced there; there was none drank there to my knowledge, nor did I drink any or see any.

324.—When did *Cameron* arrive at the Poll on the second day? When did he leave, and was he in continually at the Poll in the interval between his arrival and departure?—I think he arrived there about half-past ten; I do not recollect seeing him there after two; I do not think he was there half an hour; he was walking about; he went across the river once, I was told.

325.—Is the Poll Book which has been shewn to you the original Poll Book in which all votes were recorded at the Election from and after the opening of the Poll on the first day, until it closed on the second day?—It is.

326.—Did the Returning Officer send you any other Poll Book, and if so, why was it not used?—He did not send me any other Poll Book; I was obliged to make one myself; if he did send one, I did not receive it. About two hours after the Poll was opened, some ruled sheets of paper, unstitched, and without headings, were laid on the table.

327.—Look at the Poll Book and say if you signed the same, and made up the number of votes therein, and made a memorandum of the same under your hand and seal before it was locked up, and if it was then in the same state as it now is, or if it has been added to, or if names were added thereto after five o'clock; was the last sheet on it, and were the votes thereon recorded before five o'clock the second day?—I did sign it. I made up the number of votes therein, and made a memorandum of the same under my hand and seal before it was locked up. It was in the same state as at present. It has not been added to. No names were added to it after five o'clock. The last sheet was on it, and the votes thereon recorded before five o'clock of the second day. The reason it was reversed was for want of space.

328.—When did you first see *Mr. Fellowes* on the second day? Where did you spend the evening of the second day after the close of the poll, and with whom, or did you return to the Poll house?—I saw *Mr. Fellowes* for the first time on the second day, a little after five o'clock. He was in *Mr. Casselman's* sitting-room. I spent the evening at *Mr. Casselman's*. *Mr. Fellowes* was there. I did not return to the Poll house.

By *Mr. Wallbridge*.

329.—Did the person or persons voting during the last half-hour of the second day give in the names of the voters from memory, or had such person or persons a list of names from which he or they voted?—They gave in their votes from memory. I saw no lists.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

The House being informed that *John F. Skinner* attended at the door, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *W. F. Powell*.

330.—What is your name? Where do you reside? And are you a Justice of the Peace in the Town of *Brasher*, for *St. Lawrence* County, in the State of *New York*?—*John F. Skinner*. I reside at *Brasher*, in the County of *St. Lawrence*, in the State of *New York*, and am a Justice of the Peace for that County.

331.—Do you know *Earl Bedell*, of *Brasher Falls*, in the Town of *Brasher*, and did you see him in company with any person on or about the eighteenth of February last, when he made an affidavit; and where was it?—I know *Earl Bedell*, of the Town of *Brasher*. I saw him on the eighteenth day of February last, at the *Brasher Iron Works*, in company with two gentlemen, who introduced themselves to me as Colonel *Johnson* and Colonel *Chambers*.

332.—Look at the affidavit now shewn to you, marked A, purporting to be signed by *Earl Bedell*, as the deponent, and *John F. Skinner*, as the Justice, swearing the same, on the eighteenth February last; read the same, and say if the same is signed by *Earl Bedell*, and was sworn to by him before you, and is subscribed by you as the Justice swearing the same?—[For Affidavit A, see Journal of the 12th April, instant.] I believe it to be the same affidavit which was signed by *Earl Bedell*, and was sworn to before me. The signatures are those of *Earl Bedell* and myself.

333.—Was the said affidavit, marked A, (now in your hands,) read over to the said *Earl Bedell* in your presence, before he swore to the same, and did he understand it?—It was read over to him before he signed, and swore to it. I believe he understood it.

334.—Do you know *David C. Chandler*? Where does he reside? Was he present at the *Brasher Iron Works* on the day when said affidavit was made with the two persons you have named?—I know *David C. Chandler*; he resides at *Brasher Falls*. I saw him at *Brasher Iron Works* on the day on which this affidavit was sworn to. He was there with the two persons I have named.

335.—Look at the affidavit now shewn to you, marked K, and say if the same is signed by said *David C. Chandler*, as the deponent, and you as the Justice swearing the same. Was the said affidavit, K, sworn to by said *David C. Chandler* before you?—

[The following is the affidavit referred to in the question:—

K.

St. Lawrence County,
Town of *Brasher*, [s. s.]

D. C. Chandler, being by me duly sworn, says:—I was present when *G. B. Lyon-Fellowes* wrote the affidavit of which the annexed is a printed copy, that it was written at the suggestion and with the approval of *Earl Bedell*, and that said *Fellowes* read it over to said *Bedell* before Justice *Skinner* arrived, and also afterwards in presence of said Justice, and that from the best of my recollection of the contents of said affidavit, I believe the annexed to be a true copy, and that only one affidavit was written, and further, that *Martin Casselman* was present during the writing and reading of the said affidavit.

David C. Chandler.

Subscribed and sworn to before me,
in the said Town of *Brasher*,
this 19th day of April, 1858.

John F. Skinner,
Justice of the Peace.

Answer.—*David C. Chandler* signed this affidavit, and it was sworn to before me.

336.—What is the character of *Earl Bedell* for veracity and truth in the neighbourhood where he resides, and would he be believed on his oath?—His character is not very good; I should not believe him under oath myself.

By Mr. *Wallbridge*.

337.—Were you present at the last Election of the County of *Russell*, in the Township of *Cambridge*, on the second day of the said Election?—I was not.

By Mr. *White*.

338.—Who read the affidavit subscribed by *Earl Bedell* when taken by you?—*Mr. Fellowes*.

By Mr. *W. F. Powell*.

339.—Have you any possible doubt whatever that the affidavit read by *Mr. Fellowes* was the same as that placed in your hands, marked A, and signed by you as the Justice swearing the same?—I have no doubt at all.

By Mr. *Wallbridge*.

340.—Are you positive that *Mr. Fellowes* read the affidavit in the words in which it was written?—As near as I can recollect, he read it word for word as it is now.

And he was then directed to withdraw.

On motion of Mr. *W. F. Powell*, seconded by Mr. *Cook*,

Ordered, That *John F. Skinner* be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

Mr. Turcotte moved, seconded by Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided, and it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the House being read for the attendance at the Bar of the Witnesses to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on the Poll-books of the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*.

And the House being informed that *Rémi Seraphim Noël*, Esquire, attended at the door, he was again called in, and further examined at the Bar, as followeth:—

By Mr. *O'Farrell*.

52.—When you were appointed the Deputy Returning Officer for the County of *Lotbinière* at the last Election, were you not aware that your brother-in-law, *C. F. Dionne*, Esquire, of *St. Antoine*, had been spoken of as a Candidate for that County?—I had heard it mentioned, but I never thought he seriously meant to present himself.

53.—Did not a snow-storm take place in the afternoon of the second day's voting in the County of *Lotbinière*, so as to render it impossible for a person leaving *St. Sylvestre*, and even travelling all night, to reach *Ste. Croix* in time for the Proclamation?—A good deal of snow fell on that day, and I think it was impossible to get there at the hour fixed for the Proclamation without making extraordinary efforts.

54.—What is the distance between *St. Sylvestre* Church and the *Ste. Croix* Church in the County of *Lotbinière*?—Forty-eight miles in summer and about forty in winter; that is about the distance from the Church at *St. Sylvestre* to that of *Ste. Croix*; the winter roads are shorter, as they cross a swamp which is impassable in summer.

55.—Did *James McCullough* say anything to you in relation to what had occurred at *St. Sylvestre* during the last Election? If so, what did he say?—I recollect nothing in particular told me by *James McCullough* with reference to the Election, and if he spoke of it in my presence he said but little.

56.—When did you first become aware that the Deputy Returning Officer of *St. Antoine* had made a special return, and please state the nature of such return?—I learned on the morning of the Proclamation day that he had made a special return. I learned it from himself, when he brought it to me. It is stated in this return that the partizans of Mr. Noël turned Mr. O'Farrell's representative out of the poll, and that votes had been taken by the Deputy for *St. Antoine* without it being possible to decide whether the votes were illegal. That is about the purport of the return.

57.—Do you state that the special return of the Deputy Returning Officer for *St. Antoine* was written out at the time when he brought his Poll-book to you?—Yes; it was written when the Poll-book was delivered to me.

58.—When was the Poll-book of *St. Antoine* handed to you?—It was handed to me on the morning of the day of Proclamation.

59.—By the day of Proclamation do you mean the day when the Proclamation in fact took place?—No, I mean the day first fixed for the Proclamation, that is to say, the 31st December.

60.—Had the Deputy Returning Officer of *St. Antoine* delivered, or caused to be delivered to you, his Poll-book before he made such special return? If so, did he, before making such special return, state to you any thing in relation to the conduct of Mr. Léon Noël's supporters at *St. Antoine* during the two days voting?—During the night of the last day of voting, the Deputy Returning Officer of *St. Antoine* came to my house with his Poll-books. He then told me that he thought he ought to make a special return for the Poll-book of *St. Antoine*. I told him to go home with his Poll-book, to see Mr. Lefebvre, his father, and to make any return that he pleased, and to have it signed by his Poll Clerk. He told me that he had been unable to distinguish the good votes from the bad, from half past nine or ten o'clock of the second day of the voting, because he did not always see the persons who voted.

61.—When the Deputy Returning Officer of *St. Antoine* brought you his Poll-book, was there not a general return on that Poll-book, making no mention of the facts stated in his subsequent special return?—The Deputy Returning Officer had made the ordinary return required by law, but he told me that he did not think he could conscientiously sustain that return. It was then I told him to go home. The general return did not mention the facts alleged in the special return.

62.—Did not such general return bear the signatures of the Deputy Returning Officer for *St. Antoine* and of his Poll Clerk?—I am not certain whether or not it was signed; I think it was, however.

63.—Did not such General Return bear the signature of a Justice of the Peace for the District of *Quebec*, as having been sworn to by such Deputy Returning Officer for *St. Antoine* and by his Poll Clerk?—I think so, but I am not positive.

64.—What essential difference do you find between the Special Return of the Deputy Returning Officer of *St. Antoine*, and that of the Deputy Returning Officer of *Ste. Agathe*?—In the Return made by the Deputy Returning Officer of *St. Antoine* it is not stated that the poll was duly closed at five o'clock in the afternoon of the second day of voting. In the Return made by the Deputy Returning Officer of *Ste. Agathe* it is stated that the poll was closed at No. 180 of the voters, and that votes were taken up to a quarter to eight o'clock in the afternoon of the second day.

64½.—Did the Deputy Returning Officer for *Ste. Agathe* tell you at any time before the Proclamation, that he had closed the poll at five o'clock, P.M., on the second day's voting?—He did not tell me at what hour the poll was closed, as far as I can remember.

65.—When, in consequence of the Special Return of the Deputy Returning Officer for *Ste. Agathe*, you struck off certain votes recorded in the Poll-book in

favor of Mr. *O'Farrell*, why did you not, in like manner, and in consequence of the Special Return of the Deputy for *St. Antoine*, strike off certain votes recorded in the Poll-book of *St. Antoine* for Mr. *Noël*, your brother?—Because, in the Return of the Deputy Returning Officer for *St. Agathe*, the Poll-book was closed, and it is stated that the other votes were not legal. In the Return of the Deputy for *St. Antoine*, no mention is made of the difference between the good and the bad votes.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*.

66.—Why did you not strike out all the bad votes which you have said were give in *St. Sylvestre*?—Because the Deputy made a General Election Return and there was no Special Return.

67.—Is it not true that the Special Return of the Deputy Returning Officer for *St. Agathe* states that the poll was closed by him at five o'clock, p.m., and that such Return was sworn to before you at *St. Croix*?—It is stated in that Poll-book that the poll was again closed at five o'clock, but it is not stated when it was so closed the first time. This Return was sworn to before me at *St. Croix*.

68.—Is it not true that when you struck out the votes in the *St. Agathe* Poll-book, you and the Deputy Returning Officer for *St. Agathe*, were well aware that many of the votes so struck off by you had been enregistered before five o'clock, p.m., on the second day's voting?—The Deputy might have known it; but I did not know it myself, either from him, or by any other means.

The Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hébert*, and the question being put, that this House do now adjourn;

The House divided, and it passed in the Negative.

69.—Did not the Deputy for *St. Agathe* tell you that many of the votes so struck off by you had been so enregistered by him before 5 p.m., on the second day's voting?—I believe he spoke to me on the subject; but I cannot say whether he mentioned the number. I did not remark it; because he had stated in his Return that after No. 180 the votes had been illegally taken.

70.—When was it that the conversation mentioned in your last answer took place, between the Deputy for *St. Agathe* and you?—On the morning of the 31st December last.

71.—When did *Charles Lemay*, Esquire, first apply to you to be one of the Deputy Returning Officers for the County of *Lotbinière*?—He never applied to me to be a Deputy Returning Officer for the County of *Lotbinière*; it was I who asked him to act as such, after the Deputy for *St. Jean* had refused.

72.—Is it not true that before Mr. *Lemay* was so appointed by you as a Deputy Returning Officer he had canvassed for Mr. *Léon Noël*, your brother?—I am not aware whether or not Mr. *Lemay* canvassed for my brother or any one else before I appointed him.

73.—Is it not true that, when you so appointed Mr. *Lemay* as a Deputy Returning Officer, you knew that he had expressed an opinion in favor of a resident Candidate and against Mr. *O'Farrell's* return?—I think that Mr. *Lemay* had mentioned to me before his appointment as Deputy, that it was the generally expressed desire in the Parish of *Lotbinière* to nominate a person residing in the County to represent it.

74.—When did *James Thurber*, Esquire, apply to you to be one of the Deputy Returning Officers for the County of *Lotbinière*, at the last Election?—A month, perhaps, before the Election, Mr. *Thurber* asked me to let him be Deputy for *St. Sylvestre*. I offered him the place a few days after. He refused it, saying, that he would be Deputy at *Lotbinière*. Finally he told me he wished to take part in the Election, and that he would accept no place.

75.—Did Mr. *Thurber* at any time express his willingness to act at any other place in the County than *St. Sylvestre* or *Lotbinière*?—A short time before the

Election Mr. *Thurber* would have accepted a place in several Parishes, but a few days before the naming of the Deputies, I asked him himself, in presence of *François Pailleur*, and he said to me that he would not accept any place; that he had the right to refuse.

76.—Did Mr. *Thurber* so express his refusal to act as Deputy Returning Officer at any time before Mr. *Lemay's* appointment as Deputy?—He refused before Mr. *Lemay* or any of the other officers had been named.

77.—Did you have any conversation with Mr. *O'Farrell* on the thirty-first day of December last? If so, say where, how often, and in whose presence?—I saw Mr. *O'Farrell* on the evening of the thirty-first of December. He spoke to me of the Election. That was the evening on which he reproached me with having chosen Deputies opposed to him, and favourable to my brother. When I had shewn him that it was impossible I had named Deputies in favor of my brother, he then said to me that he had promised the post of Registrar to Mr. *Parent*, but being convinced that I had not acted with partiality against him, *Parent* should not have it. My wife and myself were alone present at that moment. I think I saw Mr. *O'Farrell* on that day. Mr. *O'Farrell* came several times to my house on the 31st December, and the 1st and 2nd January. I cannot particularize the conversations I had with him at that time, but I might err as to dates.

78.—By evening, as stated in your last answer, do you mean before or after dark?—It was after dark, for we were in bed when Mr. *O'Farrell* came and woke us up.

79.—Do you then state that it was after dark that Mr. *O'Farrell* spoke to you of your having appointed Deputy Returning Officers hostile to him?—I believe so.

80.—How often, where, and in whose presence and hearing had you conversations with Mr. *O'Farrell* on the thirty-first day of December last? Why did you pass over Mr. *Thurber* and select Mr. *Lemay* to be Deputy Returning Officer for *St. Jean Deschaillons*?—Mr. *O'Farrell* came during the three days I have already mentioned several times, and had several conversations. It is impossible for me to state what happened on one day more than another. At those different conversations there were twenty-five different persons, and more. I cannot answer this question more in detail, not having taken particular notes of those conversations.

81.—Do you affirm that it is impossible for you to state on what particular day you had with Mr. *O'Farrell* any one of the conversations heretofore mentioned by you?—There are some conversations of which I think I can remember the days, such as the giving up of the Poll Books of *St. Sylvestre*, the demanding of special constables, that which was said to me at Mr. *Couture's* house after the declaration, and some others which I do not now remember, but errors with regard to dates might occur about other conversations.

Mr. *Starnes* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gauvreau*, and the question being put, that this House do now adjourn.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Gaulet,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>14. Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	14. <i>Wallbridge.</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>		

And the votes being equally divided, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote in the Negative.

82.—Please state, for each conversation mentioned by you, whether you can assign to it a time and place?—I could do so for some conversations, but not for all.

Mr. *Thibeaudeau* moved, seconded by Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being put, that this House do now adjourn.

The House divided, and it passed in the Negative.

83.—Please state those conversations mentioned by you, and to which you can assign a time and place?—I cannot do so.

84.—Do you mean to affirm that you can assign a time and place to no one of the conversations mentioned by you?—I have answered this question by a previous answer, citing several conversations. For instance, when I said that a conversation had taken place at Mr. *Couture's* house after the declaration; another at my house, about the special constables on the eve of the declaration, in the evening; another conversation was also held on the 1st January, in my house, between Mr. *O'Farrell* and *Edouard Noël*. I do not remember the time of the others.

85.—At what hour of the day or night, and where, did you have with Mr. *O'Farrell* the conversation in relation to his being proclaimed without opposition?—I think it was in the afternoon, at his house, in *Quebec*, in the month of November. I cannot say what day.

86.—In what apartment or apartments of Mr. *O'Farrell's* dwelling had you that conversation?—In an apartment which is behind his office, and which also serves him as an office, I think, or as a library, for there were books on shelves. This apartment is on the ground floor.

87.—Can you state whether any third person was present at that conversation?—I only saw a person who came in for a few moments, spoke to Mr. *O'Farrell*, and went away.

88.—Can you state whether you had, in Mr. *O'Farrell's* dwelling, any other conversation about his being proclaimed without opposition than the one already mentioned by you?—I do not think so.

Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Labelle*, and the Question being put, that this House do now adjourn,

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	4. <i>Morin.</i>
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NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	18. <i>Wallbridge.</i>
<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

89.—If you had had, with Mr. *O'Farrell*, in his dwelling, any other conversation about his being proclaimed without opposition, would you have remembered it?—I think so, but I do not remember it.

Notice being taken that there was no quorum, the names of the Members present were taken down, as follow:—

Members present:—Mr. Speaker, Messieurs *Bourassa, Brown, Campbell, Attorney General Cartier, Dorland, Ferres, Gauvreau, Hébert, Hogan, Lemieux, Mackenzie, Mowat, O'Farrell, Patrick, W. Scott, Starnes, and Wallbridge.*

And at forty minutes past one o'clock in the morning the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a question first put.

Tuesday, 20th April, 1858.

MR. Speaker laid before the House, Statement of Fees received for the Fee Fund, and of salaries paid to County Judges in *Upper Canada*, from 1st January to 31st December, 1857.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (No. 5.)

Also, Return of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, from the Records of the Elections to the present Legislative Assembly, shewing the aggregate number of votes polled for each candidate in each County, Riding, Township, City, Town, Parish, Precinct, or Division in which there has been a contest, with the total number polled in each such Division or Precinct;—giving also the name of each Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer; and a like Return for those Divisions or Districts which have elected Legislative Councillors; also shewing, in contrast, the number polled at each of said polling places at the General Election of 1854, and the population in each constituency at the last census, in obedience to the order of this House of the 5th of March last.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 28.)

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

By Mr. *Campbell*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute of *St. Césaire*.

By Mr. *Macbeth*,—The Petition of *Charles Askew* and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts in the County of *Elgin*.

By Mr. *Lacoste*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. M. Mignault* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de Chambly*.

By Mr. *Webb*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Brompton*.

By Mr. *Walker Porvell*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of the Village of *Vittoria*, County of *Norfolk*.

By Mr. *McGee*,—The Petition of *John O'Grady* and others, of the Township of *Arthur* and vicinity; the Petition of *John Fanning* and others, of *St. Thomas*, County of *Elgin*; and the Petition of *Patrick Daly* and others, of the Township of *Rawdon* and vicinity.

By Mr. *Carling*,—The Petition of *Henry Boyd*, of the City of *London*, County of *Middlesex*; and the Petition of the Young Men's Christian Association of the City of *London*.

By Mr. *Christie*,—The Petition of *R. P. Cartan* and others, of the County of *Brant*.

By Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *A. Théberge, Curé*, and others, of the Parishes of *Terrebonne* and *Lachenaie*.

By Mr. *Starnes*,—The Petition of the Bank of *Upper Canada* and other chartered Banks.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of *P. Prince*, senior, and others, of the Parish of *St. Eusebe de Stanfold*.

By Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the Office Bearers of the Public Nursery of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Dunkin*,—The Petition of *Joseph LeClerc*, Mayor, and others, of the Township of *Warwick*.

By Mr. *Labelle*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Vincent de Paul*, County of *Laval*.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—Two Petitions of the Reverend *A. Doucet* and others, of the Parish of *St. André*; and the Petition of *Joseph Beaubien* and others.

By Mr. *Desaulniers*,—The Petition of *Alexis Caron*, and others of *Shawenagan*.

By Mr. *John Cameron*,—The Petition of *William Eastland* and others, of the Town of *Peterborough*.

By Mr. *Wallbridge*,—The Petition of *W. S. Williams* and others, of the County of *Prince Edward*.

Mr. *Turcotte*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which was read as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find the notices sufficient, viz:—Of *François Xavier Dezy* and others, of the Parish of *La Visitation de l'Isle du Pads*, for revival of the Act to regulate the Common of the said Parish; of *J. Wurtele* and others of *Yamaska* and other Counties, for Incorporation of the *Yamaska Navigation Company*; of *Samuel Coit* and others, of the Counties of *Bonaventure*, *Gaspé*, and *Rimouski*, for incorporation of the *St. Lawrence and Bay of Chaleurs Land and Lumber Company*; of *Charles S. Rodier*, Mayor, and others, Proprietors of land on the *Montreal Mountain*, for incorporation of a Company to construct a *Boulevard* round the two Mountains at *Montreal*; of the President and Directors of the *Preston and Berlin Railway Company*, for an Act to declare the stock subscribed for by the Municipality of *Berlin*, and the Debentures issued therefor, good and valid; of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*, for incorporation of *Knox College*; of the Great South-Western Railway Company; of the Municipality of the Village of *Stratford*, for incorporation of that Village; and of *William McIntosh*, of the Village of *Newcastle*.

On the Petition of the *British Farmers' Union Insurance Company of Brantford*, for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation; your Committee find that the requisite notice was not given.

And upon the Petition of *Thomas G. Hurd* and others, praying that the Act amending the Act incorporating the *Galt and Guelph Railway Company*, may be so amended as to give to the holders of certain bonds issued by the said Company, before mortgaging their road to the Great Western Railway Company, a remedy against the last mentioned Company; your Committee find that the notice given was insufficient, inasmuch as it merely referred to an amendment to the Act relating to the *Galt and Guelph Railway Company*, without specifying the nature of the amendment, or the claim sought to be established against the Great Western Railway Company.

Mr. *Ferres*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House, the Third Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the following motions for Printing:—

By Honorable Mr. *J. S. Macdonald*,—Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Lincoln*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable the rate-payers of the said County to select the most central and convenient place for the County Town of the said County. Your Committee recommend that this Petition be not printed, it being of a purely local nature.

By Honorable Mr. *Harwood*,—Petition of *H. Cartier*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Vaudreuil*; praying for certain amendments to the Registry Laws of *Lower Canada*. Your Committee recommend that this Petition be printed.

By Honorable Mr. *Loranger*,—Annual Report of the Adjutant General of Militia. Your Committee recommend that this Report be printed.

By Mr. *Price*,—Petition of the Reverend *J. B. Gagnon* and others, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Freeholders of the Township of *Chicoutimi* and other Townships; praying that a survey be made of the timber and other resources of Lake *St. John* and the Valley of the *Saguenay*. Your Committee recommend that this Petition be printed.

By Mr. *Ouimet*,—Petition of *Henri Lappare*, of the City of *Montreal*, Notary; praying to be indemnified for his services as Secretary to the Board of Notaries of *Montreal*. Your Committee recommend that this Petition be not printed, it being of a private nature.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—Return to an Address shewing the amount of defalcation or default of *Thomas Baines*, late Agent for Public Land sales in *York County*, &c. Your Committee recommend that this Return be printed.

By Mr. *Laframboise*,—Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Pie*, County of *Bagot*; praying for aid to improve the navigation of the River *Yamaska*. Your Committee recommend that this Petition be printed.

By Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*,—Petition of *Joseph Metsalabalet*, Chief, and others, of the *Abenakis* Tribe of Indians, residing at *Béancour*; praying to be allowed to concede their lands as other Tribes of Indians in this Province. Your Committee recommend that this Petition be printed.

Mr. *Benjamin* reported, from the General Committee of Elections, that they had selected the following days for the appointment of the Select Committees to try the matter of the Petitions complaining of undue Elections and Returns for the following places:—

County of *Norfolk*,—Wednesday, the 28th day of April instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon,—from Panel B, No. 3.

County of *Wellington* (South Riding),—Wednesday, the 28th day of April instant, at twelve o'clock noon,—from Panel B, No. 3.

County of *Lincoln*,—Friday, the 30th day of April instant, at ten o'clock in the forenoon,—from Panel B, No. 3.

City of *Montreal* against the Return of *Antoine A. Dorion*, Esquire,—Friday, the 30th day of April instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon,—from Panel B, No. 3.

City of *Montreal* against the Return of *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, Esquire,—Friday, the 30th day of April instant, at twelve o'clock noon,—from Panel B, No. 3.

Ordered, That the Petition of *H. Cartier* and others, of the County of *Vaudreuil*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Pie*, County of *Bagot*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. B. Gagnon* and others, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Freeholders of *Chicoutimi* and other Townships; and the Petition of *Joseph Metsalabalet*, Chief, and others, of the *Abenakis* Tribe of Indians, residing at *Béancour*, be severally printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Return to an Address relating to the defalcation of *Thomas Baines*, late Agent for Public Lands, and the Report of the Adjutant General of Militia, for 1857, be severally printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gill* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the "*Yamaska Navigation Company*."

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Macbeth* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Charters and Acts of the Amalgamated Company, intituled, "*The Great Southern Railway Company*," and alter the line of route.

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.

Ordered, That Mr. *Munro* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize *William McIntosh*, of the Village of *Newcastle*, to sell, mortgage or otherwise dispose of a certain lot of Land in the said Village of *Newcastle*.

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 Thursday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 15th ultimo, for a Financial Statement relative to the Seigniorial Tenure affair.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 29.)

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger* also presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, Statement respecting the *Jesuits'* Estates, as required by the 5th section of the 16 *Vic.*, cap. 163.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (No. 28.)

Also, Municipal Returns, *Lower Canada*, pursuant to Act 16 *Vic.*, cap. 163, (in continuation) for 1857.

For the said Returns, see Appendix (No. 14.)

Ordered, That Mr. *Talbot* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts of Incorporation of the Great Western Railway Company.

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 Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*; presented a Petition from the Honorable *William Cayley*, sitting Member for the County of *Renfrew*.

Ordered, That the said Petition be now received and read, and the Rules of of this House suspended as regards the same.

And the said Petition was received and read; setting forth, That on the sixteenth day of March, a Petition was presented to this Honorable House, complaining of the undue Election of a sitting Member, to which Petition a Recognizance was attached, and which recognizance has been pronounced unobjectionable, and is now of record, with the Clerk of this Honorable House. That on the 14th day of April, instant, a paper writing, purporting to be the Copy of an order under the hand of *John Glass Malloch*, Esquire, Judge of the

County Court of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*, was served on the sitting Member, in which order or notice it is set forth, that *Robert R. Smith*, *John W. Squares*, and *Christopher Henry Bell*, the Petitioners in the said Petition, had produced among other things, with the said Judge, a Copy of recognizance fyled with the Speaker, and other recognizances, and that on the Petition of the said *Robert R. Smith*, *John W. Squares*, and *Christopher Henry Bell*, he, the said Judge, had appointed Monday the 6th day of May next, at the Inn of *Robert Conroy*, at the *Bonnechère* point, in the County of *Renfrew*, for proceeding to take the evidence in conformity with the Act, 20 Vic., cap. 23. That the Petition against the seat of the sitting Member, has been referred to the General Committee on Elections, and that under the circumstances it is submitted that any action before the Judge aforesaid without or in anticipation of the order and direction of the Committee to be struck for the trial of the said Petition, is illegal and null. Wherefore, your Petitioner humbly prays such relief in the premises as your Honorable House, in its justice may see fit to accord.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. *Daly* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Town of *Stratford*, to define the limits thereof, and to divide the same into Wards.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Rose* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the "*St. James Club of Montreal*."

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.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Rose* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the "*Montreal Mountain Boulevard Company*."

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 *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*,

Resolved, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of certain proposed resolutions respecting the more efficient Administration of Justice in the County of *Chicoutimi*.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier* have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent claims secured by special privilege or hypothec on real property in *Lower Canada*, duly registered, from being lost by any subsequent Judicial sale or confirmation of title.

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.

Ordered, That Mr. *Macbeth* have leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate *Knob College, Toronto*.

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.

The Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, in obedience to the Order of yesterday, laid on the Table of the House the Poll Books, letters and documents delivered to him by the Returning Officer for the County of *Richelieu*, at the last Election for the said County:

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Second Report of the Select Committee appointed to devise the best means for securing a correct Report of the Debates of this House, for the future, by the publication of a Mirror of Parliament.

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Report into consideration. And the same being again read,

Mr. *Turcotte* moved, seconded by Mr. *Panet*, and the Question being put, that this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>47. Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Coulée,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>58. Wright.</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law in relation to the Jurisdiction and procedure of the several Surrogate Courts in *Upper Canada*, and to simplify and expedite the proceedings in such Courts, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House for Friday next.

The Order of the day being read, for the House in Committee, to consider of the motion made on Friday last, that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Galt* reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Friday next.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to make better provision for the punishment of frauds committed by Trustees, Bankers, and other persons entrusted with property; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fellowes* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Friday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to give additional powers to the Trinity House of *Montreal*, being read;

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

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which was proposed to be made on Friday last to the Question, that the Bill (to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Interest of Money) be now read a second time; and which Amendment was, that all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words, "A Special Committee of seven Members be appointed to consider of the effect of the Laws which regulate or restrain the Interest of Money, and to report their opinion to this House, with power to send for persons, papers and records," inserted instead thereof.

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question on the amendment being again proposed; and a further Debate arising thereupon.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

Then on motion of Mr. *Dubord*, seconded by Mr. *Daoust*,
The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 21st April, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Bureau*.—The Petition of the Reverend *J. B. Champeaux*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Michel Archange*, County of *Napierville*.

By Mr. *Bourassa*.—The Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *Ste. Marguerite de Blairfinnie*, County of *St. Johns*.

By Mr. *Roblin*.—The Petition of *D. Macpherson* and others, of the Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington*.

By Mr. *Gill*.—The Petition of the Reverend *C. S. Lebrun* and others, of the Parish of *St. Michel d'Yamaska*.

By Mr. *Hébert*.—The Petition of the Reverend *F. McDonnell* and others, of the Parish of *St. James*, County of *Megantic*.

By Mr. *Stirton*,—The Petition of *Alexander McLean*, Deputy Reeve of the Township of *Puslinch*, and others.

By Mr. *Cimon*,—The Petition of *G. Lajoie*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Irénée*.

By Mr. *Simpson*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Lincoln*.

By Mr. *Buchanan*,—The Petition of *W. B. Jarvis*, Chairman, on behalf of a Public Meeting of Merchants, Manufacturers, and others, held in the City of *Toronto*; the Petition of the Mercantile and Trade Association of the Town of *Woodstock*; and the Petition of the Reverend *John Hebden*, M.A., and others, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Thibaudeau*,—The Petition of *A. Plamondon*, Mayor, and others, of *La Pointe aux Trembles*, District of *Québec*; and the Petition of the Reverend *William Dunn* and others of the Parish of *Ste. Catharine de Fossambearuit*.

By Mr. *Dionne*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. C. Cloutier*, and others, of the Parish of *St. George de Kakouna*.

By Mr. *Panet*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*; and the Petition of the Reverend *E. Payment* and others, of *Charlebourg* and *St. Ambroise*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Loranger*,—The Petition of the Teachers' Association in connection with the *McGill* Normal School.

By Mr. *McMicken*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Welland*.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the College of *Ste. Anne de la Pocatière*; and the Petition of the Agricultural Society of the County of *Kamouraska*.

By Mr. *Hogan*,—The Petition of *Henry Arthur McMahon*, Reeve, of the Township of *Normanby*, and others.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—The Petition of the University Lying-in Hospital, of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *O'Farrell*,—Two Petitions of *James Campbell*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, County of *Lotbinière*; and the Petition of the Reverend *S. Belleau* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Croix*.

By Mr. *John Cameron*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Emily*.

By Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute of *Dumontville*, in the Parish of *St. Jérôme*, County of *Terrebonne*.

By Mr. *Baby*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. B. Blanchet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Octave de Métis*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Reverend *Joseph Couture* and others, of the Parish of *St. Isidore*, County of *Dorchester*; of *J. Lacerte* and others, of the Parish of *Yamachiche*; of the Reverend *D. Paradis* and others, of the Parish of *Pointe du Lac*; of the Reverend *L. A. Proulx* and others, of the Parish of *St. Vallier*, County of *Bellechasse*; of the Reverend *P. Pouliot, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Gervais*, County of *Bellechasse*; of the Reverend *J. B. Grenier, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Henri*; of the Reverend *J. Boucher, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *Rivière du Loup*, County of *Maskinongé*; of the Reverend *L. Aubry, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Léon*, County of *Maskinongé*; of *François Lepine*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *L'Ange Gardien*, County of *Montmorency*; of the Reverend *P. Gariépy, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne*, County of *Montmorency*; of the Reverend *E. E. Parant, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *Chateau Richer*, County of *Montmorency*; of the Reverend *P. Brunet, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Rose*; of

the Reverend *A. Dupuis* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne de La Pérade*; of the Reverend *A. Beaudry, Curé*, and others, of *Malbaie*, County of *Charlevoix*; of the Reverend *O. Hébert, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Arsène*; of *J. Labelle* and others, of *St. Eustache*; of the Reverend *H. Potvin, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Denis*, County of *Kamouraska*; of the Reverend *J. Doucet* and others of *Ste. Hélène*; and of the Reverend *J. S. Martel* and others of the Parish of *St. Alexandre*; praying that the legal rate of Interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of the Reverend *E. Hallé, Curé*, and others, of *Ste. Marguerite* and other places, County of *Dorchester*; praying aid for a road.

Of *J. Genest* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marguerite*, County of *Dorchester*; praying for the repeal of the Act 16 *Vic.*, chapter 80, for the modification of the Usury Laws.

Of *Thomas Rogers* and others, of *Amaranth* and other Townships; and of *Thomas J. Graffe* and others, of *Amaranth* and other Townships; praying that the Townships of *Amaranth, Luther, Arthur, and Minto; Melancton, Proton, Egremont* and *Normanby; Carrick* and *Howick*, may be erected into a new County.

Of the Trustees of the *St. Catherines* County Grammar School; praying that the Grammar Schools of *Upper Canada* may receive additional Legislative aid.

Of *Alexander Campbell* and others of the Townships of *Derby* and *Keppel*, County of *Grey*; praying for certain amendments to the Bill now before the House, respecting the Municipal Institutions of *Upper Canada*.

Of the *Ramsay* Division of the Sons of Temperance; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *H. Roy*, Mayor, and others, of the County of *Bellechasse*; praying that the said County of *Bellechasse* may be annexed to the District of *Quebec* for judicial purposes.

Of *H. Roy*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. Vallier*, County of *Bellechasse*; praying that the office of School Inspector may be abolished in *Lower Canada*.

Of the Reverend *J. B. Grenier, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Henri*; of the Reverend *T. Charles Ovide Grenier* and others, of the Parish of *St Basile*, County of *Portneuf*; of His Grace the Archbishop of *Quebec* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; of the Reverend *J. L. Beauvieux, Curé*, and others of the Parish of *St. Thomas*; of the Reverend *H. Potvin, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Denis*, County of *Kamouraska*; of *G. St. Pierre* and others, of the Parish of *St. Alexandre*, County of *Kamouraska*; and of *M. Foley*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. François*, County of *Beauce*; representing that for some years past, and more especially at the last general Election of Members for the Legislative Assembly, numerous frauds and acts of violence have been committed, and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent a recurrence of the same.

Of *P. Bertrand* and others, of the Parish of *St. Mathias*, County of *Rouville*; praying that the said Parish may be annexed to the District of *Montreal* for judicial purposes.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Clément*, County of *Soulanges*; praying that the chief place of the said County may be fixed at the Village *du Ruisseau, St. Hyacinthe*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Welland*; praying for certain amendments to the new Municipal Bill.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Welland*; praying for the passing of an Act to afford protection to the Bridges erected on the river *Welland*.

Of *M. Tessier* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for certain amendments to the Act 18 *Vic.*, chapter 108, relating to Ejectments.

Of the Reverend *Andrew Balfour*; praying for arrears of salary due him as a Missionary.

Of the Municipality of *St. Germain de Grantham*; and of the Municipality of the Townships of *Grantham*, *Wendover* and *Simpson*; praying for aid to erect a Bridge over the River *St. Francis* at some point opposite *Grantham*.

Of *Joseph Gravelle* and others, of *Côte St. Gabriel*; praying that they may be annexed to the County of *Argenteuil* for Municipal and other purposes.

Of *Thomas McCrea* and others, of the Town of *Chatham*; praying for the repeal of the Usury Laws.

Of *H. Leduc* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Timothée* and *St. Cécile*; praying for the erection of two Bridges across the *Beauharnois* Canal.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Compton*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal and Road Acts of *Lower Canada*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Compton*; praying for certain amendments to the Charter of the *Eastern Townships Bank*.

Of *C. P. de Champlain* and others of *St. Ferdinand*, Township of *Halifax*; praying that the Village of *Plessisville* may be made the chief place of the Judicial District of *Arthabaska*.

Of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*; praying for certain amendments to their Acts of Incorporation.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Paris*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal and Assessment Acts of *Upper Canada*.

Of the Reverend *John S. O'Connor* and others, of the Town of *Cornwall*; and of the Reverend *Edmund Patrick Roche* and others, of the Town of *Prescott* and vicinity; praying that the Loyal Orange Institution of *British North America* may not be incorporated.

Of *William Cottingham* and others, of *Emily* and other Townships; praying for aid to improve the navigation of *Pigeon River*.

Of *John McCuaig* and others, of the Seigniory of *Nouvelle Longueuil*; praying that measures may be adopted to define the Division Line between *Upper* and *Lower Canada*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Shoultred*, County of *Bonaventure*; praying aid to erect Bridges in the said Municipality.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Maria*, County of *Bonaventure*; praying aid to erect a Bridge across the Grand River *Cascapedia*, and one across the Petite River *Cascapedia*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Bonaventure*; praying aid to erect Bridges in the said County.

Of the Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, and Privates of the Volunteer active Militia Force, Military District No. 7 of *Lower Canada*; praying that the recommendation contained in the Adjutant General's Report of the 8th January, 1857, may be adopted.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex*; praying that the 16th section of the Act 20 *Vic.*, chapter 12, in relation to Fences on lines of Railway, may be repealed.

Of *Angus Chisholm* and others, of the Township of *Ehfrid*, County of *Middlesex*; praying that the said Township may not be separated from the County of *Middlesex*.

Of *Thomas N. Gibbs* and others, of the Village of *Oshawa*, County of *Ontario*; praying for the repeal of the Separate School Act.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*; praying that the United Counties of *York* and *Peel* may not be separated from the City of *Toronto* for Judicial purposes.

Of the Members of the *St. George's Society* of the City of *Toronto*; praying for an Act of incorporation.

Of *Emilien Dupont*, of the Parish of *St. Joachim*, County of *Montmorency*; praying for aid to enable him to publish his works on Botany.

Of the Directors of the *Quebec Library Association*; praying for aid.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Montmorency*; praying that the *Quebec Turnpike Commissioners* may be relieved from the payment of £40,000, contracted for the macadamizing of roads on the South Shore of the *St. Lawrence*.

Of *Jean Olivier Godin*, of the Parish of *St. Roch de Quebec*; praying to be indemnified for loss sustained while keeper of the Provision Depot at *Belle Baie*, Island of *Anticosti*, which situation he held for sixteen years.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Quebec*; praying that Municipal Corporations holding Stock in Railway Companies may have power to vote at the election of Directors, in proportion to the amount of Stock held, in the same manner as other shareholders.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, from the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, presented to the House, the First Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That the Honorable *William Cayley*, having been returned as duly elected for the County of *Renfrew*, and such Return having been brought into the Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, on the 4th day of March, 1858, and an Election Petition having been presented on the 16th March, 1858, to the House of Assembly, against the Election and Return of the said *William Cayley*; and such Petition having been received by the House duly endorsed with a certificate under the hand of the Speaker, that the Recognizance required by law was entered into and received by him, with the required affidavit of sufficiency of sureties thereunto annexed; and a notice dated the 3rd day of April, 1858, having been subsequently served on the said *William Cayley*, signed by *John Glass Malloch*, Esquire, Judge of the County Court for the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*, appointing a time for proceeding to take the evidence upon such Election Petition; in which notice it is stated that among other papers a copy of the Recognizance filed with the Speaker, and other Recognizances were filed by the Petitioners with him the said Judge, and such other Recognizances not having been transmitted by such Judge; the Committee is of opinion that under such a state of facts the fourth section of the statute 20 *Vic.*, cap. 23, does not apply; and the Judge cannot legally proceed to take such evidence.

Mr. *Dufresne* moved, seconded by Mr. *Labelle*, and the Question being put, That in consideration of the irregularities which appear on the face of the Poll-book for the Parish of *St. Ours*, in the County of *Richelieu*, at the last Election of a Member to represent the said County in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, *Jean B. Maranda*, Deputy Returning Officer, and *C. Turcotte*, Poll-Clerk for the said Parish, do appear before this House on the 5th of May next, to answer the Questions, which will be then put to them touching the irregularities which appear on the said Poll-book; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Aikins,
Allan,
Beaubien,
Biggar,
Brown,
Bureau,

Desaulniers,
Dionne,
Dorion,
Dufresne,
Ferguson,
Foley,

Laporte,
LeBoutillier,
Lemieux,
Macdonald, Donald A. Robinson,
Mackenzie,
Muttice,

Patrick,
Piché,
Powell, Walker
Robinson,
Rymal,
Short,

<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gawvreau,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Tussé,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	58. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Lafranboise,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Muccdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Poweil, Wm. F.</i>	39. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Harwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Registry Laws of *Lower Canada*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *White* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Courts of Law and Equity in *Upper Canada*, to admit *Shubael Park* as an Attorney and Solicitor.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wallbridge* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law respecting titles derived through aliens.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Turcotte* have leave to bring in a Bill to modify the personal composition of the Seminary of *Nicolet*.

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.

Ordered, That Mr. *William Scott* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the naturalization of aliens.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Return to an Address relating to *John Clark*, Agent for the sale of Public Lands, laid before the House on the 8th instant, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr *Cook* have leave to bring in a Bill to annex School Section No. 3, in the Township of *Matilda*, in the County of *Dundas*, to the School Section of the Village of *Iroquois*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to abolish Imprisonment for Debt, and for the punishment of fraudulent debtors in *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Laframboise* have leave to bring in a Bill concerning certain enregestrations affecting lands situated in the Township of *Acton*, in that part of the Township of *Upton* which forms part of the County of *Bagot*, in the District of *St. Hyacinthe*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Labelle* have leave to bring in a Bill to exempt the District of *Montreal*, and part of the District of *Three Rivers*, from the operation of the Ordinance of *Lower Canada* relative to the Winter Roads.

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 Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fortier* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to amend the Judicature Acts of *Lower Canada*.

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 Monday next.

Resolved, That a Select Committee of seven Members, composed of Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Walker Powell*, Mr. *McMicken*, Mr. *Langevin*, Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *Hartman*, and Mr. *Talbot*, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the resignation of *Henry Van Allan Rapelje*, Esquire, late Sheriff of *Norfolk*, and the alleged disposal of the said office by the said *Rapelje* to *Lawrence W. Mercer*, Esquire, and the appointment of said *Mercer* to the said office; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the House being read, for the attendance at the Bar of the witnesses to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on the Poll-books of the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*.

And the House being informed that *R. S. Noël*, Esquire, attended at the door, he was again called in, and further examined at the Bar, as followeth:—

By Mr. *O'Farrell*.

90.—Did Mr. *O'Farrell*, on more than one occasion, speak to you of your having appointed Deputy Returning Officers hostile to him?—I think he only spoke of it on one occasion.

91.—Where was it, and in whose presence, that Mr. *O'Farrell* spoke to you of your having appointed Deputy Returning Officers hostile to him?—At my house,

in my office, I was alone with him ; he spoke of it afterwards on the same day before my wife and me, I do not think there were any other persons there.

92.—What hour of the day or night was it that Mr. *O'Farrell* so spoke to you of your having appointed Deputy Returning Officers hostile to him?—It was in the evening, I cannot give the hour ; he may have spoken to me about it at other times, but I do not remember it.

93.—Did you shew the Poll Books of the County of *Lotbinière* to any person prior to the Proclamation?—I do not think I shewed them unless to my Election Clerk ; there may have been some persons there ; it was at the moment of going to the hustings for the declaration.

94.—From the time of your receiving the Poll Books until the date of your transmitting them to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, did you keep them so as to preclude any person from having access to them otherwise than in your presence?—So long as I was at home, after the declaration, no person saw the Poll Books except in my presence, but the persons who copied them. During my absence the Books were placed in a locker under key.

95.—Who are the persons who copied the Poll Books?—Mr. *Thélesphore Lefebvre*, Mr. *Edouard Larue*, Notary ; Mr. *Louis Lemay*, Notary's Clerk, and myself. A few sheets were copied by one of my daughters.

96.—Who copied the *St. Sylvestre*, *St. Giles* and *Ste. Agathe* Poll Books?—The *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book was copied by me, except a few sheets which were copied by one of my daughters. That of *St. Giles* and that of *Ste. Agathe* were copied by Mr. *Louis Lemay*, Election Clerk.

97.—Is it not true that you produced before the Judge who took the evidence in the *Lotbinière* Election case, a document, purporting to be a true copy of the *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book, and certified by you as such under your oath of office?—No ; I produced the copy of the Poll Book of *St. Sylvestre*, as correctly made as I could make it, but I would not certify that copy, because there were different ways of seeing to whom the votes had been given.

98.—Did you not swear before Mr. Justice *Meredith* that the document so produced by you was a true copy of the *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book?—I was not called before Judge *Meredith*, under oath, at any time of the inquiry.

99.—Is it not true that the inquiry spoken of in your last answer is the inquiry which took place before Mr. Justice *Meredith*, upon the contestation of Mr. *O'Farrell's* Election by *Edouard Noël* and *Zépherin Bêland*, in February and March last?—Yes.

100.—Is it not true that the document so produced by you before Mr. Justice *Meredith*, is now deposited in your office?—Yes.

101.—Did you not sign, at the end of the document so produced by you, a certificate of its being a true copy of the *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book?—At foot of the copy of the *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book as well as of the others, I wrote "a true copy," and signed them ; but when called on at the inquiry I explained, as I mentioned before, that the *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book might be copied in two different ways, which would not change the number of the votes, nor the person for whom they were given, as counted at the time of the declaration.

102.—Can you state who copied that page of the *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book, whereon are recorded the votes of Mr. *O'Farrell*, Mr. *King*, Mr. *Evans*, and Mr. *Stockings*?—It was I copied that page. They voted for Mr. *O'Farrell*, or for no one.

103.—Is it not true that you stated positively and maintained that the document so produced by you was a true copy of the *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book? and that the votes of Mr. *O'Farrell*, Mr. *King*, Mr. *Evans*, and Mr. *Stockings*, though given for your brother, had been recorded for Mr. *O'Farrell*, and this with the view of prejudicing the Judge against Mr. *O'Farrell*?—I never wished, as I have

stated twice before, to give the copy of the Poll Book as authentic at the inquiry; and I have never said that Mr. *Evans*, or Mr. *Stockings*, voted for Mr. *O'Farrell*.

104.—Is it not true that notwithstanding Mr. *O'Farrell's* and the Returning Officer's assertions to the contrary, you persisted in stating that the document so produced by you was a true copy of the *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book?—I was never called to appear at the inquiry as a witness. So long as Mr. *King* and the Deputy Returning Officer for *St. Sylvestre* had not made oath at the inquiry, that Mr. *King* and Mr. *O'Farrell* had voted for Mr. *Noël*, I said that those names were entered for Mr. *O'Farrell*, but as they were under oath I must be in error. I then wrote to *Toronto* and received an answer interpreting the votes given as I had interpreted them myself, that is to say, that Mr. *O'Farrell* had voted for Mr. *O'Farrell*, and Mr. *King* for Mr. *O'Farrell*.

105.—Is it not true that, in the document so produced by you before Mr. Justice *Meredith*, the votes of Mr. *O'Farrell*, Reverend Mr. *King*, Mr. *Thomas Evans*, and Mr. *Peter Stockings*, and of nineteen others, are set down as having been recorded for Mr. *O'Farrell* in the *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book?—I cannot answer a question which asks me for nineteen votes without giving me the names; but, as well as I can remember Mr. *O'Farrell's* vote is entered for himself, and that of Mr. *King* is also entered for Mr. *O'Farrell*. As regards the other two names, I did not remark them sufficiently to be able to state.

106.—Is it not true that the document so produced by you before Mr. Justice *Meredith*, and spoken of in your previous answers, is the copy of the *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book, which you are, by virtue of your office as Registrar, and by law, obliged to prepare and preserve as a record of your office?—Yes.

107.—Do you undertake to affirm that the *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book is now in the same state as it was when you received the same from the Deputy Returning Officer?—No change has been made in the Poll Book; it is just as I received it from the Deputy of *St. Sylvestre* as far as I can recollect.

108.—Did you not, while you were Returning Officer, at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, canvass for your brother, Mr. *Léon Noël*?—I did not.

109.—Are you of opinion that Mr. *O'Farrell* is duly elected to a seat in this House by a majority of legal votes? If not, why not? Explain fully.—I have never made a scrutiny of the good and bad votes in the County of *Lotbinière*.

110.—Can you say how many legal votes there are in the Parish of *St. Antoine*? If so, give their number?—I cannot say; a great many changes have taken place since I left the Parish.

111.—Does *St. Antoine* contain more legal votes than *Ste. Croix*; and how many legal votes are there in *Ste. Croix*?—*St. Antoine* contains many more legal votes than *Ste. Croix*. There are, I think, about four hundred and fifty legal votes in *Ste. Croix*, including the persons who have lands divided by the Parishes of *Ste. Croix* and *Lotbinière*.

112.—How many legal votes are there in *St. Jean Deschaillons*?—I am not acquainted with the whole of that Parish, it contains several concessions in which I have never been.

113.—Who is the person who asked Mr. *O'Farrell* how so many votes had been enregistered in so short a time? and when was that question put?—The question was asked by my wife at my own house.

114.—Was any other person than your wife present when Mr. *O'Farrell* was so asked how so many votes were recorded in so short a time?—I do not remember that anybody else was present.

115.—Do you affirm that Mr. *O'Farrell* was asked more than once in your presence how so many votes had been recorded in so short a time?—I do not remember. I know that it was asked him, but I do not know that it was asked him several times.

Mr. *O'Farrell* moved the following questions to be put to the Witness, and the same were severally negatived by the House:—

What interval of time elapsed between Mr. *O'Farrell's* speaking first to you alone in your office, and afterwards to you before your wife, of your having appointed Deputy Returning Officers hostile to him?

You say that Mr. *O'Farrell* spoke first to you alone in your office, and afterwards to you before your wife, and you also say that Mr. *O'Farrell* spoke to you on one occasion only of your having appointed Deputies hostile to him? Please explain?

If you had so shewn the Poll Books prior to the Proclamation to any person other than your Election Clerk, and any considerable time before the Proclamation, would you remember it?

Did you remark for whom the votes of *William Mackbell, John Mackbell, John Montgomery, William Ogle, and Robert Simpson, James McKee, Andrew McKee* are set down in your copy of the *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book as having been recorded?

Have you, between the date of the Proclamation at the last General Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, and the date of your transmitting the Poll Books of *Lotbinière* to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, been absent from your office? If so, state how often, and for how long each time you were absent from your office?

You have said that you kept the Poll Books of the last *Lotbinière* Election so that no person could have access to them but in your presence, while you were at home, and that during your absence they were locked up in a cupboard,—state who had possession of the key of that cupboard during your absence?

Is it not true that on the thirty-first of December last, and when you allege you had with Mr. *O'Farrell* the conversation as spoken of by you in your answers, you were much under the influence of strong drink?

Is it not true that on the first day of January last, and when, as you allege, you had with Mr. *O'Farrell* the conversations spoken of by you in your previous answers, you were much under the influence of strong drink?

Is it not true that on the second day of January last, and when, as you allege, you had with Mr. *O'Farrell* the conversations mentioned by you in your previous answers, you were much under the influence of strong drink?

Is it not true that, during the whole of the last Election, Mr. *O'Farrell* was of opinion, and frequently expressed the belief, that you were hostile to him?

Did not Mr. *O'Farrell* entertain, during the whole of the last Election, the conviction that you were opposed to Mr. *O'Farrell's* return?

When and where did Mr. *O'Farrell* have with you any conversation about his being proclaimed without a contestation?

How many more legal votes may there be in *St. Antoine* than in *Ste. Croix*, nearly?

Was Mr. *O'Farrell* asked in your presence, more than once, how so many votes had been polled in so short a time?

The Witness was then directed to withdraw.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*,

Ordered, That *Rémi Séraphim Noël*, Esquire, be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

The House being informed that Mr. *George Côté*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, attended at the door, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

116.—What are your christian names and surnames? Were you not Deputy Returning Officer for *St. Sylvestre* at the last Election for *Lotbinière*, and did you

not appoint *James McCullough* Poll Clerk at *St. Sylvestre*?—My name is *George Coté*, I was Deputy Returning Officer at *St. Sylvestre*; I appointed *James McCullough* Poll Clerk at *St. Sylvestre*.

117.—Examine the Poll Book kept at *St. Sylvestre* now shewn you, and state whether the votes therein entered were so entered, under your direction as Deputy Returning Officer, by *James McCullough*, the Poll Clerk appointed by you?—A part of these votes were entered under my direction, and another part were entered under the direction of the Poll Clerk, *James McCullough*, who acted as Deputy Returning Officer.

118.—Which are the pages upon which the votes were entered under your direction by the said *James McCullough*, at *St. Sylvestre*, and which are the pages upon which names of pretended voters have been entered without your knowledge?—All the printed pages were filled under my direction by *James McCullough*, and also several other pages headed in accordance with the printed form. All the pages which are not headed in writing according to the printed form, were not enregistered under my direction.

119.—Was the signature, "*G. Coté*," at the foot of the statement of the poll, or of the recapitulation of the votes taken at *St. Sylvestre*, giving 2568 votes to Mr. *O'Farrell* and 44 for Mr. *Noël*, affixed by you? Is this recapitulation of the votes in your handwriting, and was the signature, "*James McCullough*," at the end of that recapitulation, affixed in your presence by the said *James McCullough*?—The signature, "*G. Coté*," is mine, that of *James McCullough* was affixed in my presence by himself. The recapitulation is in my handwriting.

120.—Is the signature, "*G. Coté*," at the foot of the certificate of the voting at *St. Sylvestre*, appearing to have been sworn to before *Laurent Paquet*, affixed by you, and was the signature, "*James McCullough*," at the foot of the certificate sworn to before the said *Laurent Paquet*, affixed by the said *James McCullough* in your presence?—The signature, "*G. Coté*," is mine, and that of *James McCullough* was affixed in my presence.

121.—In whose handwriting are the certificates just referred to?—I could not say exactly in whose handwriting they are. It is not mine; I think it is *James McCullough's*.

122.—How was it that you signed, and under what circumstances did you sign, the statement of the Poll and the recapitulation of the votes, and the certificate on oath referred to above?—On the second day of the voting, about half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. *O'Farrell's* party began to break the windows of the Poll, and entered in a crowd by the windows and door, and broke the floors and ceilings. When the ceiling fell on my head, I thought that it was time for me to leave the Poll, and to save myself by a window which they had just broken open. I went to the *Presbytère*; I had hardly entered when several of Mr. *O'Farrell's* party, to the number of ten or twelve or perhaps more, came to look for me, and dragged me by my coat, and told me that I must go on taking votes. These persons had entered on the other side of the house. Having entered the room it was filled with people, and several came towards me and said to me, "You must give us two thousand votes immediately: Mr. *Noël's* people have a majority in the lower parishes; votes must be had that we may have as many." I told them that it was impossible to give them so many votes in so short a time. They then said they were going to get writers, and seeing several young persons preparing to write, I told them that I would not preside. In the first place I said, I will not allow others to write for the Poll Clerk who had acted before. They told me I must employ as many as might be required, that if I did not do so, they would make me, and that they saw plainly I was a *Noëlite*. I was even charged with having dined the Sunday before in an Orange Lodge. I told them that I would never consent that any person should write there but the Poll Clerk; the crowd then advanced on me crying out that they must vote, and

the young men prepared to write; I resisted, and was threatened with a thrashing; I then said that I would not stay there, that I had no mind to be killed by them; I said to the Poll Clerk, "If you like to stop and take the votes as Deputy Returning Officer, I resign to you all my power; you may get on with them as well as you can; for my part I declare I can stay here no longer. I then went away and left them, and went to the *Presbytère*; afterwards, at 4 o'clock, they came for me, and told me that I must go and close the Poll. I told them that he who had acted in my place as Deputy Returning Officer might close the Poll, that for my part I should not go; they then obliged me to go, telling me that it was I who had opened it, and that I must be the man to close it. They made me close the Poll at the place where they had taken the last votes, and among the ruins of the Poll-booth, where the votes had been taken the first day till it was broken into. Afterwards, about an hour after the closing of the Poll, *James McCullough*, who had acted as Deputy Returning Officer in my place, brought to the *Presbytère* to me a packet of pages, on which there were names which seemed to me to be voters. He told me that there were votes which he (*McCullough*) had taken while acting as Deputy Returning Officer. I took the papers and rolled them up, designing to take them home with me. While I was talking of going, Mr. *O'Farrell* said to me, that I should not leave without signing the Poll-book. I told Mr. *O'Farrell* that I would not sign it, because the Poll-book was in an irregular form, and that the number of votes taken by the Poll Clerk, who had acted as Deputy Returning Officer, much exceeded the number which ought to have been taken in so short a time. Mr. *O'Farrell* then said to me, that it was none of my business, and that I might sign it. I persisted in refusing to sign it. Having had reason to go out of the *Presbytère*, I found it, on my return, surrounded by people who seemed to be under the influence of liquor. They told me that it was requisite that I should settle the matter before leaving, otherwise that I should never leave that spot. That they desired that the book should be arranged, and that they would not pass for a lot of fools after having voted two days for Mr. *O'Farrell*. The manner of the people, and their appearance, obliged me to go back to the *Presbytère* and ask the *Curé* why those people surrounded his house. Their manner of acting and their conversation led me to believe that I should be obliged to sign the Poll-book. They did not speak to me of writing; they told me that I must "settle" the book, and by that I understood that I should be obliged to sign it. The *Curé* told me he did not know those people, that he thought they were strangers, but that they were still excited by the election, and that they acted so to amuse themselves. There were several persons in a public room of the *Presbytère*. Upon approaching the door, a man said to me with an oath—"You won't humbug us," and that I must settle the book. I then said to Mr. *O'Farrell*—"You see that these people threaten me with violence; I do not sign this book." I demanded the protection of the magistrate, *Paquet*, who was then present. He told me that he could do nothing for me; that he was sick, and that it would be much better for me to sign the book. I then made the same request to the *Curé*. Thereupon the *Curé* asked Mr. *O'Farrell* if there was any danger for me; that is, if I would be punished by law for signing that book? Mr. *O'Farrell* said no; and that, on the contrary, if I would not sign I might be. I then consented to sign the Poll-book, subject to the condition that the Poll Clerk would affix his certificate, certifying that the votes which he had taken while acting as Deputy Returning Officer had been legally taken. He consented to do so, and then we both signed our certificates before the magistrate, Mr. *Laurent Paquet*.

Mr. *Fortier* moved, seconded by Mr. *Archambeault*, and the Question being put, that this House do now adjourn; the House divided, and it passed in the Negative.

123.—What acts of violence, and what unlawful acts took place at *St. Sylvestre* during the two days' voting? Were you not threatened; were you not threatened with personal violence? Name the persons who threatened you, or committed any act of violence on you?—No act of personal violence was committed on me on the first day of voting; nor on the second, till the floor above me was thrown down on my head. On the first day, before the opening of the Poll, there were perhaps one hundred or one hundred and fifty persons present at the Poll. Mr. *O'Farrell* was there, too. I explained the law to them, with regard to the manner in which they ought to behave during the voting. What a voter was liable to, who acted contrary to the Election law. Having made them lay aside their sticks, which they carried in their hands, I complimented them on their obedience, and afterwards went into the Poll-booth. Mr. *O'Farrell* then addressed a few words to them, which I did not hear. Five or six minutes after, we began taking the votes. The Poll-booth soon filled, and the people began to give their votes. After they had given thirty or forty votes, they complained that the Poll Clerk did not write fast enough. I told them that we had time in two days to take more votes than there were in *St. Sylvestre*. After that there came an old man, who asked me whether I would permit him to write instead of *McCullough*. I thanked him, and he went away, after giving his vote for Mr. *O'Farrell*. The voting continued throughout the day, with great celerity. No violence was offered to me except when I objected, as Deputy Returning Officer, to young men who seemed to me not qualified to vote on account of their age, and to some others, who, as I had perceived, had voted several times. Mr. *O'Farrell* told me that I had no right so to object. Mr. *O'Farrell* did not object to young persons—I mean young men of twelve or fifteen perhaps—giving their votes; and as to the others, he told me that I had no right to do it without being called on by the Candidates. Upon which, words being exchanged between Mr. *O'Farrell* and me, on the subject of the objections which I had made, Mr. *O'Farrell* told me, in presence of his electors, that he had always suspected me of being a partizan of *Noël*, and that he saw plainly by my behaviour that he was not mistaken, and that my manner of acting clearly proved that I was a partizan of Mr. *Noël*. I then no longer objected to any vote. They voted as much as they liked until five o'clock in the evening, at which hour I closed the Poll. On the second day, about four or half-past four o'clock in the morning, I was awoke by two men who knocked at the window of the room in which I was in bed; they told me that they wanted to speak to me; then the master of the house let them in. They asked me who was going to represent Mr. *Noël* on that day? I told them I knew nothing about it. They told me that he must be represented by some one, that it was not fair, that on the first day he had not been represented, that he must certainly be so the second day. I told them that it was no business of mine to look for representatives for Mr. *Noël*, and that they might find them themselves, if they pleased. They asked me if they might themselves represent Mr. *Noël*? I told them that as far as I was concerned they might, that I did not think I had a right to object. Then at the opening of the Poll they both came and asked my permission to enter within the bar. Having allowed them to do so, they came in and sat down near me on the bench, and as soon as the first votes were taken one of the two representatives of Mr. *Noël*, who was the father of the other, first opposed the first votes which were taken, telling one voter that he did not belong to the Parish, and another that he had no right to vote, another that he was too young. He refused five or six in my presence, and then Mr. *O'Farrell's* people asked by what authority they made these objections. They told him that they were the representatives of Mr. *Noël*, and that they had a right to object. They asked me to turn them out. I told them that I could not, that as they were representatives, they had a right to remain. Some of them said that they were going to look for Mr. *O'Farrell*. Mr. *O'Farrell* arrived at that

moment. He said to those two men, "What are you doing here?" They replied that they were Mr. *Noël's* agents. Mr. *O'Farrell* asked the father whether they had any written authority. He said that they had. After some few words between them and Mr. *O'Farrell*, that I did not overhear, Mr. *O'Farrell* told him that he was armed; he replied that he was not. I think the son went out during this conversation, and during the discussion between the father and Mr. *O'Farrell*, people entered under the table and carried it away by brute force. I did not see it again. About two hours after, there came an old man who sat down opposite me, and said that he was agent for Mr. *Noël*, up to the time that the Poll was broken into.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scotte*,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, 22nd April, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Lacoste*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Thomas Papin*, Curé, and others, of *Boucherville*.

By Mr. *Cimon*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Clovis Gagnon* and others, of the Parish of *Les Eboulemens*; and the Petition of *A. Gagnon* and others, of *St. Fidèle* and other Parishes, County of *Charlevoix*.

By Mr. *Piché*,—The Petition of *Joseph Brissette* and others, of the Parish of *St. Gabriel de Brandon*.

By Mr. *Pope*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Townships of *Bury*, *Hampden* and *Marsden*, District of *St. Francis*; and the Petition of *J. G. Robertson* and others, of the Eastern Townships.

By the Honorable Mr. *Harwood*,—The Petition of the *Canadian Institute* of *Rigaud*.

By the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*,—The Petition of the *Montreal Temperance Society*; and the Petition of the *Stanley Division*, No. 36, Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of *B. Pouliot*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. Michel*, County of *Bellechasse*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *François Sanson* and others, proprietors of Tug Steamers; and the Petition of the Reverend *E. Baillargeon* and others.

By Mr. *Starnes*,—The Petition of *J. B. Hébert* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Chrysostôme*, District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Playfair*,—The Petition of *George Rickey*, of *Montague*.

By Mr. *Carling*,—The Petition of the Trustees of the *London County Grammar School*.

By Mr. *Burton*,—The Petition of the Trustees of the *Port Hope County Grammar School*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Cartwright*.

By Mr. *Sherwood*,—The Petition of *Deborah Moore* and others, of the Village of *Kemptville*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Kemptville*.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of *J. H. Pacard*, President, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the County of *Champlain*.

By Mr. Ross,—The Petition of *H. Breakoy* and others, of the *Kennebec* Road, County of *Beauce*; and the Petition of the Reverend *C. Roy* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Victor* and *St. Ephrem de Tring*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Mechanics' Institute of *St. Césaire*; praying for aid.

Of *Charles Askew* and others, Bailiffs of the Division Courts in the County of *Elgin*; praying that the Tariff of Fees at present allowed them may be increased.

Of the Reverend *P. M. Mignault* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de Chambly*; setting forth that the building of a dam by the Board of Works, at *St. Ours*, has caused the water in the basin at *Chambly* to rise, thereby injuring their property; and praying that measures may be taken to prevent the same.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Brompton*; praying that no Act may be passed granting to *J. C. Clarke & Co.*, the privilege to erect a dam, &c., across the River *St. Francis*, in the Township of *Brompton*, without provision therein to secure the rights of private individuals for damage done to their property.

Of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of the Village of *Vittoria*, County of *Norfolk*; praying for aid.

Of *John O'Grady* and others, of the Township of *Arthur* and vicinity; of *John Fanning* and others, of *St. Thomas*, County of *Elgin*; of *Patrick Daly* and others, of the Township of *Rawdon* and vicinity; and of *R. P. Cartan* and others, of the County of *Brant*; praying that the Loyal Orange Institution of *British North America* may not be incorporated.

Of the Young Men's *Christian Association* of the City of *London*; praying for the abolishment of Sunday labor in the Post Office Department, and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*.

Of the Reverend *A. Thérberge, Curé*, and others, of the Parishes of *Terrebonne* and *Lachenaie*; praying aid to improve the navigation of a branch of the River *Ottawa*, called *La Rivière Jésus*.

Of the Bank of *Upper Canada* and other Chartered Banks; praying for the repeal of all Acts whereby the Chartered Banks of *Canada* are restricted to the rate of Interest which they are permitted to receive on Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange which have less than twelve months to run.

Of *P. Prince*, senior, and others, of the Parish of *St. Eusèbe de Stanfold*; praying that the Village of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska* may remain the chief place of the Judicial District of *Arthabaska*.

Of the Office Bearers of the Public Nursery of the City of *Toronto*; praying for aid.

Of *Joseph Leclerc*, Mayor, and others, of the Township of *Warwick*; praying aid for a road.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Vincent de Paul*, County of *Laval*; praying that measures may be adopted to encourage settlement on the Wild Lands in *Lower Canada*.

Of the Reverend *A. Doucet* and others, of the Parish of *St. André*; representing that for some years past, and more especially at the last General Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, numerous frauds and acts of violence have been committed; and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent a recurrence of the same.

Of the Reverend *A. Doucet* and others, of the Parish of *St. André*; of *Joseph Beaulieu* and others; and of *Alexis Caron* and others, of *Shawenagan*; praying that the legal rate of Interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of *William Eastland* and others, of the Town of *Peterborough*; praying that a Survey may be made to determine the most favorable route for the construction of a Ship Canal to connect the waters of Lakes *Ontario* and *Huron*.

Of *Henry Boyd*, of the City of *London*, County of *Middlesex*; praying to be

indemnified for serious bodily injury sustained, while obeying the order of the chief Magistrate, in aiding to quell a Riot in the Town of *London*, on the Queen's Birth Day, 1849.

Of *W. S. Williams* and others, of the County of *Prince Edward*; praying for certain amendments to the Act 4 *William* the 4th, chapter 1, relating to the recovery of real property.

Mr. Benjamin 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 East Riding of the County of *Durham*, 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:—

The Honorable *Robert U. Harwood*; *Henry Wellesley McCann*, Esquire; *John Sheridan Hogan*, Esquire; *John Meagher*, Esquire; Chairman, *Michael Hamilton Foley*, Esquire.

Mr. Benjamin 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 County of *Argenteuil*, 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:—

Edmund Heath, Esquire; *Hector Louis Langevin*, Esquire; *Donald A. Macdonald*, Esquire; *Alexander T. Galt*, Esquire; Chairman, *Angus Morrison*, Esquire.

On motion of *Mr. Dorion*, seconded by *Mr. Laberge*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend this House tomorrow; with the Poll-books, Letters and Documents, transmitted to him by the Returning Officer for the united Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, in relation to the last Election for the said Counties.

The Honorable *Mr. Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 15th ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, a "Statement in detail of the manner in which the annual stipends and allowances to the Churches of *England*, *Rome*, *Scotland*, and certain other religious denominations, out of the Clergy Reserves Fund, as commuted under the authority of 18 *Vic.*, cap. 102, have been invested or appropriated in accordance with clause 3 of said Act."

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 30.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated 19th instant; for copy of the Report of *Pierre Fortin*, Esquire, Stipendiary Magistrate, in command of the party on board of the Schooner "*La Canadienne*," during the Summer of 1857.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 31.)

Ordered, That *Mr. Ross* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *St. Lawrence* and Bay of *Chaleurs* Land and Lumber Company.

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 Monday next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do transmit a copy of the said Report to the Judge of the County Court for the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Holmes* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act of 1857, for Preventing Cruelty to Animals.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to legalize certain By-Laws of the Municipality of *Berlin*, and the subscriptions of the Municipal Council for £10,000 towards the stock of the *Preston* and *Berlin* Railway Company.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to annex certain Lots in the Gore of *Camden* to the Townships of *Euphemia* and *Dawn*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Holmes* have leave to bring in a Bill to dis-unite the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*, for the purposes of representation in Provincial Parliament.

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 Monday, the third day of May next.

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

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "an Act to alter and amend the Acts relating to the *Niagara* District Bank," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House reported, that the Speaker's Warrant directing him to take into custody *George M. Cryslor*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Cambridge*, and *John S. Casselman*, Poll Clerk for the said Township, at the late Election for the County of *Russell*, had been transmitted by him to the Sheriff of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas*, and *Glenarry*, to be by him executed,—and that he had reported to him that he had sent his deputy to the residence of Messrs. *Cryslor* and *Casselman*, who found that Mr. *Cryslor* had left for *Toronto*, to attend the Order, and that Mr. *Casselman* had gone to the *United States*, and that neither of the said parties were found by him.

The Serjeant-at-Arms also reported, that he had taken into his custody *Moïse Roy*, Poll Clerk for the Parish of *St. Giles*, at the late Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, and that he was then at the Bar of the House.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*, seconded by Mr. *Ross*,
Ordered, That *Moïse Roy*, Poll Clerk for the Parish of *St. Giles*, at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, now in custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms of this House, be discharged from close custody; but that he remain in attendance during the pleasure of the House.

On motion of Mr. *William F. Powell*, seconded by Mr. *Burton*,
Ordered, That *George M. Cryslor*, Esquire, be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House, under the order of the 16th day of March last, and from the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms of this House.

The Order of the House being read, for the attendance at the Bar, of the Witnesses to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on the Poll Book for the Township of *Cambridge* at the last Election for the County of *Russell*.

On motion of Mr. *William F. Powell*, seconded by Mr. *Burton*,
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

A Bill to give additional powers to the Trinity House of *Montreal*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to confer additional powers on the Trinity House of *Montreal*."

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the House being read, for the attendance at the Bar of the Witnesses to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on the Poll Books of the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*.

And the House being informed, that Mr. *George Côté* attended at the door, he was again called in, and further examined at the Bar, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

124.—Was not the Poll Book of *St. Sylvestre* taken away or violently removed out of your possession, and state by whom? And were the Candidates present when acts of violence were committed, and did they participate therein?—After having signed the Book, as I mentioned in a former answer, I wished to depart in order to go down to my house with the Poll Books. I was then in the priest's house. Mr. *O'Farrell*, the Candidate, was present. He told me I should not take it away. After a long argument of nearly an hour with Mr. *O'Farrell*, I saw that the people had assembled again near the priest's house, and also in the public rooms of the priest's house. Mr. *O'Farrell* told me that the people were under the impression that the Orangemen would take the Poll Book from me if I took it, and that as he suspected that I was one of the *Noël* party, it was a further reason for the Poll Book remaining in his, Mr. *O'Farrell's* possession, and in that of *James McCullough*. After another long conversation with Mr. *O'Farrell*, the subject of which I do not very fully remember, one individual entered the room in which we were, and said with an oath, "Are we to spend the whole night out of doors; if the matter is not soon fixed, we shall fix it." I then asked Mr. *O'Farrell* what would be the use of my going to *Ste. Croix* (that is to say, the place in which the declaration was to take place) without the Poll Book. Mr. *O'Farrell* said to me that I need not be uneasy about that, that he would bring the Poll Book in safety to *Ste. Croix*, and that it would even be there before me. Seeing, therefore, that I could not bring my Book I left it in the hands

of Mr. *O'Farrell* and of *James McCullough*, at the priest's house. Mr. *O'Farrell* said to the people that all had been arranged; they then dispersed, and I saw no one after that. I left towards three o'clock in the morning to return to my house.

125.—Did you not make a verbal report to Mr. *Noël*, the Returning Officer, of the acts of violence and of the unlawful acts which occurred at *St. Sylvestre* on the 29th and 30th of December last, the two voting days?—Yes.

126.—Did you see the Candidates at *St. Sylvestre* during the voting days, and were they represented by agents? if they had agents, state who they were?—Mr. *O'Farrell* was present on both voting days. On the first day of the voting a person named *Thomas Taitte* represented Mr. *Noël*. About one hour after the opening of the Poll I noticed that he had gone away; no other person represented Mr. *Noël* that day. With regard to the second day, Mr. *Noël* was represented by the two persons mentioned by me in a previous answer; one of whom was carried off, as I stated before, by Mr. *O'Farrell's* people.

127.—Did not some person or persons want to make you sign certificates or documents prepared beforehand in order to prove that everything had passed off legally and regularly at *St. Sylvestre* during the days of voting—and did you not refuse to sign those documents?—No person proposed to me to sign any paper or document prepared beforehand on this subject.

By the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*.

128.—Had the two persons who came to represent Mr. *Noël* on the second day a right to vote; do you know them, and name them?—One of those persons is known by the name of *Ned Donoghue*, and the other, who is his son, is called, I think, *Hugh Donoghue*, but I am not certain. I think that both those persons have a right to vote.

129.—Did another person present himself at the poll on the second day under pretext of representing Mr. *Noël*, and do you know that person? Name him, and say what the person said when you objected to certain persons who came up to vote; state also whether Mr. *O'Farrell* was present, and what he said?—A person presented himself on the second day after *Ned Donoghue* had left, who said to me that he was Mr. *Noël's* representative. I do not know that person. On objections being made to youths, whom I did not consider to be of an age to vote, the representative of Mr. *Noël* said that they were of age, and that he knew them well. One of them, in fact, presented himself, of whom he states that he is godfather. Mr. *O'Farrell* was present. He again said to me then that it was not my business to object. Some parties at the poll seemed to wish to amuse themselves playing together; Mr. *O'Farrell* told them to stop, and that for each moment they spent playing he lost ten votes. He called them to come and vote, saying "Vote, boys."

130.—From the manner in which that person acted, did he really represent Mr. *Noël's* interests?—He did not take Mr. *Noël's* side so long as he was there.

131.—Did you hear Mr. *O'Farrell* say several times to the people outside the poll to come and vote, saying to them "Come and vote, boys," or other words, and state what?—I did not hear Mr. *O'Farrell* say it outside of the poll, but only inside of the poll, as I said before.

132.—After being appointed Deputy Returning Officer did you proceed to *St. Sylvestre* in order to appoint a Poll Clerk, and state when? Did you speak to any one, and state to whom? Did that person promise you to act as Poll Clerk, and were you able to procure the services of that person? If not, state what you did?—A few days before the day of the voting at *St. Sylvestre* I met the Notary, *Byrne*, at *St. Giles*. I asked him if he would act as Poll Clerk at *St. Sylvestre*. He told me he did not care, because at *St. Sylvestre* the dogs and cats were made to vote. I told him that such would not be the case this time, that if he would accept I thought that all would go well. He then promised me to act as Poll Clerk. Arrived at *St. Sylvestre* on the eve of the first day of voting,

I went to Mr. *Byrne's* house at about six o'clock in the evening; he was not at home; a young girl told me that he had gone out on professional business, and that he was to return that evening. At ten o'clock I sent a man to see if Mr. *Byrne* had returned—he had not. The next morning, towards six o'clock, I went to his house myself. He was still in bed. There were four or five persons near his bed. I asked Mr. *Byrne* whether he would come, according to his promise, to act as Poll Clerk. He told me that he could not, as he did not feel well, and that in addition a person there present had given him a *protêt* to be served in *Ste. Marie*. Then as I knew no one at *St. Sylvestre* capable of acting as Poll Clerk, I applied to the Parish Priest of *St. Sylvestre*, in order that he might recommend me a person. He named a couple of persons to me whom I do not know. He then asked me if I knew *James McCullough*, I said I did, and he told me that he would be a boy capable of acting as Poll Clerk. I then had *James McCullough* in attendance, and engaged and made him take the oath as Poll Clerk.

133.—Did you see the candidate, *Noël*, at *St. Sylvestre*, on the morning of the first day of voting, before the opening of the poll, and did he remain for the opening of the poll—If not, state why he left?—I saw the candidate, *Noël*, on the first day before the opening of the poll; he asked me "What news?" I told him that the news did not seem favorable to him from the aspect of the people who were there. He then told me that he saw himself he should have no chance, that he was going away: I told him to do as he pleased. I did not see him again afterwards.

134.—Did he mean, in saying that he had no chance, that it was because he had no votes to receive, or on account of the violence he apprehended?—He told me that from what he knew of the aspect of the people, he would not remain that day for £25.

135.—Did you ask the questions required by law of those who came to vote; why were not the callings, residences, and other additions required by the Law of Elections, entered in the pretended poll-book? Were you prevented from doing so, and state all that was then said and done, and whether Mr. *O'Farrell* was present, and what he then said and did? And state also how it is that there are sheets of paper, at the top of which the names of the candidates are not written?—I put the questions required by law to all the persons who came to vote; as to a part of this poll, as I have already stated, and which I know nothing about, I cannot say why the callings, residences, and other additions required by law are not entered; but, as regards that portion of the book which is in printed form, the Poll Clerk told me in writing, after I had directed him to make all those entries in taking the votes, that the people had complained already that he did not get on fast enough, and that his making those entries might occasion a difficulty, but that he knew all the people of the Parish, and that as regarded those in relation to whose qualification he had any doubt, he would mention it in the poll-book, and that in the evening he would make all the additions. I do not remember whether or not Mr. *O'Farrell* was then present. As I had prepared some pages at my own house before setting out, at the top of which I had put the names of the candidates, I had taken care to put Mr. *O'Farrell's* name in the first column to the left of the book, and that of Mr. *Noël* in the last column to the right, so as to make no mistake in entering the votes.

136.—After the closing of the poll on the first day, did you see your Poll Clerk in the evening; if not, state when you again saw him?—I did not see him till the day after, at the opening of the poll.

137.—How many times, to the best of your knowledge, did certain persons vote, and what on the average was the number of times that each person voted?—I noticed that several persons voted several times, but I cannot exactly state the

number. There were some who voted 25 or 30 times, and others perhaps 10 or 15 times.

138.—From the aspect and threats of those present, were you afraid of being ill-treated, and were you alarmed for your life when you signed your return to the Poll Book. If you were not under the influence of fear, would you have made the return which you had signed?—If I had not been under the influence of fear I should never have signed the Poll Book in the state in which it was.

139.—Where and when was the Poll Book given to you? In whose possession was it, and where was it? Did Mr. *O'Farrell* allow you to carry it alone to the Returning Officer, or did he accompany you?—The Poll Book was given to me at *Ste. Croix* by Mr. *O'Farrell*. It was in Mr. *O'Farrell's* possession in Mr. *Thibeaudeau's* house. Mr. *O'Farrell* accompanied me with four or five other persons when I went with it to the Returning Officer.

140.—Did you see any arms at *Ste. Croix*? State where and when, what were those arms, and what persons had them, and state also whether you know why those persons had armed themselves; in a word state all you know on the subject?—I saw arms in Mr. *Thibeaudeau's* house on the morning of the declaration; they were guns; I do not know the persons who had them. Those persons told me that they had armed themselves in order to protect Mr. *O'Farrell's* declaration, because the *St. Sylvestre* people were expected to come in order to prevent the declaration.

141.—Since you were called to appear at the Bar of this House, have you been visited by Mr. *O'Farrell*? State where and when. Did he speak to you concerning your appearance, and what did he say to you on the subject?—I saw Mr. *O'Farrell* at my house at *St. Giles*, on the 2nd April. He asked me whether I was going up to *Toronto*. I told him I was. He asked me what I was going to do. I told him he should know that as well as I. He told me it would be better for me not to go up; that I would lose my time, and if I remember right, he told me I would not get a *sacré sous*, and besides that I might be imprisoned for three or four months, at least during the time of the Session. Thereupon my wife told him, that if I were imprisoned it would neither be for theft nor murder.

142.—Were you informed that you would be assassinated in passing through the wood which you had to cross in order to go from your house to the place where you take the railroad in order to come up to *Toronto*? State everything relating to the matter?—I was informed that I would be assassinated in passing through that wood, on my way to the railroad depot, going up to *Toronto*. I spoke to Mr. *O'Farrell* on the subject that evening. I said that it was rumoured that I was going to be assassinated by his people. He told me he had not heard of it, and that even though they should assassinate me, they would not do me any harm. Seeing the rumours that were current my friends would not allow me to go to the depot without accompanying me.

143.—Some days before the voting, and state when, did you meet Mr. *O'Farrell* at *Ste. Agathe*, at Mr. *Boulanger's* house, and did he state to you, or did he state in your presence, that *St. Sylvestre* had always been, and would long continue to be, the key to the *Lotbinière* election, and that with *St. Sylvestre*, he defied the remainder of the County? If not state what he said at that time?—I saw Mr. *O'Farrell* at *Ste. Agathe*, at Mr. *Boulanger's* house, on a Sunday before the election. I do not know whether it was the Sunday immediately preceding the election. We were all speaking together about the election. I said that the Parish of *St. Sylvestre* usually gave many votes. Mr. *O'Farrell* said to me that that was the key to the *Lotbinière* election, and that it always would be the key to it. As to stating that he said that with *St. Sylvestre* he defied the remainder of the County, I could not do so; but I understood that he said that, with *St. Sylvestre*, he was sure of his election.

By Mr. *O'Farrell*.

144.—Did not Mr. *O'Farrell* use his best endeavours to prevent the *Donoghues* from being put out?—Mr. *O'Farrell* appeared to me to protect *Ned Donoghue* when he was carried away, the son went away without my knowing anything about it.

145.—Is it not true that Mr. *O'Farrell* only complained of *Donoghue*, the father, being allowed to have firearms on his person in the Poll contrary to law?—I know that Mr. *O'Farrell* accused *Donoghue*, the father, of having arms in his possession. *Donoghue* told him that he had not.

146.—Did you not subsequently to the election, at the inquest before the Judge, hear *Donoghue*, the elder, admit that at the time of his so being in the Poll he had loaded fire arms on his person, and that he had threatened to use them?—No.

147.—Did not Mr. *O'Farrell*, although of opinion that you had no right to object to votes, second every objection made by you to votes at *St. Sylvestre*?—No; with the exception of two or three young persons about twelve to fifteen years of age, whom I refused in his presence, and in these cases he sustained me in my decision.

148.—In one of your answers, as written down last night, you are made to state, Mr. *O'Farrell* did not object to young people giving their votes; did not you rather mean to say, Mr. *O'Farrell* did not object to the young people not giving their votes?—I replied to that question in my last answer.

149.—Did not Mr. *O'Farrell* endeavour to prevent the persons engaged in breaking the windows from doing so, and from creating a tumult?—Yes.

150.—Is it not true, that when you spoke to Mr. *Paquet* he was then lying on a sofa, sick and just recovering from a faint into which he had previously fallen?—I saw Mr. *Paquet* in the course of the evening, in several positions. I saw him going about the house, I saw him leave it, and I saw him lying on a sofa.

151.—Is it not true that, when Mr. *Paquet* said to you that he was sick, he was in reality sick, and just recovering from a faint into which he had previously fallen?—I cannot say whether Mr. *Paquet* was recovering from a faint, for I had not seen him faint; but he told me he had fainted. This took place before I had recourse to his services, with reference to the signing of the Poll Book.

152.—Is it not true that, when you were acting as Deputy Returning Officer at *St. Sylvestre*, you were under the impression that if you certified a book containing more votes, but votes really polled, than were contained in a Parish, without your being able to distinguish the good votes from the bad, you could be punished?—I do not remember having thought of it.

153.—Is it not true that you at first refused to certify a single vote of those taken there by you, and under your direction; and that you were going away without getting *McCullough* to sign either the oath at the opening of the Poll or at the close of the Poll, and what was your reason?—No; it may be that I went away without causing the Poll Clerks' oath to be signed after the close of the Poll, because the Poll Clerk had signed an oath on the Poll Book, by which he certified that he had taken the votes according to law, during the time he had acted as Deputy Returning Officer.

154.—You said that you were threatened, being told to sign your book; is it not true that before you were spoken to with regard to signing the Book (settle the Book) you threw the Book on the ground, saying, there is the Book I will not certify one of the votes?—I said to Mr. *O'Farrell*, when he told me that I ought not to go away without signing the Book, that I would not sign it; for the reasons which I have already given in my former answers.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*.

155.—Would Mr. *O'Farrell* have asked you not to go away without signing if you had not evinced a wish to go away without signing?—I have already said

that I wished to go away without signing the *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book. I may have forgotten to have the oath of the Poll Clerk signed after the close of the Poll.

By Mr. *O'Farrell*.

156.—Does not the expression “boys” apply in the language of the peasantry of that section of the Country to grown up persons?—The term boy is generally applied in English only to a lad of 10 or 15 years of age. In French I understand by *un garçon*, an unmarried man.

157.—Is it not true that immediately after the close of the Poll a snow storm began raging, which prevented those who lived at a distance and had come on foot from going home in the early part of that night, and prevented any one from travelling in the early part of that night and until the following morning?—There was a storm of snow and wind that evening. For persons who had far to go it was not pleasant to go away on foot; it was pleasanter for them to take shelter in some house than to remain at the door of the *Presbytère* for several hours.

158.—To whom did Mr. *O'Farrell* speak when saying “boys?” to full grown persons or to persons under age?—They appeared to me to be full grown persons.

159.—Is it not true that parties in the County of *Lotbinière* have long been (*St. Sylvestre* excepted) nearly equally divided, and that by speaking of *St. Sylvestre* being the key of the *Lotbinière* election, Mr. *O'Farrell* meant to say that, the remainder of the County being equally divided, *St. Sylvestre* by its unanimous vote always had turned the scale?—The question at that time did not regard the equality of votes in the County of *Lotbinière*, but while speaking on this subject Mr. *O'Farrell* said that if he had not a majority of the French Canadians of the County of *Lotbinière* he would not stand, or he would resign his seat if he were elected, I do not recollect which expression he made use of.

160.—Were there not one thousand grown up persons present at the *St. Sylvestre* poll on the two days' voting? if not so, state how many there were when the greatest number were present?—When there were the greatest number present, I do not think that I saw more than 500 persons. I did not go outside of the Poll-booth at all during the voting.

161.—Is it not true that the Parish of *St. Sylvestre* is twelve miles long by twelve miles broad, and is divided into lots, three acres broad by thirty deep, and is thickly settled?—I do not know the divisions of the Parish of *St. Sylvestre* very well, but I know that it is the largest Parish in *Lotbinière*. I think also that it gives the greatest number of votes.

162.—Did Mr. *O'Farrell* do or say anything else to his disadvantage or prejudice than what you have already stated? if so, state fully your knowledge herein?—I do not recollect anything.

163.—Was not Mr. *O'Farrell*, when he was last at your house, laughing and joking with Mrs. *Coté*, and trading on her fears as to what was going to be done to you on your arrival in *Toronto*?—Mr. *O'Farrell* did not seem to be joking.

164.—Is it not true that what Mr. *O'Farrell* said was merely that it was your duty to sign and certify the votes taken by you and under your direction, and that it was *McCullough's* duty to certify the votes taken by him and under his direction?—Mr. *O'Farrell* did not make that explanation to me, but I declared that I would consent to sign if Mr. *McCullough* would certify the votes which he had himself taken. I answered that question yesterday.

165.—Is it not true that Mr. *O'Farrell* was not present in the room when you signed the oath now annexed to the Poll-book?—As far as I can recollect, Mr. *O'Farrell* was present in the room when I signed the oath.

166.—When did you first again see the Poll-book after leaving it in the hands

as you say, of Mr. *O'Farrell* and *James McCullough*?—The first time I saw it again, after that, it was in the hands of the same persons at *Ste. Croix*.

167.—What personal knowledge have you of the *Donoghue's* having any right to vote?—The knowledge I have of them consists in that of their title deeds, which were exhibited to Mr. *O'Farrell* at the Poll. Mr. *O'Farrell* charged against them that they had no right to vote nor to remain there. Then one of them sent for his title deeds to prove his right to vote.

168.—Did you, yourself, examine any title deed giving the right to vote to either, and which of the *Donoghue's*; if so give the date and nature of such title deed?—I did not examine the title deeds. I saw them in their hands. Moreover, I did not positively say that they had a right to vote, but that I thought they had.

169.—Is it not true that after or about the time of your signing the Poll-book, you sealed your Poll-book and computed the votes, and that no change whatever took place in that Poll-book, and that it could not be altered without your knowledge from the time of its being so sealed until you delivered it to *R. S. Noël* at *Ste. Croix*?—I have no knowledge whatever that the Poll-book was changed; but as it remained in Mr. *O'Farrell's* hands for three days, it might have been so.

170.—Look at the *St. Sylvestre* Poll-book as it now is, and say has any change taken place in that book since you signed it and sealed it?—As to the seal I see no change in it, but the book is more injured than it was.

171.—Has any addition of votes been made to that Poll-book since you signed it and sealed it?—I cannot say that, for I would have to make a recapitulation of it.

172.—How many votes were there entered in that Poll-book when you so signed that Poll-book?—2568 for Mr. *O'Farrell* and 44 for Mr. *Noël*. I go by the book for I do not recollect how many there were for each candidate.

173.—Is it not true, that after every person had retired from the Village and gone home, you had possession of your Poll-book, and came down with your Poll-book in your hand from the Village to *James McCullough's*, where Mr. *O'Farrell* then was?—I perceived that the oath of Mr. *McCullough* in the Poll-book did not specify the number of votes which had been taken, and I thought it was necessary that it should. I then took the Poll-book, and accompanied by another man, I went to *McCullough's* house and asked him if he would add the number of the votes which he had taken while acting as Deputy Returning Officer. He told me that he would not do it. I then went back to the *Presbytère* with *McCullough* and Mr. *O'Farrell*, and a moment after I left the book with Mr. *O'Farrell*. There were still a great number of persons there.

174.—Was it not the day before the Proclamation that you delivered your Poll-book to Mr. *R. S. Noël*?—Yes, in the evening of the day before the Proclamation.

175.—Were you not armed with pistols during the two days that you acted as such Deputy Returning Officer, and were not such pistols loaded with powder and ball, and ready for immediate and deadly use?—Yes, I had pistols, for I knew I was going to a place where there was need of them. I took them with me to protect myself in case of being attacked.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*.

176.—Who furnished the seal to seal the Poll-book of *St. Sylvestre*, and was the seal delivered to you?—Mr. *O'Farrell* furnished the seal. He did not deliver it to me.

177.—Do you not perceive that Mr. *O'Farrell* obliged you to deliver the *St. Sylvestre* Poll-book to him in order to prevent you from making another Report than that which you had by violence been compelled to make?—I do not know what the intention of Mr. *O'Farrell* was in keeping the Poll-book. If I had had the Poll-book in my possession, when I went from *St. Sylvestre*, my intention was to correct all the errors which I might have made, that is to say, as to the names of

the Candidates at the head of the printed Poll-book, and afterwards to make a special Report to the Returning Officer.

By Mr. *O'Farrell*.

178.—Did you or did you not, while you were at *St. Sylvestre*, express the intention of consulting the Returning Officer?—I intended to do so, but I did not express so much to any one.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

On motion of Mr. *O'Farrell*, seconded by Mr. *White*,

Ordered, That *James Read*, of Quebec, Esquire, Physician and Surgeon; the Reverend Mr. *Dowling*, Curé of *St. Sylvestre*; Mrs. *Dumphry*, *Laurent Paquet*, Esquire, *John McCullough*, *Daniel McCullough*, *John Kelly*, Farmer, *James Doran*, *Patrick Donoghue*, *David Donoghue*, and *Isaac Filion*, all of *St. Sylvestre*; *John Hugh Powell*, of Quebec, Gentleman; *Magloire Parent*, and *Möise Couture*, of *Ste. Croix*, Esquire, do appear on the 28th day of April instant, at the Bar of this House, to give evidence touching the irregularities apparent on the Poll-books at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*.

The House being informed that *Télesphore Lefevre*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Antoine* at the said election, was in attendance, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

179.—What are your names and Christian names? Did you not act as Deputy Returning Officer at *St. Antoine de Tilly*, at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, and did not *Firmin Lambert* act as your Poll-clerk?—My name and Christian name are *Télesphore Lefevre*. I acted as such Deputy Returning Officer, and *Firmin Lambert* was my Poll-clerk.

180.—How did things go on during the two days' voting at *St. Antoine de Tilly*; were there no illegal and irregular doings during the voting; and tell what they were?—On the first day of voting all went well. On the second day, at ten o'clock in the morning, Mr. *Noël's* partizans took possession of the poll, and put out the person who represented Mr. *O'Farrell*. At the same time I named constables, who refused to obey. A moment after the representative of Mr. *O'Farrell* was put out, I endeavoured a second time to appoint and swear in constables, who again refused to obey. I afterwards required the assistance of Mr. *Joseph Martineau*, Justice of the Peace, who endeavoured to establish order. The friends of Mr. *Noël* turned out Mr. *Martineau* also from the Poll-booth two or three times, I think. I rejected several persons whom I did not believe to have the right of voting. I think I objected fifteen times. One person named *Vachon* told me with an oath that as the Poll at *St. Sylvestre* was still kept as usual they must vote as much as possible. Thereupon I remarked to him that if the *St. Sylvestre* people behaved ill we were not obliged to do like them. He compelled me again to take bad votes. He was extremely agitated. I was afraid of that man. He threatened me repeatedly, saying that if I did not obey him he would throw me from the Poll-booth by the window, or tie me. When I saw that I was thus compelled, under the influence of fear, I told my Poll-clerk I was sick, that I did not know whether I could undergo all the fatigue of the day. I told him also that we were going to take the votes, and that at the close of the poll we would declare why we had so acted.

181.—Were there not acts of violence committed against Mr. *O'Farrell's* agent, or on some other of his partizans? and tell what they were, by whom they were committed, and who acted as Mr. *O'Farrell's* agent?—When they turned out Mr. *O'Farrell's* agent, I heard them repeatedly tell each other to take care not to hurt him, and also to take care not to tear his clothes. I do not recollect who

were the persons who turned him out. I was just then busy appointing Constables to restore order. *Narcisse Lambert* was the representative of Mr. *O'Farrell*.

182.—Were the Candidates, Messrs. *Noël* and *O'Farrell* present during any part of the time of the voting at *St. Antoine de Tilly*, and during the acts of violence which may have been committed there?—On the second day of the voting, Mr. *Noël* came to the Poll and remained about ten minutes before the taking of the Poll-booths?—Mr. *O'Farrell* was not there.

Notice being taken, that there was no Quorum, the Witness was directed to withdraw, and the names of the Members present were taken down, as follow:—

Mr. Speaker, Messieurs *Bourassa*, *Campbell*, Attorney General *Cartier*, *Cauchon*, *Desaulniers*, *Dubord*, *Gawvreau*, *Holmes*, *Labelle*, *Langevin*, *Laporte*, *Mackenzie*, *McCann*, *Patrick*, *William Scott*, *Short*, and *Sicotte*.

And at forty minutes past Eleven o'clock at night, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put.

Friday, 23rd April, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Panet*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*.

By Mr. *Daoust*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. S. Théberge* and others; and the Petition of the Reverend *A. Groulx*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Benoît*, County of *Two Mountains*.

By Mr. *Gawvreau*,—The Petition of *Isaac L. Noyes* and others, of *St. Paulin*; and the Petition of *Xavier Perrault* and others, of the Parish of *St. Didace*.

By Mr. *Caron*,—The Petition of the Reverend *F. X. Delâge*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *L'Islet*.

By Mr. *Short*,—The Petition of the Trustees of the *Peterborough* County Grammar and Union School.

By Mr. *Meagher*,—Three Petitions of the Municipality of the Township of *Cox*, County of *Bonaventure*.

By Mr. *Dionne*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. L. Marceau* and others, of *Isle Verte*.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of the Reverend *F. X. Côté* and others, of the County of *Champlain*.

By Mr. *Starnes*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Darlington*; and the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Bowmanville*.

By Mr. *LeBoutillier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. Desjardins* and others, of the County of *Gaspé*.

By Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *George E. Shaw* and others, of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*.

By Mr. *Campbell*,—The Petition of *Charles Sangster*, of the City of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Papineau*,—The Petition of the Directors of the *Aylmer* Academy; and the Petition of *David Torrance* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Reverend *J. B. Champeaux*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Michel Archange*, County of *Napierville*; praying that the said Parish of *St. Michel Archange* may form part of the Judicial District of *Montreal*.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *Ste. Marguerite de Blairfindie*, County of *St. Johns*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal and Road Acts of *Lower Canada*.

Of *D. Macpherson* and others, of the Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington*; praying that the Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington* may be separated from the County of *Frontenac*.

Of the Reverend *C. J. Lébrun* and others, of the Parish of *St. Michel d'Yamaska*; of *G. Lajoie* and others, of the Parish of *St. Irénée*; of *A. Plamondon*, Mayor, and others, of *La Pointe aux Trembles*, District of *Quebec*; and of the Reverend *J. C. Cloutier* and others, of the Parish of *St. George de Kakouna*; praying that the legal rate of interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of the Reverend *F. McDonnell* and others, of the Parish of *St. James*, County of *Megantic*; of the Reverend *S. Belleau* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Croix*; and of the Reverend *J. B. Blanchet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Octave de Métis*; representing that for some years past, and more especially at the last general election of Members for the Legislative Assembly, numerous frauds and acts of violence have been committed, and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent a recurrence of the same.

Of *Alexander McLean*, Deputy Reeve of the Township of *Puslinch*, and others; and of *Henry Arthur McMahon*, Reeve of the Township of *Normanby*, and others; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the *Canada North-West Railway*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Lincoln*; praying for certain amendments to the new Municipal Bill.

Of *W. B. Jarvis*, Chairman, on behalf of a public meeting of Merchants, Manufacturers and others, held in the City of *Toronto*; praying for certain changes in the Tariff Duties.

Of the Mercantile and Trade Association of the Town of *Woodstock*; praying that the Usury Laws may be abolished.

Of the Reverend *John Hebden*, M.A., and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for the passing of an Act to abolish Sunday labor in the Post Office and other Public Departments.

Of the Reverend *William Dunn* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Catharine de Fossambeau*; praying that the Loyal Orange Institution of *British North America* may not be incorporated.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*; praying that the amount now paid as salaries to Inspectors of Catholic Schools in *Lower Canada*, be added to the yearly grant in behalf of the same, and that the said Schools be placed under the control of the *Curés* in each Parish.

Of the Reverend *E. Payment* and others, of *Charlesbourg* and *St. Ambroise*; praying aid for Roads.

Of the Teachers' Association in connexion with the *McGill Normal School*; praying for aid.

Of the University Lying-in Hospital of *Montreal*; praying for aid.

Of the Mechanics' Institute of *Dumontville*, in the Parish of *St. Jérôme*, County of *Terrebonne*; praying for aid.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Welland*; praying for the establishment of a uniform system of Weights and Measures.

Of the Corporation of the College of *Ste. Anne de la Pocatière*; praying for aid to establish a School of Agriculture.

Of the Agricultural Society of the County of *Kamouraska*; praying that the annual grant to Agricultural Societies may be increased £350 to such Counties that may deem it advisable to establish a School of Agriculture and a Model Farm, subject to the approbation of the Board of Agriculture.

Of *James Campbell*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, County of *Lotbinière*; praying that a Post Office may be established in the said Parish.

Of *James Campbell*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, County of *Lotbinière*; praying that all Secret Societies may be abolished.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Emily*; praying for aid to improve the navigation of *Pigeon River*.

Mr. *Benjamin*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the following motions for Printing, viz. :—

By Mr. *Langevin*,—Petition of His Lordship the Bishop of *Tloa* and others, members of the Roman Catholic Clergy of *Quebec* and neighborhood, praying that from the first of May next, the power of granting licenses to keep taverns, or to sell spirituous liquors, may be transferred from the County Councils to the Parish or Village Municipal Councils. Your Committee recommend that this Petition be printed.

By Mr. *Brown*,—Return by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery from the Records of the Elections to the present Legislative Assembly, shewing the aggregate number of votes polled for each Candidate, in each County, Riding, Township, City, Town, Parish, Precinct or Division, in which there has been a contest, with the total number polled in each such Division, or Precinct; giving also the name of each Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer, and a like Return for those Divisions or Districts which have elected Legislative Councillors; also showing, in contrast, the number polled at each of said Polling-places at the General Election of 1854, and the population in each Constituency at the last Census. Your Committee recommend that this Return be printed.

By Mr. *Dorion*,—Return to an Address for a Financial Statement relative to the Seigniorial Tenure Affair. Your Committee recommend that of this Return only the following documents be printed, viz. :—

Statement of the cash receipts and gross Revenue from various sources, applicable to the relief of *Censitaires*, under the 17th and 18th sections, 18th *Vic.*, cap. 3, during the year ended 31st December, 1857; and

Statement of the amounts at the credit of the Seigniorial Fund, and of the amounts paid out of the same, 1st February, 1858.

Your Committee recommend that the following Petitions be not printed, as moved for :—

By Mr. *Thibaudeau*,—Petition of the Reverend *P. L. LaHaye* and others, of the Parish of *Cap Santé*, representing that for some years past, and more especially at the last General Election of Members for the Legislative Assembly, numerous frauds and acts of violence have been committed, and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent the recurrence of the same.

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—Petition of *Joseph Tremblay*, of the Town of *St. Johns*, praying to be remunerated for his services during the late War with the *United States*; and the Petition of *Louis LaCasse*, of the County of *St. Johns*, praying the same.

Mr. *Benjamin* 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 County of *Perth*, 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 :—

George Macbeth, Esquire, *William Pearce Howland*, Esquire, *Louis Honoré Gauthier*, Esquire, *Louis Archambeault*, Esquire; Chairman, *Oliver Mowat*, Esquire.

Mr. *Benjamin* 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 County of *Stormont*, 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: *Louis Siméon Morin*, Esquire, *Archibald McKellar*, Esquire, *Maurice Laframboise*, Esquire, *Gilbert McMicken*, Esquire; Chairman, the Honorable *Timothy Lee Terrill*.

Mr. *Turcotte*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth: Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find the notices sufficient, viz. :—Of *W. Barrett* and others, of the Township of *Hemmingford*, for a division of that Township; of the Provisional Council of the County of *Bruce*, praying that the selection of the County Town may be left to the Municipal Electors; of the Municipality of the Township of *Elderslie*, praying that the selection of the County Town of *Bruce* may be referred back to the Governor in Council for a final decision; of *La Banque du Peuple*; of *D. Matheson* and others, of the Village of *Embryo*, for Incorporation of that Village; of *Joseph S. Keeler* and others, of the County of *Northumberland*, for Incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from the *Marmorra* Iron Works to *Colborne* Harbour; of *J. M. Wellington* and others, for Incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from *Presqu'isle* to the *Marmorra* Iron Works; of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*, in connexion with the Church of *Scotland*, for an Act of Incorporation; of *William Fitch* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*, for Incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from the *Niagara* to the *Detroit* River; of *Thomas Rogers* and others, of *Amaranth*, and other Townships, for an erection of the said Townships into a new County; and of the Municipal Council of the County of *Lincoln*, for an act to enable the rate-payers of the said County to select a more central and convenient place for the County Town.

On the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*, for authority to transfer to the Common County Fund a surplus of £2,000, raised by special rate for other purposes; your Committee find that no notice has been given.

The Honorable *Robert U. Harwood*; *Henry Wellesley McCann*, Esquire; *John Sheridan Hogan*, Esquire, *John Meagher*, Esquire; Chairman, *Michael Hamilton Foley*, Esquire; being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the East Riding of the County of *Durham*; their names were called over, and being come to the table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the East Riding of the County of *Durham*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of ten in the forenoon.

Edmund Heath, Esquire; *Hector Louis Langevin*, Esquire; *Donald A. MacDonald*, Esquire; *Alexander T. Galt*, Esquire; Chairman, *Angus Morrison*, Esquire; being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of

Argenteuil, their names were called over, and the Chairman, *Angus Morrison*, Esquire, not appearing within one hour after four of the clock;

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Laberge*,

Ordered, That the 74th section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," be now read; and the same being read,

Ordered, That *Angus Morrison*, Esquire, Member for the North Riding of the County of *Simcoe*, having been appointed to serve as one of the Members to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, and not having attended in this place within one hour after four of the clock this day, being the day appointed for the swearing of the said Committee, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms, attending this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Somerville* have leave to bring in a Bill to divide the Township of *Hemmingford*, in the County of *Huntingdon*, into two Municipalities.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Foley* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railway between the *Niagara* and *Detroit* Rivers, and for other purposes therewith connected.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clark* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company for constructing a Tram or Railroad from *Colborne* to *Marmora*.

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 Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *McMicken*, seconded by Mr. *Simpson*,

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Acts relating to the *Niagara* District Bank," be now read for the first time.

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux* have leave to bring in a Bill to explain and remove doubts as to the construction of the Act authorizing parties to sue and defend causes in *forma pauperis* before the Courts of Law in *Lower Canada*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Village of *Embro'*, in the Township of *West Zorra*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Tloa* and others, Members of the Roman Catholic Clergy of *Quebec* and neighborhood; and that part of the Return to an Address of the 15th ultimo, for a financial Statement relative to Seigniorial Tenure affair, be severally printed, as recommended in the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Printing, for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dorion* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend a certain Act relating to *La Banque du Peuple*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *John Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Board for the management of the Temporalities Fund of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*, in connection with the Church of *Scotland*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *John Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill further to amend the Act for the incorporation of the Provincial Insurance Company of *Toronto*.

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 Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 19th instant, for Statement of Cash in Public Chest, on the 1st of each month, since 1855.

By Command,

T. J. J. Loranger,
Secretary.

Secretary's Office,
Toronto, 23rd April, 1858.

Statement of Moneys in the Public Chest, on the first of each month, commencing with January, 1855.

		£	s.	d.
January	1, 1855	759116	5	5
February	do, do	445664	15	1
March	do, do	419236	4	11
April	do, do	409136	4	11
May	do, do	422484	14	5
June	do, do	490748	1	1
July	do, do	446788	15	5
August	do, do	394579	12	3
September	do, do	252681	7	6
October	do, do	242495	2	11
November	do, do	236137	5	11
December	do, do	456217	12	5
January	1, 1856	417514	5	7
February	do, do	405068	1	11
March	do, do	365379	4	8
April	do, do	340448	15	6
May	do, do	366092	0	9

Statement of Moneys in the Public Chest, &c.—(Continued.)

		£	s.	d.
June	1, 1856	405382	4	6
July	do, do	578581	10	3
August	do, do	518158	2	5
September	do, do	650848	9	7
October	do, do	571420	2	6
November	do, do	332955	12	7
December	do, do	279543	1	0
January	1, 1857	252292	19	10
February	do, do	216214	17	7
March	do, do	210077	1	6
April	do, do	298771	8	7
May	do, do	287423	10	6
June	do, do	439127	10	2
July	do, do	547602	10	7
August	do, do	85655	19	3
September	do, do	520895	0	7
October	do, do	456614	6	9
November	do, do	427589	1	10
December	do, do	372984	13	10
		\$	cts.	
January	1, 1858	1626470	78	
February	do, do	1822437	01	
March	do, do	966239	73	
April	do, do	763404	17	

C. E. Anderson, D.R.G.

Receiver General's Office,
Toronto, 22nd April, 1858.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, also laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Provincial Geologist for the year 1857.

For the said Report, see Appendix (No. 32.)

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

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill intituled, "An Act passed in the twentieth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, an Act to extend the Right of Appeal in Criminal cases in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the twentieth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled; "An Act to extend the Right of Appeal in certain Criminal cases in *Upper Canada*," be now read for the first time.

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Galt*, from the Committee to which it was referred to consider of the motion made on Friday, the sixteenth instant, that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, reported a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

The said Resolution being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

The House, according to order, resolved itself into a Committee to consider of certain proposed Resolutions respecting the more efficient Administration of Justice in the County of *Chicoutimi*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Campbell* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Tuesday next.

The Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery attended, according to order, with the Poll Books, Letters and Documents, transmitted to him by the Returning Officer, for the last Election for the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, and laid the same before the House.

The Order of the day for the House, in Committee, on the Bill to amend the Law in relation to the Jurisdiction and Procedure of the several Surrogate Courts in *Upper Canada*, and to simplify and expedite the proceedings in such Courts, being read.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, and the Question being proposed, that this House do now resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Mowat* moved, in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Connor*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "on Friday next," inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>40. Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Archaibeault,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Robln,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>

<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Ouimet</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Powell, Wm. F.</i>	<i>76. Whitney.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now resolve itself into the said Committee;

Mr. *Mowat* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Connor*, That the words " And that it be an Instruction to the Committee to amend the Bill, by giving the proposed jurisdiction of the Surrogate Courts to the County Courts directly, and by abolishing, as unnecessary, inconvenient and cumbrous, the distinction which the Bill proposes to maintain between County and Surrogate Courts," be added at the end thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>41. Wright.</i>
<i>Connor,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Ferrés,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>O'Farrel,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>70. Whitney.</i>
<i>Dacust,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put,

Ordered, That this House do now resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. *Hogan* 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 Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Roblin*,
Ordered, That "the 75th section of the Election Petitions Act of 1851" be now read.

And the same being read ;

And *Angus Morrison*, Esquire, not having been brought into the House within three hours after four of the clock, the swearing of the Committee to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, was adjourned until the next meeting of the House.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,
The House adjourned until Monday next.

Monday, 26th April, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—The Petition of the *St. Johns* Library Association of the County of *St. Johns*; and four Petitions of *J. B. Moreau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean*, County of *St. Johns*.

By Mr. *Papineau*,—Three Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Ottawa*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *Ste. Angélique*.

By Mr. *Aikins*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Gore of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Burwell*,—The Petition of the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Elgin*, in General Quarter Sessions assembled.

By Mr. *Benjamin*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Hastings*; the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Belleville*; and the Petition of *G. Neilson* and others, of *Belleville*.

By Mr. *Laframboise*,—The Petition of *Mathieu Fournier*, of the Parish of *St. Rosalie*, County of *Bagot*; and the Petition of *Marc Morin*, and *P. G. H. Roy*, of the City of *St. Hyacinthe*.

By Mr. *Dunkin*,—The Petition of the Governors of *McGill* College.

By Mr. *Coutlée*,—The Petition of *Hylaire Lalonde* and others, of the County of *Soulanges*.

By Mr. *Dawson*,—The Petition of *Samuel Bécancour Hart*, of the City of *Three Rivers*, Seigneur of the Seignior *Bécancour*.

By Mr. *Donald A. Macdonald*,—The Petition of the *Lochiel* Division No. 115, Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of the *Quebec* Board of Trade.

By Mr. *Notman*,—The Petition of the *Freelton* Flour Manufacturing Company.

By Mr. *Cimon*,—The Petition of *L. C. Clement* and others, of *Les Eboulemens*; and the Petition of *A. Tremblay* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Pierre* and *St. Paul dite Baie St. Paul*, County of *Charlevoix*.

By Mr. *Pope*,—The Petition of *Cyrus S. Clark*, of the Township of *Brompton*, Lumber Merchant; and the Petition of *J. S. Sanborn* and others, of *Sherbrooke*.

By Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *W. F. McCulloch* and others, of the Village of *Stratford*.

By Mr. *Ross*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Townships of *Ireland* and *Coleraine*, County of *Megantic*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. F. Bérubé*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Evariste de Forsyth*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Clovis Roy* and others, of the Parish of *St. Victor de Tring*.

By Mr. *Clarke*,—The Petition of the Trustees of the *Colborne* County Gammar School; and the Petition of *William Humphries* and others, of the Township of *Percy*.

By Mr. *Walker Powell*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Walsingham*; and the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Galt*,—Three Petitions of the Town Council of the Town of *Sherbrooke*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of the Reverend *D. Desjèl*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *Notre Dame de la Victoire*.

By Mr. *Thibaudeau*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. G. Bedard*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Raymond*.

By Mr. *Beaubien*,—The Petition of *P. A. O'Neil* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. L. Beaubien*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Thomas*, and of the Township of *Montmagny*; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. Bonenfant*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *Berthier*, County of *Montmagny*.

By Mr. *Gawvreau*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. A. Mayrand* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Ursule*.

By Mr. *Holmes*,—The Petition of *William Hall*, Reeve, of the Township of *Brant*, and others; and the Petition of *John Bruce*, Deputy Reeve, of the Township of *Brant*, and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of the Literary Institute of *St. Roch*, of *Quebec*; the Petition of the Reverend *E. E. Parant*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *Chateau Richer*; the Petition of *F. E. Juneau*, President, in behalf of the Library Association of Teachers of the District of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the Reverend *T. Destroismaisons*, and others.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of Messieurs *Thompson* and Company and others, Booksellers of *Canada*; the Petition of *C. P. Allan* and others, Booksellers of *Canada*; the Petition of *James C. Annesley* and others, Booksellers of *Canada*; the Petition of *William Warwick* and others, Booksellers of *Canada*; the Petition of *Henry Allan* and others, Booksellers of *Canada*; the Petition of *D. Howell* and others, Booksellers of *Canada*; the Petition of *Thomas W. Robison* and others, Booksellers of *Canada*; the Petition of Messieurs *R.* and *H. O'Hara* and others, Booksellers of *Canada*; the Petition of Messieurs *R.* and *W. Read* and others, Booksellers of *Canada*; the Petition of *John McMullen* and others, Booksellers of *Canada*; the Petition of Messieurs *Holt* and *Angell* and others, Booksellers of *Canada*; and the Petition of *Walter O'Hara*, late Assistant Adjutant General of *Upper Canada*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,—The Petition of *L. B. Crocker*, Mayor, on behalf of the City of *Oswego*, *United States of America*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Reverend *Thomas Pepin*, *Curé*, and others, of *Boucherville*; praying aid to construct a Female Academy in the Village of *Boucherville*.

Of the Reverend *Clovis Gagnon* and others, of the Parish of *Les Eboulemens*; and of the Reverend *F. X. Delège*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *L'Islet*; representing that for some years past, and more especially at the last General Election of Members for the Legislative Assembly, numerous frauds and acts of violence have been committed, and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent a recurrence of the same.

Of *A. Gagnon* and others, of *St. Fidèle* and other Parishes, County of *Charle-*

voix; praying that the said County may not form part of the Judicial District of *Saguenay*.

Of *Joseph Brissette* and others, of the Parish of *St. Gabriel de Brandon*; praying that a Survey may be made of the wild lands in rear of the said Parish, for the purpose of opening out the same for settlement.

Of the Municipality of the Townships of *Bury, Hampden, and Marston*, District of *St. Francis*; praying aid for a Road.

Of the *Canadian Institute of Rigaud*; praying for aid.

Of the *Montreal Temperance Society*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors in this Province.

Of the *Stanley Division*, No. 36, Sons of Temperance; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *B. Pouliot*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. Michel*, County of *Bellechasse*; praying that the said County of *Bellechasse* may be annexed to the District of *Quebec* for Judicial purposes.

Of *François Sanson* and others, proprietors of Tug Steamers, residing at *Quebec*; praying that Tug Steamers may be exempted from the Tax at present imposed upon them for Inspection.

Of the Reverend *E. Baillargeon* and others; of the Reverend *J. S. Th  berge* and others; of the Reverend *A. Groulx, Cur  *, and others, of the Parish of *St. Beno  t*, County of *Two Mountains*; of *Isaac L. Noyes* and others, of *St. Paulin*; of *Xavier Perrault* and others, of the Parish of *St. Didace*; and of the Reverend *J. L. Marceau* and others, of *Isle Verte*; praying that the legal rate of Interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of *J. B. H  bert* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Chrysost  me*, District of *Montreal*; praying that the Loyal Orange Institution of *British North America* may not be incorporated.

Of the Trustees of the *London County Grammar School*; of the Trustees of the *Port Hope County Grammar School*; and of the Trustees of the *Peterborough County Grammar and Union Schools*; praying that the Grammar Schools of *Upper Canada* may receive additional Legislative aid.

Of *Deborah Moore* and others, of the Village of *Kemptville*; and of the Municipality of the Village of *Kemptville*; praying for certain amendments to the Act 19 Vic., cap. 99, incorporating the Village of *Kemptville*.

Of *H. Breakey* and others, of the *Kennebec Road*, County of *Beauce*; praying aid for Bridges.

Of the Reverend *C. Roy* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Victor* and *St. Ephrem de Tring*; praying that measures may be adopted to encourage settlement on the wild lands in *Lower Canada*.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*; praying for the abolition of County Councils in *Lower Canada*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Cox*, County of *Bonaventure*; praying for aid to construct a Bridge over the *Barachois at Pasp  biac*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Cox*, County of *Bonaventure*; praying that the Government will re-purchase the lands held by the "*Gasp   Fishery and Coal Mining Company*."

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Cox*, County of *Bonaventure*; praying for the passing of an Act to regulate the weight of Fish.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Darlington*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Cartwright*; and of the Town Council of the Town of *Bowmanville*; praying aid to build a Bridge across Lake *Scugog*.

Of the Reverend *L. Desjardins* and others, of the County of *Gasp  *; praying for aid to construct a Bridge over the *Grand River*.

Of *George E. Shaw* and others, of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and

Durham; praying that the County of *Durham* may be detached from the County of *Northumberland* for Judicial and other purposes.

Of *Charles Sangster*, of the City of *Kingston*; praying that the House will subscribe for a certain number of copies of a work published by him, entitled "The *St. Lawrence* and the *Saguenay*."

Of the Directors of the *Aylmer* Academy; praying for aid.

Of *David Torrance* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of "The *Montreal* and *Quebec* Steamboat Company."

Of the Reverend *F. X. Côté* and others, of the County of *Champlain*; praying that the annual grant for the settlement of wild lands in *Lower Canada* may be increased.

Of *J. G. Robertson* and others, of the Eastern Townships; praying for certain amendments to the "Eastern Townships' Bank."

Of *George Rickey*, of *Montague*; praying for a grant of land, which was promised him on the occasion of the death of the Duke of *Richmond*.

Mr. *Benjamin* reported, from the General Committee of Elections, that pursuant to the 51st Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," they had selected three additional names of Members, to be placed on the Chairman's Panel, in consequence of the said Panel being too small for the number of Committees to be chosen; and the said names were read, as follow:—*Gédéon Ouimet*, Esquire; the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*; *Skeffington Connor*, Esquire.

Mr. *Benjamin* reported, from the General Committee of Elections, that owing to the number of Committees appointed to be chosen during the present week, they had changed the day and hour appointed by them for choosing the Select Committees to try the matter of the Petitions complaining of undue Elections and Returns for

The City of *Montreal*, (against the Return of *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Esquire,) to Tuesday, the 4th of May next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel C, No. 1.

The City of *Montreal*, (against the Return of *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, Esquire,) to Tuesday, the 4th May next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel C, No. 1.

Mr. *Benjamin* reported, from the General Committee of Elections, that they had selected the following days for the appointment of the Select Committees to try the matter of the Petitions complaining of the undue Elections and Returns for the following places:—

County of *Benfrew*—Tuesday, 11th May next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel A, No. 2.

County of *Ottawa*—Wednesday, the 5th May next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel C, No. 1.

County of *L'Islet*—Wednesday, the 5th May next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel C, No. 1.

City of *Quebec*—Wednesday, the 5th May next, at 12 o'clock noon, from Panel C, No. 1.

County of *Montmorency*—Thursday, the 6th May next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel C, No. 1.

County of *Lotbinière*—Thursday, the 6th May next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel C, No. 1.

County of *Quebec*—Tuesday, the 11th May next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel A, No. 2.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clark* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Presque Isle and Marmora Railway Company*.

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 Wednesday next.

The Serjeant-at-Arms, attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken *Angus Morrison*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon Mr. *Benjamin* acquainted the House, that he was desired by Mr. *Morrison* to state, that the reason of his not being present on Friday last to be sworn in a Chairman of the Contested Election Committee for the County of *Argenteuil*, was occasioned by a special engagement made by him on Monday last to accompany two friends, Merchants, of this City, to visit *Inkermann*, Western *Canada*; and, further, that before leaving, he felt satisfied that his absence, on Friday last, would not prejudice the sitting Member, Mr. *Bellingham*, or the Petitioner, Mr. *Abbott*, having been informed personally by both of them that they were not ready to proceed with the contest, and would not be for some time to come; and the same having been verified, upon oath, by Mr. *Morrison*,

Ordered, That *Angus Morrison*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 19th instant, for copies of papers relative to the removal of the *Montreal* Registry Office to the Court House.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 33.)

On motion of Mr. *Dorion*, seconded by Mr. *Laberge*,

Ordered, That the time for receiving Private or Local Bills, and Petitions for the same, be extended to the 20th May next; and for receiving Reports on such Bills, to the first of June next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Whitney* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to modify the Usury Laws."

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bourassa* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act 16th *Vic.*, cap. 80, and to make better provision for preventing infractions of the Usury Laws.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bourassa* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the incorporation of Parish Mutual Assurance Companies in *Lower Canada*.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chapais* have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the fraudulent conveyance of Immoveables charged with hypothec, after proceedings have been instituted to enforce payment thereof.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered That Mr. *Langevin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Judicature Acts of *Lower Canada*.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mowat* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of *Upper Canada*, affecting the relation of Debtor and Creditor.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Piché* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Judicature Acts of *Lower Canada*.

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 Wednesday next.

Edmund Heath, Esquire; *Hector Louis Langevin*, Esquire; *Donald A. Macdonald*, Esquire; *Alexander T. Galt*, Esquire; Chairman, *Angus Morrison*, Esquire; being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, their names were called over; and being come to the table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, be referred to the Select Committee, appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Resolved, That when the Speaker leaves the chair at six o'clock, the House will adjourn until half-past seven o'clock, this day.

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, do meet this evening, at half-past six o'clock, in one of the Committee Rooms of this House.

George Macbeth, Esquire; *William Pearce Howland*, Esquire; *Louis Honoré Gauvreau*, Esquire; *Louis Archambeault*, Esquire; Chairman, *Oliver Mowat*, Esquire; being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of

Perth; their names were called over, and *George Macbeth*, Esquire, not appearing within one hour after four of the clock;

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Playfair*,

Ordered, That the 74th Section of "the Election Petitions Act of 1851" be now read.

And the same being read;

Ordered, That *George Macbeth*, Esquire, Member for the West Riding of the County of *Elgin*, having been appointed to serve as one of the Members to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Perth*, and not having attended in his place within one hour after four of the clock this day, being the day appointed for the swearing of the said Committee, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House.

Louis Siméon Morin, Esquire; *Archibald McKellar*, Esquire; *Maurice Laframboise*, Esquire; *Gilbert McMicken*, Esquire; Chairman, the Honorable *Timothy Lee Terrill*, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Stormont*; their names were called over, and the Honorable *Timothy Lee Terrill* and *Gilbert McMicken*, Esquire, not appearing within one hour after four of the clock,

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Playfair*,

Ordered, That the 74th Section of "the Election Petitions Act of 1851" be now read.

And the same being read;

Ordered, That the Honorable *Timothy Lee Terrill*, Member for the County of *Stanstead*, and *Gilbert McMicken*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Welland*, having been appointed to serve as Members to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Stormont*, and not having attended in their places within one hour after four of the clock this day, being the day appointed for the swearing of the said Committee, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House.

On motion of Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by Mr. *Somerville*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Return shewing to whom money was advanced under the Act 18 Vic., cap. 75, for the purchase of seed; how much has been refunded, and by whom.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ouimet* have leave to bring in a Bill for better regulating the measuring of Coals, and for other purposes relating to the unloading and delivering of the cargoes of sailing vessels in the ports of *Lower Canada*.

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 Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Thibaudeau*, seconded by Mr. *Desaulniers*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, Separate copies of all the tenders sent in during the last Winter and the following Spring to the Department of Public Works, in conformity with the notice given for the continuance and maintenance of the line of tow boats between *Montreal* and *Kings-*

ton, and *vice versa*, together with the names of the parties who so tendered and of the securities offered by them, both at the time they tendered and subsequently; also the names of the parties whose tenders were accepted, and for what length of time, and upon what conditions they were so accepted.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Piché* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the summary punishment of certain wrongs.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Piché* have leave to bring in a Bill to revive and amend the Act to regulate the Common of *Isle du Pads*, in the County of *Berthier*.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bureau* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the redemption of certain ground rents in *Lower Canada*, and to prevent the creation of such rents hereafter.

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 Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. *Simard*, seconded by Mr. *Dubord*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a tabular Statement of the Returns sent in to the Government during the years 1854, 1855, 1856, and 1857, by the Savings Banks established in this Province, in virtue of the Act 4 and 5 *Vic.*, cap. 32.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill to leave the selection of the County Town of *Lincoln* to the option of the rate-payers residing within the same.

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 Wednesday next.

The Order of the House being read, for the attendance at the Bar of the Witnesses to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on the Poll Books of the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*.

And the House being informed that *Télesphore Lefèvre*, Deputy Returning Officer for *St. Antoine de Tilly*, for the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, attended at the door, he was again called, and further examined at the Bar, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

183.—Were there not to your knowledge other acts of violence committed besides those mentioned in your former answers, and state what they were?—When the Poll was taken I was obliged to have my Poll Book concealed by a person whom I knew, not being able to do it myself, being detained by the representative of Mr. *O'Farrell*, and occupied at the same time with trying to appoint and swear in Special Constables; there was also present another Magistrate besides the one whom I have mentioned before, whom I told to send away the person called *Vachon*, of whom I have spoken already, who was in his employment; he answered me that that was nothing; I told the people present that I would close the Poll rather than take bad votes, they answered, striking their fists on the table, "take the votes! take the votes!" every one was very much excited; *Vachon* was heated with drink as well as some others; I think they were strangers; I was kept in restraint at the Poll during the whole day even as far as *St. Croix*.

184.—Was Mr. *Noël*, one of the Candidates, represented by an agent at *St. Antoine de Tilly*, or was he there himself; was the Returning Officer, Mr. *Noël*, present at any time during the voting?—Mr. *Noël*, the Candidate, was represented by an agent; the Returning Officer did not appear at the Poll during the two days of voting.

185.—Are the signatures, "*Th. Lefèvre*," at the foot of the certificate of the votes attested in presence of Mr. *Noël*, the Returning Officer, in the Poll Book kept at *St. Antoine de Tilly*, which is now shewn you, and the signature at the foot of your return as Deputy Returning Officer, in your writing; and is the signature, "*Firmin Lambert*," at the foot of the same return, that of your Poll Clerk?—The two first mentioned signatures are in my writing, and the signature "*Firmin Lambert*" is that of my Poll Clerk.

186.—How did it occur that you declared, under oath, that the proceedings during the voting at *St. Antoine de Tilly* were regular, when in your return you state they were not so?—It was my intention to include the special statement made by me in the oath. I was told that putting it in the oath would annul the Poll Book. This is the reason why the statement is appended to the oath.

187.—Are you not aware that *St. Antoine de Tilly* does not contain seven hundred and forty six votes, and state what number of votes that Parish did contain? Did you not register six hundred and ninety-two votes as given for Mr. *Noël*, and only forty-nine votes for Mr. *O'Farrell*?—I think that *St. Antoine* does not contain seven hundred and forty-six votes. I do not know the number of votes. I believe I registered six hundred and ninety-two votes for Mr. *Noël*, and only forty-nine for Mr. *O'Farrell*.

188.—How was it that Mr. *Noël*, the Returning Officer, administered to you the oath certifying the regularity of the proceedings at *St. Antoine de Tilly*, when you reported to him that they were not regular?—The Returning Officer himself told me that the Poll Books would be rendered null by the insertion of my statement in the oath.

189.—Were the proceedings during the voting regular only so far as the registration of the 172nd vote, opposite to which there is a cross, and state who made that cross?—Yes; it was I myself made this cross.

By Mr. *O'Farrell*.

190.—What is the name of the Magistrate whom you commanded to assist you to keep the peace?—Mr. *Martineau*.

191.—Who was the Magistrate who said to you, speaking of the taking possession of the poll, "that that was nothing?"—Mr. *Bezeau*; it was not at the taking possession of the poll he said to me, but afterwards, in the course of the afternoon.

192.—Was this Mr. *Bezeau* present at the taking of the poll; if so, what did he do to prevent the disturbance?—I think he was present; he remained quiet in his place.

193.—Did any of the two Magistrates, mentioned by you in your previous answers, convict upon view any of those engaged in the taking possession of the poll at *St. Antoine*?—As I stated before, Mr. *Martineau* appeared to do his best to re-establish order; the other, as I also said before, remained quiet; I have no knowledge of any of them having convicted, upon view of the facts, any one of those engaged in the taking of the poll.

194.—Where did this Mr. *Bezeau* reside before his late removal to *St. Antoine*?—At *St. Ferdinand de Halifax*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*.

195.—Is it not true that the disturbance commenced at the poll only when it was stated that Mr. *O'Farrell's* partizans had taken the *St. Sylvestre* poll, and that they were making votes as they had done in 1854?—I think I have answered this question in my answer to the second question.

196.—Is it not true that the person called *Vachon*, of whom you have spoken, is a stranger, and was not a resident of *St. Antoine de Tilly*?—He resided there at the time of the election, and left it some time after the election.

197.—In the disturbance which took place, would it have been possible to seize and arrest any of the persons who seemed to be engaged in it; would it not, on the contrary, have been dangerous to attempt it?—I think it would have been dangerous for me, seeing that I was Deputy Returning Officer.

198.—Is it not true that the Returning Officer told you, when you spoke to him about your return, to go and consult (or see) your father, and to do as you liked?—He told me to go and consult my father, and I did so. It was on my return to *Ste. Croix* that the Returning Officer told me what I have stated in my former answers.

By Mr. *O'Farrell*.

199.—Do you affirm, that it was after returning from consulting with your father as told to you by the Returning Officer, *R. S. Noël*, that *R. S. Noël* told you that it would annul the poll-book to mention the taking of the poll at *St. Antoine*?—It was when I returned for the second time to *Ste. Croix*.

The Witness was then directed to withdraw.

And the House being informed that *Firmin Lambert*, Poll Clerk for the Parish of *St. Antoine de Tilly* at the said Election, was in attendance, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

200.—What are your christian and family names? and did you not act as Poll Clerk at *St. Antoine de Tilly*, during the last Election for *Lotbinière*?—My names are *Firmin Lambert*; and I acted as Poll Clerk at *St. Antoine de Tilly*, during the said election.

201.—How did things pass off during the two days of the voting at *St. Antoine de Tilly*? Were there not unlawful acts and irregularities during the voting; and state what they were?—On the first day of the voting the votes were legally taken, and until towards ten o'clock on the second day; at about that time the partizans of Mr. *Noël* entered the house in which the poll was being held, saying, "We must vote to-day, since the *St. Sylvestre* poll is taken as usual." The partizans of Mr. *Noël* then entered the polling-place, and put out the persons who represented Mr. *O'Farrell*. The Deputy Returning Officer then wanted to close the poll. He wanted to appoint special constables, but to no purpose. He then required the assistance of a Justice of the Peace then present; but, as soon as the Justice of the Peace in question wanted to keep order, the partizans of

Mr. Noël put him out of the house in which the poll was being held, and said to the Deputy Returning Officer, "Register votes, register votes," so that the Deputy Returning Officer considered it more prudent to take the votes, good and bad.

Then, on motion of Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. Playfair,
The House adjourned.

Half-past Seven o'clock, P.M.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken *George Macbeth*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon Mr. Benjamin acquainted the House, that he was desired by Mr. *Macbeth*, to state that the reason why he was not present at 4 o'clock this day to be sworn in as a member of the *Perth* Election Committee, was on account of private and urgent business; and the same having been verified upon oath by Mr. *Macbeth*.

Ordered, That *George Macbeth*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

George Macbeth, Esquire; *William Pearce Howland*, Esquire; *Louis Honoré Gauvreau*, Esquire; *Louis Archambeault*, Esquire; Chairman, *Oliver Mowat*, Esquire; being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Perth*; their names being called over; and *William Pearce Howland*, Esquire, *Louis Archambeault*, Esquire, and the Chairman, *Oliver Mowat*, Esquire, not appearing;

On motion of Mr. Benjamin, seconded by Mr. Morin,

Ordered, That the 74th Section of "the Election Petitions Act of 1851," be now read.

And the same being read;

Ordered, That *William Pearce Howland*, Esquire, Member for the West Riding of the County of *York*; *Louis Archambeault*, Esquire, Member for the County of *L'Assomption*; and *Oliver Mowat*, Esquire, Member for the South Riding of the County of *Ontario*, having been appointed to serve as Members, to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Perth*, and not attending in their places to be sworn in as Members of the said Committee, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House.

On motion of Mr. Benjamin, seconded by Mr. *Macbeth*,

Ordered, That the 75th Section of "the Election Petitions Act of 1851," be now read.

And the same being read;

And *William Pearce Howland*, Esquire, *Louis Archambeault*, Esquire, and *Oliver Mowat*, Esquire, not having been brought into the House within three hours after four of the clock, the swearing of the Committee to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Perth*, was adjourned until the next meeting of the House.

On motion of Mr. Benjamin, seconded by Mr. *Macbeth*,

Ordered, That the 75th Section of "the Election Petitions Act of 1851," be now read.

And the same being read;

And the Honorable *Timothy Lee Terrill*, and *Gilbert McMicken*, Esquire, not having been brought into the House within three hours after four of the clock, the swearing of the Committee to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Stormont*, was adjourned till the next meeting of the House.

The examination of *Firmin Lambert* was then resumed.

202.—Were not acts of violence committed by Mr. *O'Farrell's* agent or by some others of his partizans, and state what they were, by whom committed, and who acted as agent for Mr. *O'Farrell*?—The person who represented Mr. *O'Farrell* is *Narcisse Lambert*. As I stated in my last answer, towards ten o'clock on the second day he was put out of the poll. As there were a great many persons in the disturbance, I could not well distinguish who held Mr. *O'Farrell's* representative. I think there was a man named *Vachon* amongst them.

203.—Were the candidates, Messrs. *Noël* and *O'Farrell*, present during any part of the voting days at *St. Antoine de Tilly*, and during the acts of violence which may have been committed there?—No.

204.—Was Mr. *Noël*, one of the candidates, represented by an agent at *St. Antoine*, or was he there in person? Was Mr. *Noël*, the Returning Officer, present during any part of the time of voting?—Mr. *Noël*, the candidate, was represented by his Agent, Mr. *Beland*. The Returning Officer was not present at any time of the voting.

205.—Is the signature *Firmin Lambert* at the foot of the certificate of the voting sworn to before Mr. *Noël*, the Returning Officer, in the Poll Book kept at *St. Antoine de Tilly*, now shown to you, and also that at the foot of the report of proceedings of the voting in that Parish, in your hand writing?—They are in my handwriting.

206.—How is it that you have affirmed upon oath that the proceedings were regular during the voting at *St. Antoine de Tilly*, when in the return signed by you and the Deputy Returning Officer you state that they were not regular?—I wished to include my return under my oath, and the Returning Officer did not think it necessary to include it.

207.—Is it not to your knowledge that *St. Antoine de Tilly* does not contain 746 voters, and state what number of votes that Parish contains? Were 692 votes entered for Mr. *Noël*, and 49 for Mr. *O'Farrell*?—*St. Antoine* does not contain as many votes as were entered. There may be about 300 to 350 votes in *St. Antoine*. 692 votes were entered for Mr. *Noël* and 49 for Mr. *O'Farrell*.

208.—How was it that Mr. *Noël*, the Returning Officer, administered the oath to you to certify as to the regularity of the proceedings, when a return had been made to him of their irregularity?—Because he told me that if our declaration were included under our oath it would be worth nothing.

209.—Were not the proceedings at the voting regular only up to the entering of the 172nd vote, opposite which there is a cross, and state who affixed that cross?—That number of votes was entered on the Poll Book by the Deputy Returning Officer as far as that cross, which he affixed himself. So far the proceedings were regular.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

The House being informed that *Lazare Boulanger*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, at the said election, was in attendance, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

210.—What are your Christian names and surnames; were you not Deputy Returning Officer in the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, during the last Election for the

County of *Lotbinière*; and did you not appoint *George Burton* Poll Clerk at *Ste. Agathe*?—My name is *Lazare Boulanger*. I was Deputy Returning Officer for *Ste. Agathe*, and *George Burton* was my Poll Clerk.

211.—Examine the Poll-book kept for the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, and say whether the book now shewn you is the Poll-book kept for the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, during the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*?—It is.

212.—Were the votes entered in the *cahier*, or Poll-book, which is composed of leaves of a smaller size, entered and taken during the legal hours of voting?—Before the hour fixed for closing the Poll, I ordered the Poll to be closed; I cannot certify whether the votes in question were entered during or after the hours of voting.

213.—Which is the Poll-book containing the names of the voters entered and given during the two days of the voting, and during the legal hours of voting?—I cannot state; for I made no mark which might indicate the legal hour.

214.—What is the number of votes which were legally given and entered in the Poll-book kept by you, as Deputy Returning Officer, at *Ste. Agathe*?—179.

215.—There are two certificates signed by you as Deputy Returning Officer; explain, and state how and why you signed these two certificates?—I did not sign the oath required by law, and which was prepared for me by the Poll-clerk, because the Poll had been taken by the partizans of *Mr. O'Farrell*, and because the votes taken from twenty minutes to four to a quarter to eight were not legal. I signed and swore to a declaration, to be found in the Poll-book, before a Returning Officer.

216.—How was it, and state why you did not sign the certificate previously prepared for you by the Poll Clerk?—Because, as I have just said, the votes were illegal.

217.—State whether all the names written in the two books now shown you were written by the Poll Clerk and under your direction, and whether they were not written by your Clerk and under your direction; state by whom and how the names were written on the two books?—All the names entered on the Poll-book were written by my Poll Clerk after the 179th vote; they were not entered under my direction; at that number I was about giving orders to close the Poll, and I had ordered my Poll Clerk to write no longer.

218.—You have declared, in the certificate which you made under oath, that the Poll-book was carried away by force out of your possession; explain, and state what violence occurred, and by whom, and explain all that took place?—If on my oath I declare that the Poll-books were taken from me, it is not the case, for the Poll-book always remained in the Poll; the Poll was taken by force, but not the Poll-book.

219.—Who was *Mr. O'Farrell's* representative at the Poll of the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, and who was *Mr. Noël's* representative, and say whether either of the candidates was present at the polling place during the election?—*Mr. Roche* and *Dan. McCaffrey* represented *Mr. O'Farrell*. *Noël Rouillard* represented *Mr. Noël*; neither of the candidates was present during the days of voting.

220.—Did you remain in the place where the Poll was held while *Mr. Roche* and his party demanded, as is declared in your certificate under oath, that the Poll Clerk should continue writing, and state who were present, and what passed?—I was present. They kept me a prisoner. When I requested to go outside, some one accompanied me, and brought me back to the Poll. The Poll Clerk and *Mr. Noël's* representative were treated in the same manner. *Mr. Roche* and *Dan. McCaffrey* were present; I cannot say who were the other persons present when the poll was taken. At a later period I recognized some of them. When *Mr. Roche* and *Dan. McCaffrey* entered the room in which the Poll-book was kept, they were in a fearful rage, and *Dan. McCaffrey* took off his coat, with a view to fighting. *Mr. Roche* announced to the partizans that the *Lotbinière* and *St.*

Jean Polls had been taken by the partizans of *Mr. Noël*, and that it was for that reason they were obliged to take the Poll at *Ste. Agathe*. He told them it was necessary that they should vote at least ten times each. He made a long speech to them, which I do not recollect, to excite them to keep the Poll, and to take good care that I should not escape. After having explained to them what would be the consequence if they did not keep the Poll free, I ordered the Poll to be closed. They told me that they would vote as much as they pleased. Fearing that I should be ill-treated by them, I made no resistance, only speaking in a loud voice; I was not obeyed.

221.—Have you any reason to believe that during the hours of regular voting, the electors were prevented from voting by violence and intimidation, and is it to your knowledge that recourse was had to violence to prevent electors from voting, and if such violence occurred, state who are the persons who urged such violence, and who took part therein?—Up to twenty minutes to four, of the second day; I have no reason to believe that there was any violence, the Poll being free for both parties. After that I think it would not have been advisable for the partizans of *Mr. Noël*, if there were any, to come to vote. I think there were none.

222.—What number of legal votes would the Parish of *Ste. Agathe* furnish?—To the best of my knowledge from 200 to 220.

By the Honorable *Mr. Lemieux*.

223.—Did *Mr. O'Farrell* go to your house at *Ste. Agathe* with *Mr. George Côté*, the witness in this matter, and when; and state whether he said that *St. Sylvestre* was the key of the Election for *Lotbinière*, and what he could do in an Election with the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*? If not, state how he expressed himself with reference to *St. Sylvestre*?—*Mr. O'Farrell* and *Mr. Côté* came to my house on a Sunday before the Election; I cannot say whether it was the second or third Sunday. I saw that they had a conversation together, and for myself, I was occupied with my own business with the public, as a merchant, and I did not understand the conversation which took place between them.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House that he had taken *William Pearce Howland*, Esquire, *Louis Archambeault*, Esquire, and *Oliver Mowat*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon *Mr. Morin* informed the House, that he was desired by *Mr. Archambeault* to state that the reason why he was not present in the House at half-past seven o'clock this day, to be sworn in as a member of the *Perth* Election Committee, was that he was not aware that his presence was required at the time, and that he had not supposed that his absence would be prejudicial either to the sitting Member or to the petitioner; and the same having been verified upon oath by *Mr. Archambeault*.

Ordered, That *Louis Archambeault*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

And *Mr. Patrick* informed the House that he was desired by *Mr. Mowat* to state that the reason why he was not present at half-past seven o'clock this day, to be sworn in as a member of the *Perth* Election Committee, was, that he was informed by an older Member of the House that it was not necessary (in his opinion) that he should be present when the House resumed at half-past seven o'clock, as he had answered to his name when called at four o'clock this day; that in consequence of this he did not return in time to be present when the House met, and learned, when he did arrive, that the Order had been made from which he now sought to be discharged; and the same having been verified upon oath by *Mr. Mowat*.

Ordered, That *Oliver Mowat*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

And *Mr. Aikins* informed the House, that he was desired by *Mr. Howland*, to state that the reason why he was not in his place at half-past seven o'clock this

day to be sworn in as a member of the *Perth* Election Committee, was that he was under the impression that in consequence of the absence from the city of Mr. *Macbeth*, a member of the Committee, he would not be again called upon until to-morrow; and the same having been verified upon oath by Mr. *Howland*.

Ordered, That *William Pearce Howland*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

On motion of Mr. *Morrison*, seconded by Mr. *Benjamin*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Argenteuil* Election Petition, having obtained the consent of the Petitioner and the sitting Member, have leave to adjourn until Friday, the 14th day of May next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon.

The examination of *Lazare Boulanger* was then resumed.

By Mr. *O'Farrell*.

224.—Is it not true that Mr. *O'Farrell* and Mr. *George Côté* did not go to your house together; and that Mr. *George Côté* and you were in favor of a resident Candidate for the County of *Lotbinière*?—I cannot say whether they came together; they came in together. For my part I was in favor of a resident Candidate for the County if one had presented himself. As for *George Côté* I cannot speak.

225.—Have you at any time before or since the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière* seen the person whom you call *John Roche* in your previous answers; and do you otherwise know his name to be such than by having heard him named as such by the persons present on that occasion?—I saw him once, on the day after the voting days. He came from *Ste. Croix*, accompanied by Mr. *O'Farrell* and others. I only knew his name from having heard it mentioned by the persons present on the day of voting.

226.—Is it not true that *Daniel John Caffrey*, spoken of by you in your previous answers, reproved those present for using violence on the occasion of the Poll being taken at *Ste. Agathe*, and declared his intention of protecting you from violence?—I did not hear any conversation in the course of which he blamed these persons because they so acted. He did not to my knowledge declare his intention of protecting me.

The Witness was then directed to withdraw.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken *Gilbert McMicken*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon Mr. *Simpson* informed the House, that he was desired by Mr. *McMicken* to state, that in consequence of absence from the City of *Toronto*, on necessary business, he was unable to attend in his place this day, for the purpose of being sworn in as a member of the *Stormont* Election Committee; and the same having been verified upon oath by Mr. *McMicken*.

Ordered, That *Gilbert McMicken*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

The House being informed that *George Burton*, Poll Clerk of the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, was in attendance, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

227.—What are your christian names and surname, and were you not Poll Clerk at *Ste. Agathe*, at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*?—My name is *George Burton*; I acted as Poll Clerk for the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, at the late Election for the County of *Lotbinière*.

228.—Examine the Poll Book for *Ste. Agathe*, and state whether the Poll Book

now shewn you is the Poll Book kept for that Parish?—It is the Poll Book of the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, kept by me as Poll Clerk.

229.—Were the votes which are entered in the book, which has some smaller leaves, entered and registered during the legal hours of voting?—They were polled after five o'clock, on paper purchased by Mr. *Roche*, Mr. *O'Farrell's* representative.

230.—Which is the Poll Book which contains the names of the voters entered and given during the two days of voting, and during the legal hours of voting?—The printed form furnished by the Returning Officer, as far as vote No. 179.

231.—What is the number of votes legally given and entered in the Poll Book kept by you as Poll Clerk at *Ste. Agathe*?—All as far as 179, except one, which was objected to.

232.—There are two certificates signed by you as Poll Clerk; explain and say how and why you signed these two certificates?—These certificates were prepared by me in the morning in order to be ready; but in consequence of the Poll being taken possession of, I could not conscientiously sign the usual certificate; I therefore signed the declaration to which my signature is attached.

233.—State whether all the names written on the two paper books which have been exhibited to you, were written by you, and if they were not so written by you, state by whom and how they were written on these two paper books?—The whole of them were taken by me.

234.—You have declared in the certificate made by you under oath that the Poll Books had been taken away by violence out of your possession; explain and state what violence was practised, and by whom, and relate what took place?—I stated that I was unable to swear to the correctness of the votes, in consequence of the taking of the Poll by Mr. *Roche*, Mr. *O'Farrell's* representative, but I did not state that the Poll Books were taken possession of.

235.—Did you remain in the place at which the Poll was held while Mr. *Roche* and his party demanded, as is asserted in your certificate under oath, that the Poll Clerk should continue writing, and state who were the persons present, and state what took place?—About twenty minutes to four, Mr. *Roche* came into the Poll-house, apparently in a great passion, and said that the partizans of Mr. *Noël* had taken possession of the Polls in some of the Lower Parishes, and that in consequence of which Mr. *O'Farrell* would lose his Election. He therefore called upon the men to take possession of the Poll, and he and Mr. *Daniel McCaffrey* stepped over the chest that was placed before the Poll door, and desired the men to come forward and vote. Whereupon Mr. *Boulanger*, the Deputy Returning Officer, directed me to close the Poll Books, which I did. Mr. *Roche* then told the people outside the Poll door that the Poll Clerk refused to enter any more names in the Poll Book. Whereupon, the men said that as long as I would write nothing should be done to me, but if I should attempt to escape out of the Poll, I should get my head made as soft as a cabbage; and spirituous liquors having been brought into the Poll-house, and several of the men being under the influence of liquor, I considered it advisable, for my own safety, to re-open the Poll Book and place a cross against the last good vote, and continue putting names down as long as they wished, as Mr. *Roche* said every man there would have to vote ten times over at least.

236.—Who was Mr. *O'Farrell's* representative at the Poll at *Ste. Agathe*, and who was Mr. *Noël's* representative? State whether either of the Candidates was present at the place where the Poll was held during the Election?—Mr. *Roche* and Mr. *Daniel McCaffrey* acted as the representatives of Mr. *O'Farrell*; Mr. *Noël Rouillard* acted as the representative of Mr. *Noël*. I did not see either Mr. *O'Farrell* or Mr. *Noël* at *Ste. Agathe* during the two polling days.

237.—Have you reason to believe that, during the legal hours of voting, violence and intimidation prevented the electors from voting? Is it to your know-

ledge that violence was employed to prevent the electors from voting; and if violence took place, state who are the persons who urged on and took part in such violence?—I am not aware of any violence during the legal polling hours up to a quarter to four on the second day, when the Poll was taken possession of, as I stated in a former answer.

238.—What is the number of legal votes that the Parish of *Ste. Agathe* might furnish?—To the best of my opinion, from 200 to 220.

By Mr. *O'Farrell*.

239.—Have you, at any time before or since the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, seen the person, named *John Roche* by you, in your previous answers; and do you otherwise know him to bear that name, than by having heard him named as such by those present on that occasion?—I never saw Mr. *Roche*, except on the two polling days at the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*. I would remark that Mr. *Daniel McCaffrey* did not Poll any votes after the Poll was taken possession of. I do not know Mr. *Roche* to bear his name otherwise than by having heard him so named by those present.

The Witness was then directed to withdraw.

The House being informed that *Lazare Lefebvre*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *Ste. Croix* at the said Election, was in attendance, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

240.—What are your christian and family names? Were you not the Deputy Returning Officer for *Ste. Croix* during the late Election for the County of *Lotbinière*?—My names are *Lazare Lefebvre*. I was Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish during the said Election.

241.—State whether there was any violence, and how things passed during the Election?—There was no violence. Every thing went off quietly.

The Witness was then directed to withdraw.

The House being informed that *Martin Mullen*, Poll Clerk of the Parish of *Ste. Croix* at the said Election, was in attendance, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

242.—What is your name, and were you not Poll Clerk at the Parish of *Ste. Croix* at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*?—My name and surname are *Martin Mullen*. I was Poll Clerk at the said Parish at the last Election in question.

243.—Tell whether there was any violence or fraud committed, and state how matters went on during the Election?—There was no violence. Both parties had free access to the Poll both days of voting.

The Witness was then directed to withdraw.

The House being informed that *Alexis Côté*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Giles* at the said Election, was in attendance, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

244.—What is your name? Were you not Deputy Returning Officer of *St. Giles* at the last Election for *Lotbinière*?—My name is *Alexis Côté*. I was Deputy Returning Officer for *St. Giles* at the last Election.

245.—Was the voting allowed to go on freely, and if there was violence or intimidation within your knowledge, relate what passed?—On the last day of voting, Mr. *O'Farrell's* people took possession of the Poll, so that several persons who came to vote for Mr. *Noël*, perceiving that the Poll was kept by the parti-

zans of Mr. *O'Farrell*, went home. I do not know that any violence was offered to them. This is all I know about the Election.

246.—What persons went away as you say on seeing the Poll so kept?—I am unable to state positively the names of the persons who went away.

247.—Did those persons so come together or separately to the Poll, and at what hour of the day did they so come?—They came about ten o'clock in the morning.

248.—Is it not true that the polling was carried on in the Public Hall of *St. Giles*, and that such Public Hall is divided into two apartments, having each a separate door of communication with the road, and reserved the one exclusively for yourself, your Poll Clerk, and the representatives of the Candidates, and the other for the voters?—Yes.

249.—Is it not true that on opening the poll on the first day's voting you publicly announced that the apartments were to be so exclusively used during the Election?—Yes.

250.—Is it not true that the persons you have spoken of as going from the poll had attempted to enter by the door of the apartment so reserved by you for yourself, your Poll Clerk, and the representatives of the Candidates, and this against your order of the previous day?—They did not try to do that to my knowledge.

251.—Is it not true that *Jean Baptiste Paradis*, of the concession of *St. Thomas*, in *St. Giles*, proprietor of a Threshing Machine, is one of the persons spoken of by you as going away from the poll?—He is one of the persons who went away without voting.

252.—Was not *Charles Timony*, Esquire, of *St. Giles*, present at the poll during the whole of the second day's voting at *St. Giles*?—Yes.

253.—Was not *Charles Timony* outside the poll when the persons mentioned by you went away from the poll, and were you not inside the poll at that time?—I was in the poll booth, but I cannot say whether *Charles Timony* was outside.

By Mr. *Dufresne*.

254.—Have you been visited by Mr. *O'Farrell* since you were summoned to appear at the bar of this House as a witness? Relate what he said to you, relative to the summons that you had received and to your appearance?—Mr. *O'Farrell* came to my house either the next day or next day but one after I received the summons; he told me he wanted to speak to my son *George*; I told him I had no money to go up with; he told me to telegraph to that effect; I told him I thought I should not get money; he told me if I had no money, to stay at home; that is all he said.

By Mr. *O'Farrell*.

255.—Is it not true that you administered to your Poll Clerk the necessary oaths before and after the voting?—Yes.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

The House being informed that *Moïse Roy*, Poll Clerk of the Parish of *St. Giles*, at the said Election, was in attendance, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

256.—What is your name; and were you not Poll Clerk at *St. Giles* at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*?—My name is *Moïse Roy*; I was Poll Clerk at *St. Giles* at the last Election.

257.—Tell whether there was any violence or fraud committed; say how matters passed during the Election?—On the second day of voting, Mr. *O'Farrell's* party took possession of the Poll and kept it throughout the day. Except two votes registered for Mr. *Noël*, at the beginning of the day, it was impossible to

take a vote for Mr. *Noël's* side, because the Poll was kept by the partizans of Mr. *O'Farrell*.

258.—Did you not say this evening, and in the presence of Dr. *Fortier*, a Member of this House, before being called to the Bar as a witness, that everything had been conducted most quietly at *St. Giles*, during the Election?—No. If I said so, I was not called to give evidence; and I do not recollect it.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

The House being informed that *Charles Antoine Lemay*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Jean Deschailions* at the said Election, was in attendance, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

259.—What is your name? Were you not Deputy Returning Officer at *St. Jean Deschailions* at the last election for the County of *Lotbinière*?—My name is *Charles Antoine Lemay*; I was Deputy Returning Officer at the said Parish at the last election.

260.—Do you believe that the votes enregistered in the poll book were given by electors duly qualified? During the voting, was every elector free to go to the poll; and state whether there was any fraud committed as to the number of votes given in the Parish of *St. Jean Deschailions*? Did any person offer to vote for Mr. *O'Farrell*?—I believe that the votes entered in the poll book were given by electors duly qualified; every elector was free to come to the poll, but those whom I did not consider qualified to vote I rejected; I cannot tell how many voters there may be in the Parish of *St. Jean Deschailions*; I do not reside there, and I am but little acquainted with it; no one offered to vote for Mr. *O'Farrell*.

261.—Have you any knowledge of any person having voted more than once at *St. Jean Deschailions* during the last election?—Not to my knowledge; some persons tried to vote twice, and I rejected them.

262.—Are you acquainted with *P. F. Béland*, Esquire, of *St. Antoine de Tilly*, School Inspector; if so, did you see him at the Poll booth during the last election for the County of *Lotbinière*, and did you hear him say anything to the persons there assembled?—I am acquainted with Mr. *Béland*, School Inspector; I saw him in the afternoon of the second day's poll; he said the poll had been taken possession of at *St. Sylvestre*, that there were a great number of votes given there, and that the people might vote easily here.

263.—Did Mr. *P. F. Béland* give any reason, and which, why the people could vote with ease at *St. Jean*?—He gave as his reason, that inasmuch as there were a great number of votes registered at *St. Sylvestre*, we might do the same there.

264.—Is it not true that during no part of the two day's voting, Mr. *O'Farrell* had no person to represent him or promote his interests at the *St. Jean* Poll?—Yes. He had no representative.

265.—Is it not true that Mr. *P. F. Béland* said, in your presence, that the absence of any person to represent Mr. *O'Farrell*, made it an easy matter to vote there?—I do not recollect the words he used; but he expressed as much.

266.—Is it not true that, when Mr. *Béland* so first came to the Poll booth at *St. Jean*, on the second day, voting had almost ceased, and that only 200 votes, or thereabouts, had been then polled; and that immediately on Mr. *Béland* giving that to understand which is referred to in your previous answer, voting was rapidly commenced, and proceeded with until the close of the Poll?—Till the moment when Mr. *Béland* came to the Poll the voting went on rather slowly; I think there were then (to the best of my knowledge) 250 votes; perhaps more. After that, the voting went on more rapidly till the close of the Poll.

267.—Is not Mr. *Béland*, from his position as School Inspector for the County

of *Lotbinière*, among others, well acquainted with the number of voters in the Parish of *St. Jean*?—I know nothing about that.

268.—Were you not in favor of a resident Candidate for the County of *Lotbinière* at the last Election?—I was in favor of a resident Candidate, if one had stood.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

The House being informed that *Anatole Beaudet*, Poll Clerk of the Parish of *St. Jean Deschaillons* at the said Election, was in attendance, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

269.—What is your name, and were you not Poll Clerk at *St. Jean Dechaillons*, at the late Election for the County of *Lotbinière*?—My name is *Anatole Beaudet*; I was Poll Clerk at *St. Jean Deschaillons* at the time of the Election.

270.—State whether any violence or fraud took place during the voting, and state what passed.—There was neither violence nor fraud.

271.—How many persons were there in the Parish of *St. Jean Deschaillons*, at the last Election, having a right to vote thereat?—I cannot state the number, not having made a special census.

272.—Did you not already swear before the Judge who took the evidence in the *Lotbinière* Election case, that there were only 315 legal votes in the Parish of *St. Jean Dechaillons*?—Yes; and I think there are no more.

273.—How, then, can you say that no fraud was practised by the supporters of Mr. *Noël*, at *St. Jean*, when you know that they polled 500 votes when there are not more than 300 in that Parish?—I did not pay attention to the votes given illegally; the votes were given without violence.

274.—Were you present when Mr. *P. F. Bêland*, of *St. Antoine de Tilly*, School Inspector, came to the Poll at *St. Jean* on the second day? If so, did you hear him say anything, and what, to the supporters of Mr. *Noël*, there assembled?—I was present when he came; he stated that we had a fine chance to vote; that there was no one to represent Mr. *O'Farrell*, and that the *St. Sylvestre* Poll had been taken by the partizans of Mr. *O'Farrell*; that is all he said in my presence.

275.—Do you know whether Mr. *O'Farrell* had appointed one Mr. *Poudrier* to represent him at *St. Jean Deschaillons*, and why Mr. *Poudrier* did not so represent Mr. *O'Farrell* at that Poll?—Mr. *O'Farrell* did not himself say that he had appointed one Mr. *Poudrier* to represent him; I saw Mr. *Poudrier* after the Election, he told me that he did not wish to represent Mr. *O'Farrell*, because he had only a note from Mr. *O'Farrell*; that moreover, he had seen that sometimes he was not a man to support; that is what he said.

276.—Did you or did you not swear before the Judge who took the evidence in the *Lotbinière* Election case, that the *St. Jean* folks, or some of them, and say who had made a yoke (*carcan*) to put on Mr. *O'Farrell's* representative, should he go to that Poll?—No.

277.—Did you or did you not swear before the Judge who took the evidence in the *Lotbinière* Election case, that some of the young men (*jeunes gens*) of *St. Jean Deschaillons* had told you that a yoke (*carcan*) had been made to put on Mr. *O'Farrell's* representative; if not, did you, before that judge, swear to anything of the like import, and what?—I did not swear that I heard some young people say that they were going to play him some tricks.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

Mr. *Labelle* moved, seconded by Mr. *Caron*, and the Question being put, that this House do now adjourn,

The House divided, and it passed in the Negative.

The House being informed that *David Noël*, Poll Clerk of the Parish of *Lotbinière* at the said Election, was in attendance, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth :—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

278.—What is your name? Did you not act as Poll Clerk, at *Lotbinière*, at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*?—My name is *David Noël*; I acted at the last Election as Poll Clerk at the *Lotbinière* poll.

279.—How did matters go on; were there any acts of violence or fraud committed during the voting, and if there were any, state what they were?—There were no acts of violence or fraud committed.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, seconded by Mr. *Dufresne*,

Ordered, That *Lazare Lefèvre*, *Martin Mullen*, *Alexis Coté*, *Moïse Roy*, *Télesphore Lefèvre*, *Firmin Lambert*, *Charles Antoine Lemay*, *Lazare Poulanger*, and *Anatole Beaudet*, be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Labelle*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,

The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 27th April, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table :—

By Mr. *Price*,—The Petition of *A. E. Bruneau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Blandford*.

By Mr. *Allan*,—The Petition of *David Foote*, Reeve of the Village of *Elora*, and others; the Petition of *John Smith*, Reeve of the Township of *Pilkington*, and others; the Petition of *Archibald Harrison*, Reeve of the Township of *Minto*, and others; and the Petition of *Peter Cunningham* and others, of the Township of *Peel*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *Augustin Morin* and others, of the Townships *Kildare* and *Cathcart*; and the Petition of *Stanislas Desrosiers* and others, of the Parish of *St. Charles Borromée*, and other places.

By Mr. *Desaulniers*,—The Petition of *Raphael Bourassa* and others, of *St. Barnabé*, County of *St. Maurice*; and the Petition of *B. Doucet* and others, of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *McMicken*,—The Petition of the *Niagara District Bank*.

By Mr. *Laberge*,—The Petition of *Robert Wright* and others, of the Parish of *St. George de Henryville*.

By Mr. *Laframboise*,—The Petition of *N. Trudeau* and others, of the Township of *Roxton*.

By Mr. *Connor*,—The Petition of *Robert Fleming Gourlsey*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Carley*,—The Petition of *Donald Currie*, Reeve of the Township of *Saugeen*, and others.

By Mr. *McKellar*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Camden*.

By Mr. *Simpson*,—The Petition of the Trustees of the *Lincoln County Grammar School*.

By Mr. *Gaudet*,—The Petition of *E. Bearbien* and others, of *Nicolet*; and the Petition of *B. F. Clough* and others.

By Mr. *Webb*,—The Petition of the Trustees of the *St. Francis* College; and the Petition of *Enoch Baker* and others, of the Township of *Shipton*.

By Mr. *Galt*,—The Petition of the Provisional Directors of the International Bridge Company.

By Mr. *Caron*,—The Petition of *J. B. Dupuis* and others, of the Parish of *St. Roch des Aulnets*.

By Mr. *Howland*,—The Petition of the Board of Trade of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of *J. B. Prévost* and others, of *Ste. Geneviève de Batiscan*.

By Mr. *Dunkin*,—The Petition of *W. Fairwell* and others, of the Township of *Warwick*; The Petition of *R. French* and others, of the Township of *Durham*, County of *Drummond*; the Petition of *Philip Lyster* and others, of the Township of *Durham*, County of *Drummond*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *Bécancour*.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of the Reverend *N. F. Hébert*, Curé, and others, of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*; and the Petition of the Reverend *L. Parant*, Curé, and others, of *St. Jean Port Joli*.

By Mr. *Notman*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Wentworth*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *R. O. Bruneau*, Curé and others, of *Verchères*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Terrill*,—The Petition of *W. H. Webb* and others, of *Scugog*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—The Petition of the *St. Andrew's* Library Association and Mechanics' Institute; the Petition of *Robert Simpson* and others, of the Village of *St. Andrews*, County of *Argenteuil*; the Petition of *Robert Simpson* and others, of the County of *Argenteuil*; and the Petition of the Natural History Society of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Holmes*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Howick*, County of *Huron*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Carrick*, County of *Bruce*.

By Mr. *Ferguson*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Bradford*.

By Mr. *Playfair*,—The Petition of the Joint Board of Grammar and Common School Trustees, of the *Smith's Falls* County Grammar School.

Mr. *Turcotte*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Sixth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find that sufficient notice has been given, viz.:—Of the Members of the *St. George's* Society, of the City of *Toronto*; of *D. McPherson* and others, of the Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington*, for the separation of those Counties from *Frontenac*; of the Municipality of the Village of *Kemptville*, for amendments to the Act incorporating that Village; of *George E. Shaw* and others, of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*, for a separation of those Counties; of *David Torrance* and others, of the City of *Montreal*, for incorporation of the *Montreal* and *Quebec* Steamboat Company; and of *John Wilson* and others, of the Township of *Hope*, for the confirmation of a Survey of the Seventh Concession of that Township.

On the Petition of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, for Amendments to their Acts of Incorporation in relation to their share and loan capital, with power to increase the same, and to issue Bonds, etc.; also, for empowering

them to connect with other Railway Companies in *Michigan*, with the right of Ferriage at *Sarnia*, and the requisite bridge accommodation, if found practicable. Your Committee find that no notice was given, but they conceive that in a work of such great and extensive public importance, of the nature of a public rather than a private undertaking, the usual notices may be dispensed with.

Upon the Petition of *William A. Bald* and others, of the Village of *Merrittsville*, for Incorporation of that Village, by the name of *Welland*. Your Committee have ascertained that the Village contains the requisite number of inhabitants to be Incorporated by Proclamation, but that owing to a technical informality the same could not be issued during the present year, they have therefore no hesitation in recommending a suspension of the 62nd Rule.

Your Committee reported, upon the 16th instant, with respect to the Petitions of the Reverend *A. Beaudry* and others, for removal of the Registry Office of *Charlevoix* to *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*; and of the Reverend *C. Trudelle* and others, for establishment of a Registry Office at *Baie St. Paul*, that the requisite notice had not been given, but upon a re-consideration of the matter they are satisfied, from the numerous signatures attached to the Petitions, and the testimony of the Members representing both the Counties affected, that the application is well known and generally desired in the locality, and they would therefore respectfully beg leave to amend their former Report by recommending that the 62d Rule be suspended in this behalf.

The Petition of *J. G. Robertson* and others, of the Eastern Townships, for Amendments to the Act Incorporating the Eastern Townships Bank, so as to authorize a reduction of the Capital Stock, is not of a nature to require the publication of notice.

On motion of *Mr. Cimon*, seconded by *Mr. Caron*,

Ordered, That the 62nd Rule of this House be suspended, as regards the Bill to amend the Ordinance to prescribe and regulate the registering of titles to lands, tenements and hereditaments, real or immoveable estates, and of charges and incumbrances on the same, and for the alteration and improvement of the law in certain particulars in relation to the alienation and hypothecation of real estates and the right and interest acquired therein.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of *Mr. Jobin*, the Honorable *Mr. Sicotte*, *Mr. Solicitor General Rose*, *Mr. Somerville*, *Mr. Laberge*, *Mr. Dunkin*, *Mr. Desaulniers*, *Mr. Cimon*, *Mr. Chapais*, *Mr. Pope*, *Mr. Beaubien*, the Honorable *Mr. Terrill*, *Mr. Ferres*, *Mr. Bourassa*, *Mr. Turcotte*, *Mr. Tassé*, *Mr. Dufresne*, *Mr. Archambeault*, and *Mr. Piché*, be appointed to consider what amendments it may be necessary to make in the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855; to report thereon by Bill or otherwise, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion of *Mr. Galt*, seconded by *Mr. Pope*,

Ordered, That the 62nd Rule of this House be suspended, as regards a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*.

Ordered, That the 62nd Rule of this House be suspended, as regards a Bill to enable the Grand Trunk Railway Company to erect a Bridge at *Sarnia*.

Ordered, That *Mr. Galt* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Galt* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Grand Trunk Railway Company to erect a Bridge at *Sarnia*.

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 Thursday next.

Mr. *Foley*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Durham*, presented to the House, the final Report of the said Committee, as followeth:—

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Resolutions, as their final determination:—

Resolved, That *Francis H. Burton*, Esquire, is the duly elected Member for the East Riding of the County of *Durham*.

Resolved, That the Petition of *John McNaughton* and others, against the Return of the said *Francis H. Burton*, is frivolous and vexatious.

Resolved, That the defence of the said *Francis H. Burton*, against the Petition of *John McNaughton* and others, is not frivolous or vexatious.

Ordered, That Mr. *McMicken* have leave to bring in a Bill, to incorporate the Village of *Welland*.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pope* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Eastern Townships Bank, by reducing the Capital Stock thereof.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Galt* have leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the *Montreal* and *Quebec* Steamboat Company.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Terrill* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Inspection of Hops.

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 Thursday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 19th instant, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House,—1st. A statement of all unpatented lots in the Township of *Cambridge*, County of *Russell*, on the 26th December last; 2nd. A statement of all lots sold by Government in said Township, on which arrears were due, and unpaid to the Government on the 26th and 28th December last; 3rd. A statement of all lots sold by Government in said Township, on which all payments were

made up to the 26th and 28th December and names of purchasers, and 4th, all unsold lands.

By command.

T J. J. Loranger,
Secretary.

Secretary's Office,
Toronto, 27th April, 1858.

Crown Land Department,
Toronto, 26th April, 1858.

Sir,—Your letter of the 22nd instant has been received. In accordance with which you will find enclosed, with a view to their being laid before the Legislative Assembly :—

1st.—A statement of all unpatented lands in the Township of *Cambridge*, in the County of *Russell*, on the 26th December last.

2nd.—A statement of all lots sold by Government in said Township, on which arrears were due and unpaid to the Government on the 26th and 28th December last.

3rd.—A statement of all lots sold by Government in said Township, on which all payments were made up to the 26th and 28th December.

4th.—And all unsold lands.

Your most obedient servant,

L. V. Sicotte,

Commissioner of Crown Lands.

The Honorable
The Provincial Secretary.

1st.—List of Unpatented Lands in the Township of *Cambridge* :—

Lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, and 29	1st	Concession.
do 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, 19, and 27	2nd	do
do 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 14, 22, and 29	3rd	do
do 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 19, and 27	4th	do
do 1, 7, 22, and 29	5th	do
do 5, 25, 26, 27, and 19	6th	do
do 1, 7, 14, 22, and 29	7th	do
do 5, 19, 27, and 12	8th	do
do 1, 4, 7, 22, 29, and 14	9th	do
do 5, 19, 27, and 28	10th	do

2nd.—Statement of Lands sold, and Leased, in the Township of *Cambridge*, on which arrears were due on the 31st December, 1857 :—

Part.	Lot.	Concession.	Part.	Lot.	Concession.
North half	3	2		1	3
	6	1		14	3
East half	3	1		7	3
	5	1		12	4
West half	3	1		19	4
West half	7	9		22	7
	29	3		1	1
	7	1		27	4
South half	5	2		29	5
	12	2			

3rd.—Statement of all Lands sold in the Township of *Cambridge*, on which all payments were made, up to the 26th and 28th December, 1857 :—

Names of Purchasers.	Part.	Lot.	Concession.
Honorable John S. McDonald.....		1, 4, 7, & 9	3
		8 & 10	3
		13, 14, 16, 17, & 18	4
		8, 9, & 10	1
		10 & 11	2
		13, 15, 16, & 17	3
		9, 10, & 11	4
		12	3
Lemuel Cushing		2	9
		3 & 5	9
Alexander McRae.....		1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 20, 21, & 22.	10
		12.....	10

List of unsold Lands in the Township of *Cambridge*, on 26th December, 1857 :

Part.	Lot.	Concession.
North-West part	2, 12, 13, 14, & 15 } 17	1st.
North half.....	22, & 29	
West half.....	5	2nd.
	14, & 19 } 2	
	3	3rd.
	5, 6, & 22 } 1, 4, 5, 6, & 7	
	1, 7, & 22	4th.
	5, 19, & 27	5th.
	1, & 7 } 14	6th.
South half.....	29	
	5, 12, 19, & 27	7th.
	1, 14, 22, & 29	8th.
	5	9th.
East half.....	12	10th.
	19, & 27 }	

L. V. Sicotte,
Commissioner.

Crown Land Department,
Toronto, 24th April, 1858.

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, of the 19th instant, for
Copy of the Royal Charter of the Bank of *British North America*.

By Command.

T. J. J. Loranger,
Secretary.

Secretary's Office,
Toronto, 27th April, 1858.

[Royal Charter of the Bank of *British North America*.]

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith.

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING :—

WHEREAS, the several persons hereinafter named, or some of them, and other persons, did some time since unite together, to establish Banks of Issue and Deposit in the British Colonies or Settlements in *North America* and elsewhere, and for the purpose of carrying on the business of the said Banks, a subscription has been opened for raising a Capital of One million sterling, in Twenty thousand shares, of Fifty pounds each, and whereas, Seventeen thousand two hundred and fifty nine shares, and no more in the said Capital have been subscribed for, and the sum of Thirty pounds and no more has been paid up in respect of each of the said Seventeen thousand two hundred and fifty-nine shares. And whereas, *Henry Barnwell*, *Robert Brown*, Sir *Robert Campbell*, *Robert Carter*, *William Robert Chapman*, *James John Cummins*, *James Dowie*, *Oliver Farrer*, *Alexander Gillespie*, the younger, Sir *Andrew Pellet Green*, *William Pemberton*, and *George Richard Robinson*, have been appointed the Court of Directors for conducting the affairs of the said Banks. And whereas, for the better accomplishing and carrying into effect the objects and purposes aforesaid, the said persons have humbly besought us to grant to them, and to the other subscribers of such capital our Royal Charter of Incorporation, which we are minded to do under the conditions, and subject to the restrictions, regulations, and provisions, hereinafter contained. Now know ye, that as well upon the prayer of the said persons and others, as also as of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, We have given, granted, made, ordained, constituted, declared, and appointed, and by these presents, for us our heirs and successors, do give, grant, make, ordain, constitute, declare and appoint, that the said *Henry Barnwell*, *Robert Brown*, Sir *Robert Campbell*, *Robert Carter*, *William Robert Chapman*, *James John Cummins*, *James Dowie*, *Oliver Farrer*, *Alexander Gillespie*, the younger, Sir *Andrew Pellet Green*, *William Pemberton*, and *George Richard Robinson*, together with such and so many other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, as have already become, or as shall hereafter become, subscribers of or towards the Capital or Joint Stock hereinafter mentioned, and such other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, as have already become, or shall from time to time become, a Proprietor or Proprietors of any part of such Capital or Joint Stock, (not being a fractional part of Fifty pounds of such stock,) shall be one body, politic and corporate, in name and in deed, by the name of "the Bank of *British North America*," and by that name shall and may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in all Courts whether of Law or Equity, and shall have perpetual succession with a common seal, which may be by them changed or varied at their pleasure. And we do declare, that the said Corporation shall be established for the purpose of carrying on the business of a Banker, in any Cities, Towns and places, within any of the British Colonies or Settlements in *North America*, or adjacent to *British North America*, subject nevertheless to such restrictions and provisions, as are hereinafter contained. And we do further will and declare, that these presents are upon this express condition that the sum of Fifty pounds per share, shall within three years from the date of these presents, be fully paid up upon the whole number of Twenty thousand shares, constituting the Capital of the Bank as aforesaid. And we do further ordain and declare, that it shall be lawful for the Court of Directors of the said Corporation for the time being, from time to time, within three years from the date of these presents, to issue and sell in such manner and to such persons as the said Court shall think fit, all or any of such of the original Twenty thousand shares in the Capital of the said Corporation, as have

not been heretofore subscribed for, and in case any of such shares shall be issued at a premium, then the sum of money received by way of premium on such shares shall be received for the benefit of the said Corporation. And we do further will and ordain, that at any time or times, either before or after the original Twenty thousand shares shall have been taken, and before or after the full sum of Fifty pounds shall have been paid up in respect of each of the said shares, it shall be lawful for any General Meeting of the Proprietors of the said Corporation, or for any Special General Meeting of the said Proprietors expressly called for that purpose, to enter into a Resolution, to extend or increase the Capital of the said Corporation from time to time, to any amount to be specified in such Resolution by the creation and sale of new shares of Fifty pounds each, provided that the total amount of all the new shares to be from time to time created and sold shall not altogether exceed the sum of One Million pounds, and that no such extension or increase of the Capital of the said Corporation shall be made, or take place, without the previous sanction and approbation, in writing, of the Lords Commissioners, for the time being, of our Treasury, from time to time of that purpose, first had and obtained. And, further, that it shall be lawful for the Court of Directors to carry such resolution into effect by the creation and sale of such new shares, either at a price or sum equal to such amount as aforesaid, or at a greater or less price or sum, at the discretion of the Court of Directors, who shall also fix and determine the manner of the payment of any such new shares as aforesaid, either at one time or by instalments of such amount as they may think proper. And we do further will and ordain, that the said Court of Directors shall have full power to direct, manage, superintend, regulate and control all the affairs and concerns of the said Corporation, and to appoint all the Agents, Officers and Servants thereof, as well in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* as abroad, and to fix their respective salaries or wages, and from time to time to remove or discharge any such Agents, Officers or Servants, and to appoint others in their stead, and to make such Rules, Orders and By-laws for the good government of the said Corporation, and of their said Agents, Officers and Servants, and generally for the superintendence and management of the said Corporation, and from time to time to alter and repeal the said Rules, Orders and Regulations, or any of them, in such manner as the said Court shall from time to time think expedient or proper. Provided always, that all such Rules, Orders and By-laws as shall from time to time be in force, shall be fairly entered and written in a book or books, to be kept for that purpose, at the office of the said Corporation in *London* or in *Middlesex*, and open to the inspection of the said Directors, and other Proprietors, at all seasonable times. And further, that (subject at all times to the Rules, Orders and Directions of the general meetings of the said Corporation) the said Court of Directors shall have full power to order and dispose of the custody of their common Seal, and the use and application thereof, and execute all the powers hereby given to the said Corporation. And we do hereby further, for us, our heirs and successors, grant unto the said Bank of *British North America*, and their successors, and we do will and direct and appoint that it shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation for the period of Twenty-one years, commencing from the day of the date of this Charter of Incorporation, to carry on the business of Bankers, by dealing generally in bullion, money, and bills of exchange, and lending money on Commercial paper and Government securities, and in such other lawful ways and means as are usually practised among Bankers, but it shall not be lawful for the said Corporation to lend or advance money on the security of lands, houses or tenements, or upon ships, nor to deal in goods, wares, or merchandize of any nature or kind whatsoever. And we do further will and ordain that it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Corporation, during the same period, at and from such Bank, or Banks, Branches and Agencies, or any of them as they may have already estab-

lished, or as they may hereafter establish, to make, issue, and circulate notes payable to bearer, on demand, or otherwise, provided that no such notes shall be issued for less than the sum of One pound, of the current money of the said Colonies, and provided that all such notes be made payable in specie, to bearer, on demand, at the Bank, Branch, or Agency at which the same shall respectively be issued, and also at the principal establishment of the Corporation in the Province, if within seventy-five miles of such place of issue. And whereas notes have been heretofore issued by the said Bank for less than the sum of One pound, current money as aforesaid, and it is hereby ordered, and these presents are granted upon the express condition that the said Corporation shall, on or before the 31st day of December, 1841, call in, pay off, and cancel one moiety or half-part at least of such notes, and that the said Corporation shall, within the space of one year thereafter, use all reasonable and proper means to call in, pay off, and cancel the remainder of such notes. Provided always, that it shall and may be lawful for the Lords Commissioners of our Treasury, by Warrant under the hands of any three or more of them, to grant unto the said Corporation such further time for the purpose aforesaid as to them shall seem fit. Provided also, that the said Corporation shall not discount any Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, or other negotiable paper on which the name of any Director or Officer of the said Corporation shall appear as Drawer, or acceptor or indorser, to an amount exceeding one-third of the whole amount of the sum for the time being under discount by the said Corporation. And we do further ordain and declare, that it shall be lawful for the said Corporation, notwithstanding the Statutes of Mortmain, or any other Statutes or Laws, or anything herein contained to the contrary thereof, to purchase, take, hold, and enjoy to them and their successors, as well in the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland as in the said Colonies or settlements hereinbefore mentioned, or referred to, such houses, offices, buildings, lands, and other hereditaments, and also such ships and vessels as shall or may from time to time be actually and *bonâ fide* necessary and proper for the purpose of managing, conducting, and carrying on the affairs, concerns, and business of the said Corporation, but not for any other purposes, nor so as to be in any manner made instrumental for the purposes of trade or speculation, and to sell, convey and dispose of the same respectively when not wanted for the purpose of their said business, and we do hereby grant unto all and every person and persons, and bodies Politic or Corporate, who are or shall be otherwise competent, our Special License and Authority to grant, sell, alien, and convey in Mortmain unto and to the use of the said Corporation, and their successors, any such houses, offices, buildings, lands, and other hereditaments, any such ships and vessels whatsoever, as aforesaid, accordingly. And we do further will and declare that these presents are upon this express condition, that if the said Corporation shall become insolvent, all and every the proprietors for the time being, of any interest or share in the capital thereof, shall be liable to be called on to contribute to the payment of the debts and liabilities of the said Corporation to the full amount of all the stock held by them in the said Corporation, although the same shall not have been theretofore called for and paid up, and that all the powers, privileges, and authorities hereby given shall utterly cease and be void in the event of the said Corporation suspending cash payments, in manner hereinbefore provided, for the space of sixty days, whether such suspension shall take place at any Principal or Branch Bank, unless the same shall be authorized by the Government of the Colony or Settlement in which such Bank may be situate. And further, that the said Corporation shall be bound to make up and publish in some newspaper, or newspapers, circulating in each of the Colonies or Settlements in which a Bank shall be established, and also in the *London Gazette*, once in every year, an account or statement showing the whole amount of its debts and assets at the close of the past year, and showing also the amount of its notes payable on demand which had been in circula-

tion during every month of such year, together with the amount of specie and other assets, distinguishing each kind, immediately available in every such month for the discharge of such notes, and that the said Corporation shall furnish copies of such yearly accounts or statement, to the respective Governors of each Colony or Settlement in which a principal Bank or Branch shall be established, and likewise that the said Corporation shall at any other time or times, at the requisition of the Governor of the Colony in which any Bank may be situate, furnish such Governor with similar accounts, so as to show the state of the establishment at the very time at which the requisition is made. And further, that the said Corporation shall not become purchasers of any of the Capital Stock of the said Corporation. And we do further will and ordain, that on the determination of the said term of Twenty-one years, the business so to be carried on by the said Corporation shall cease, so far as the same may depend upon or be carried on under or by virtue of the powers and provisions herein given and contained, and we do for us, our heirs and successors, grant and declare that these, our Letters Patent, or the enrolment thereof, shall be in and by all things valid and effectual in the Law, according to the true intent and meaning of the same, and shall be recognized as valid and effectual by all our Courts and Judges in the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, and by the respective Governors and Courts of Judicature for the time being, of and in our said Colonies and Settlements; and all other Officers, Persons and Bodies Politic or Corporate, whom it doth, shall, or may concern, and that the same shall be taken, construed, and adjudged in the most favorable and beneficial sense, and for the best advantage of the said Corporation, as well in our several Courts of Record in our United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, and in our several Colonies and Settlements aforesaid, as elsewhere, notwithstanding every non-recital, mis-recital, uncertainty, or imperfection in these our Letters Patent. And lastly, we do hereby require and enjoin the several Governors of our said several Colonies and Settlements for the time being, to give full force and effect to these our Letters Patent, and to be in all things aiding and assisting to the said Corporation and their successors. In witness, &c., and witness &c., the Twenty-third day of April, by writ of Privy Seal, we therefore, at the request of the aforesaid Bank of *British North America*, have caused the said Letters Patent to be exemplified in our Great Seal of our United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*. In witness whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent; Witness Ourselves, at Westminster, the fifth day of November, in the fourth year of our Reign.

(Signed,)

Griffin Wilson,

Andrew Henry Leach,

Masters of the High Court of Chancery.

(Copy.)

DRAFT TREASURY WARRANT.

AFTER our hearty commendations, &c. Whereas Her Majesty, by Her Royal Charter, under the Great Seal bearing date the Twenty-third day of April, 1840, ordained that the several persons and bodies therein mentioned, or referred to, should be incorporated by the name of the Bank of *British North America*, for the purpose of carrying on the business of a Banker in any of the Cities, Towns, and places within any of the British Colonies or Settlements in *North America*, or adjacent to *British North America*, and it was (amongst other things) by the said Charter provided that it should be lawful for the said Corporation, during the period therein mentioned, at or from each Bank, or Bank's branches and Agencies, or any of them, as they might have then established, or as they might thereafter establish, to make, issue, and circulate notes payable to bearer, on demand or otherwise, provided that no such notes should be issued for less than the sum

of One pound, of the current money of the said Colonies, and provided that all such notes should be made payable in Specie, to the bearer on demand, at the Bank, Branch, or Agency at which the same should respectively be issued, and also at the principal establishment of the Corporation in the Province, (it within seventy-five miles of such place of issue); and it was in the said Charter recited that notes had been theretofore issued by the said Bank for less than the sum of One pound, current money aforesaid. It was by the said Charter declared that the said Corporation should, as therein mentioned, pay off and cancel such notes. And whereas Her Majesty, by Her Royal Charter, under the Great Seal, bearing date the fifth day of October, 1852, after reciting (amongst other things) that it had been represented to Her Majesty that the said Banking Company had established Banks of Issue and Deposit in the Colonies and Settlements of *North America*, and that the aforesaid notes for less than One pound had been called in and discharged, and that it had been represented to Her Majesty, by a petition presented to Her Majesty in Council, by the Directors of the said Banking Company, that it was desirable, for the purpose of commerce and trade, that the said Company should be authorized to issue notes of a lower denomination than the sum of One pound, current money of the said Colonies, Her said Majesty did, by Her said Royal Charter, declare that it should be lawful for any two of the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Treasurer, by Warrant under their hands, to authorize the said Company to issue notes for any sum below the sum of One pound, current money of the said Colonies, notwithstanding the provisions to the contrary in the said first recited Charter contained, and under such terms, regulations and conditions as might be thought fit by such Commissioners, and upon any such warrant as aforesaid, that it should be lawful for the said Company to make and issue any such notes as aforesaid, under such sum as aforesaid, under any such regulations, provisions, and conditions, as aforesaid, and as if the issuing of any such notes had not been so, as aforesaid, prohibited by the said first recited Charter. And, whereas, by an act of the Legislature of *Canada*, passed in the Session held in the thirteenth and fourteenth years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, distinguished as 13th and 14th *Vic.*, cap. 21, of the Provincial Statutes of *Canada*, intituled; "An Act to establish freedom of Banking in this Province, and for other purposes relative to Banks and Banking," it was, amongst other things enacted, that whenever any Bank should have deposited, as by the now reciting act was provided, the required amount of public Securities, the Inspector General should, on the application of such Bank, cause Bank Notes to an amount not exceeding that so deposited, and for such sums respectively, not less than 5s. (five shillings), as the Bank should require to be struck upon paper to be selected by him, and from plates to be furnished by, and at the expense of the Bank, but to be approved and kept by him, and after such notes were numbered and registered, and countersigned by him, or the officer or clerk whom he should authorize to perform that duty, he should deliver the same to the Bank, and after being signed by the proper officer of the Bank, they should be, and might be issued and circulated as its notes, and so long as the Bank should pay such notes in specie, on demand, they should be receivable in payment of the duties and of all sums due to the Provincial Government, and in the act now in recital it was provided that all such Bank Notes should be made payable to Bearer, on demand, at the office of the Bank, and not elsewhere, and should be marked on the face thereof as being secured by Provincial Securities, and by the said act now in recital it was further enacted that any of the then Incorporated Banks in that Province might avail themselves of the provisions of the act now in recital. And, Whereas, the said Company having agreed to come under the provisions of the above recited act for the establishment of freedom of Banking in the said Province of *Canada*, it is expedient that they should have the power of issuing notes as after

mentioned. Now, therefore, we (A. and B.), two of the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Treasurer, do, in pursuance of the powers in the said last recited charter, authorize the said Company at, or for each Bank or Bank's Branches, or agencies now established by them, or hereafter to be established by them in the said Province of *Canada*, to make and issue, and circulate notes payable to Bearer, on demand or otherwise, for any sum less than the sum of twenty shillings of the current money of the said Province of *Canada*, provided that such notes shall not be for less than five shillings current money aforesaid, and shall always be for a sum which shall be a multiple of twenty shillings. Provided, also, that the amount of such notes issued by the said Company for sums less than twenty shillings each shall not exceed at any time the amount of one-fourth part of the Capital Stock of the said Company actually paid up, and that all such notes shall (subject as aforesaid) be issued on the conditions, and in all respects be made payable, and shall be payable, as in and by the said first recited Charter provided, with regard to notes thereby authorized to be issued on the conditions, and in all respects be made payable, and shall be payable, as in and by the said first recited Charter provided, with regard to notes thereby authorized to be issued by the said Company, and so far as the same may relate to notes to be issued in the Province of *Canada*.

EXTRACT FROM SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER.

Now, know Ye, That as well on the prayer aforesaid, as of our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, we do by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, declare that it shall be lawful for our Lord High Treasurer, or any two of the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Treasurer by warrant, or warrants under his or their hand or hands, or from time to time to authorize the said Company to issue notes for any sum below the sum of One pound current money of our said Colonies, notwithstanding the provisions to the contrary in our said Charter contained, and under such terms, regulations and conditions as may be thought fit by such Lord High Treasurer, or such Commissioners as aforesaid, and upon any such warrant as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the said Company to make and issue any such notes as aforesaid, under such sum as aforesaid, under any such regulations, provisions and conditions as aforesaid, and as if the issuing of any such notes had not been so as aforesaid prohibited by our said Royal Charter.

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 19th instant, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, a copy of the Report of the Commissioners appointed to value the lands in the Townships of *Peel* and *Maryborough*, in the County of *Wellington*, together with a statement of the amount paid to the said Commissioners for their services, showing the time during which they were employed and the remuneration they received.

By Command.

Secretary's Office,
Toronto, 27th April, 1858.

T. J. J. Loranger,
Secretary.

Crown Lands Department,
Toronto, 26th April, 1858.

Sir,—In compliance with the request conveyed by your letter of the 21st instant; I have the honor herewith to transmit the copy of a Report received from the Commissioners appointed to value the lands in the Townships of *Peel* and

Maryborough, Wellesley and Mornington, with a statement of the amounts paid the said Commissioners.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(Signed,) *L. V. Sicotte*,
Commissioner.

The Honorable, the Provincial
Secretary, &c., &c., Toronto.

(Copy.)

Guelph, March 22nd, 1858.

In accordance with the instructions received from the Assistant Commissioners under date the 12th instant, we have the honor to report:—

That immediately after receipt of your instructions, dated October 14th, 1857, we commenced the inspection of unsold lands in *Maryborough, Peel, Wellesley and Mornington*, by passing through sections of all those Townships, and making minutes of the comparative value of lands in each.

From this preliminary survey we decided that to perform the work allotted us with satisfaction to all parties interested, we should first classify the lands by inspecting minutely each lot in the Schedule, making notes of situation with reference to roads and markets, quality of soil, description of timber, proportion of arable and swamp on each, name of party in possession, extent of improvement, with such information as the parties could furnish respecting term of location, payments made thereon, and to what agent; placing them in their respective class, 1, 2, 3 or 4, as the case might be. When all had thus been classified according to relative value, put a price on each class.

We accordingly proceeded with the work in this manner for about six weeks, when the snow falling, put a stop to any further progress last season.

We had then inspected and classified about half the Township of *Wellesley* and some of those lots in the Townships of *Mornington, Maryborough and Peel*, most accessible in the then bad state of the roads.

Our arrangements were made for proceeding again as soon as the season would permit, and thinking it would be desirable to have the final report ready as early as possible in the coming summer, we anticipate commencing in a week or two from the present time and therefore beg you will, with as little delay as possible, acquaint us with the decision of the Council in reference to this matter.

We have, &c.,
(Signed,) *John McCrea*,
" *John Greenham*.

To the Honorable the Commissioner of
Crown Lands, *Toronto*.

Crown Lands Department,
Toronto, 23rd April, 1858.

Return of amount paid to the Commissioners appointed to inspect the Clergy Reserve lands in the Townships of *Mornington, Maryborough, Wellesley, and Peel*, in conformity with a Resolution of the *House of Assembly*, 19th April, 1858:—

December 14th, 1857.—Amount paid <i>John Greenham</i> , one of said Commissioners in advance, account expenses	\$240.00
February 16th, 1858.—Amount paid <i>John McRae</i> , one of said Commissioners in advance, account expenses	200.00

\$440.00

Amounting in all to the sum of four hundred and forty dollars.

(Signed,) *Andrew Russell*,
Assistant Commissioner.

Ordered, That Mr. *Roblin* have leave to bring in a Bill to separate the Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington* from the County of *Frontenac*, for judicial, municipal and other purposes.

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 Monday next.

The Serjeant-at-arms attending this House, informed the House that he had taken the Honorable *Timothy Lee Terrill* into his custody.

Whereupon Mr. *Benjamin* acquainted the House, that he was desired by the Honorable Mr. *Terrill*, to state that he was unavoidably absent from his place in the House when the Select Committee on the *Perth* Election Petition (of which he is Chairman) was chosen, and was not aware of the fact until Saturday last, when he received information by telegraph and letter, but too late to start for *Toronto* until Monday morning; and the same being verified under oath by the Honorable Mr. *Terrill*.

Ordered, That the Honorable *Timothy Lee Terrill* be discharged out of custody.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to change the limits of the Village of *Kemptville*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill to define the elective franchise, to provide for the registration of voters, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

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 Tuesday next.

George Macbeth, Esquire, *William Pearce Howland*, Esquire, *Louis Honoré Gauvreau*, Esquire, *Louis Archambeault*, Esquire; Chairman, *Oliver Mowat*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Perth*, their names were called over; and being come to the table, they were sworn by the clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the County of *Perth*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet to-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of eleven in the forenoon.

Louis Siméon Morin, Esquire; *Archibald McKellar*, Esquire; *Maurice Laframboise*, Esquire; *Gilbert McMicken*, Esquire; Chairman, the Honorable *Timothy Lee Terrill*; being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Stormont*, their names were called over; and being come to the table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election for the County of *Stormont*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet to-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of eleven in the forenoon.

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

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "an Act to confer additional powers on the Trinity House of *Montreal*," without any amendment.

And also, The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "an Act to secure to married women certain separate rights of property," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered That the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte* have leave to bring a Bill to make better provision for the disposal and management of Public Lands.

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 Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Rose* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable Foreign Executors, and Administrators, to sue and be sued in *Lower Canada*.

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.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Rose* have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the proof in *Lower Canada*, of certain instruments executed without the Province.

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.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill, to make better provision for the punishment of frauds committed by Trustees, Bankers, and other persons entrusted with property, being read;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, and the Question being proposed that the Bill be now read the third time,

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Notman*, that all the words after "now" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, to insert the following Clause :—Any Member of the Legislative Council, or Legislative Assembly, or Executive Council of this Province, any officer or *employé* of the Government, any Member or officer of a Municipal Council, any President, Director, or officer of any Railway, Bank, or other Incorporated Company, who, for his vote, or influence, or support, or assistance in his official or fiduciary character, or in any matter incident thereto, shall bargain or agree verbally or in writing for, or shall receive or accept any bribe, sum of money, property or contract, or any share or interest therein as compensation for or in consideration of his said vote, influence, support or assistance in such official or fiduciary character, or shall in the name of another person, but with a secret trust or understanding for himself, obtain or enter into any contract which by reason of his filling such character is, or by reason thereof, if in his own name, would be void either at law or in equity, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor;" inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Burnwell,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>33. Wright.</i>
<i>Clark,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bevubien,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McCunn,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Curling,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cyron,</i>	<i>Hurwood,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Heuth,</i>	<i>Punet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Coulée,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>81. Whitney.</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. *Foley* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Mowat*, That all the words after "now" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, with an instruction to the Committee to provide in the Bill for the punishment of Railway Directors, Municipal Officers, and others, guilty of fraudulent conduct in connection with the performance of their several duties as such;" inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>

Burwell,
Christie,
Clark,
Connor,

Hogan,
Howland,
Jobin,

Munro,
Notman,
Papineau,

Wallbridge,
White,
41. Wright.

NAYS.

Messieurs

Alleyn,
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Buchanan,
Burton,
Cameron, John
Cameron, Malcolm
Campbell,
Curling,
Caron,
Cayley,
Curtier, Atty. Gen.
Cauchon,
Chapais,
Cimon,
Coulée,
Daly,

Daoust,
Desaulniers,
Dionne,
Dubord,
Dufresne,
Dunkin,
Fellowes,
Ferguson,
Fortier,
Galt,
Gaudet,
Gauvreau,
Hurwood,
Heath,
Holmes,
Labelle,
Lacoste,
Langevin,

LeBoutillier,
Lemieux,
Loranger,
Macbeth,
Macdonald, Atty. Gen.
MacLeod,
McCann,
McMicken,
Meagher,
Morin,
O'Farrell,
Ouimet,
Panet,
Piché,
Playfair,
Pope,
Powell, William F.
Price,
Robinson,
Roblin,
Rose, Sol. Gen.
Ross,
Sherwood,
Sicotte,
Simard,
Simpson,
Sincennes,
Smith, Sidney
Somerville,
Talbot,
Tassé,
Terrill,
Tett,
Turcotte,
Webb,
73. Whitney.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then, the main Question being put.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment, which was, on Friday, the sixteenth instant, proposed to be made to the Question, that the Bill (to consolidate and amend the laws relating to the Interest of Money) be now read a second time, and which Amendment was, "That all the words after 'that' to the end of the Question be left out, and the words, 'a Special Committee of Seven Members be appointed to consider of the effect of the Laws which regulate or restrain the Interest of Money, and to report their opinion to this House, with power to send for persons, papers, and records,'" inserted instead thereof.

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question on the Amendment being again proposed; and a further Debate arising thereupon.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,
The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 28th April, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER communicated to the House the following letter:—

House of Assembly,
Newfoundland, 13th April, 1858.

Sir,—I have the honor to forward, by direction of the House of Assembly of this Island, the accompanying Resolutions, unanimously adopted by the House.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed,) N. Shea.

Speaker.

To the Honorable, the Speaker,
of the House of Assembly,
Canada.

—
“ Newfoundland.

“ Resolved,—That a Delegation, composed of Messieurs *Kent* and *Carter*, Members of this House, having been sent last Spring to the *British North American Colonies*, to solicit their aid and resistance to the Convention entered into in January, 1857, between Her Majesty's Government and the Emperor of the *French*, on the subject of the Fisheries of this Colony, and those Gentlemen having received the promptest and most cordial co-operation of the Legislatures and people of our Sister Colonies, and the said Convention having been withdrawn with an emphatic recognition and declaration of the Territorial and Maritime Rights of the People of this Colony:

“ Resolved,—That Mr. Speaker do communicate the warmest thanks of this House to the Legislatures of the several Colonies, to whom we are so deeply indebted for their influential aid and sympathy.

“ Passed the House of Assembly, 13th April, 1858.

“ *John Stuart*,

“ Clerk of Assembly.”

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

By Mr. *Langevin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. Poulin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Isidore de Larsson*.

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—The Petition of *F. Papineau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Luc*; and the Petition of *Joseph Benoit* and others, of the Parish of *St. Luc*.

By Mr. *Cimon*,—The Petition of *Patrice Girard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Urbain*, County of *Charlevoix*; and the Petition of *R. Bouchard* and others, of *Petite Rivière St. François*.

By Mr. *Playfair*,—The Petition of *John Gib* and others, of *Bastard*, County of *Leeds*; and the Petition of *William Gill* and others, Bailiffs of the First Division Court of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*.

By Mr. *McMicken*,—The Petition of *N. Forsyth* and others, of the Townships of *Bertie* and *Willoughby*.

By Mr. *Thibaudeau*,—The Petition of the Reverend *William Dunn* and others.

By Mr. *Baby*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. Boucher* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jérôme de Matane*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Terrill*,—The Petition of the *Charleston Mechanics' Institute* and *Library Institute*; the Petition of the Trustees of the *Charleston Academy*; and the Petition of the *Stanstead Library Association and Mechanics' Institute*.

By Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the Board of Trade of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Whitney*,—The Petition of *Charles S. Rodier* and others, Merchants and Traders, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *LeBoutillier*,—Two Petitions of the Municipality of *Ste. Anne des Monts*, County of *Gaspé*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—The Petition of the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the Active Volunteer Militia Force of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the *Montreal Young Men's Christian Association*.

By Mr. *Coullée*,—The Petition of the Reverend *C. Dufour*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Zotique*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute of *St. Hyacinthe*; the Petition of the *Canadian Institute of St. Hyacinthe*; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. M. M. Balthazard* and others, of *St. Charles*.

By Mr. *Ross*,—The Petition of the Reverend *F. B. E. Moors* and others, of the Parish of *St. Frédéric de la Beauce*; and the Petition of *Charles Prévost* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ephrem de Tring*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Alley*,—The Petition of His Grace, the Archbishop of *Quebec*, and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Laberge*,—The Petition of *P. V. DeBoucherville* and others, of the Parish of *St. Athanase*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Solomon Mylne* and others, of the Township of *North Elmsley*; and the Petition of *John Williams*, senior, of the Township of *Thorold*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the *St. Johns* Library Association of the County of *St. Johns*; praying for aid.

Of *J. B. Moreau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean*, County of *St. Johns*; of *L. C. Clement* and others, of *Les Eboulemens*; of the Reverend *J. D. Desiel*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Notre Dame de la Victoire*; of the Reverend *P. G. Bedard*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Raymond*; of the Reverend *J. A. Mayrand* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Ursule*; and of the Reverend *T. Destroismaisons* and others; praying that the legal rate of interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of *J. B. Moreau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean*, County of *St. Johns*; praying for the abolition of Tithes.

Of *J. B. Moreau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean*, County of *St. Johns*; praying that the annual grant for Common Schools may be increased to £150,000.

Of *J. B. Moreau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean*, County of *St. Johns*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Law of *Lower Canada*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Ottawa*; praying that the annual grant for Schools in *Lower Canada* may be increased one hundred per cent.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Ottawa*; praying that increased facilities may be afforded for the settlement of the wild lands in the said County.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Ottawa*; praying for aid to erect Bridges over the Rivers *Nation*, *Trois Blanchés*, *Lelièvre* and *Gatineau*.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *Ste. Angélique*; praying for aid to erect a Draw Bridge over the *North Nation* River.

Of the Municipality of the Gore of *Toronto*; praying for the passing of an Act establishing the Road on the East side of the line of the said Gore.

Of the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Elgin*, in General Quarter Sessions assembled; praying that Jurors in *Upper Canada* may be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Hastings*; praying that Jurors be paid out of the Public Funds of the Province.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Hastings*; of the Town Council of the Town of *Belleville*; and of *G. Neilson* and others, of *Belleville*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the "*Marmorata and Belleville Railway Company*."

Of *Mathieu Fournier*, of the Parish of *Ste. Rosalie*, County of *Bagot*; and of *Marc Morin* and *P. G. H. Roy*, of the City of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying for arrears of Pension due them for services rendered during the last war with the *United States*.

Of the Governors of *McGill College*; praying for present relief and for a permanent endowment.

Of *Hylaïre Lalonde* and others, of the County of *Soulanges*; praying that the chief place may be fixed in the most central part of the County.

Of *Samuel Bécancour Hart*, of the City of *Three Rivers*, Seigneur of the Seigniory of *Bécancour*; praying that the prayer of the petition of *Joseph Metsalabalet* and others, *Abenakis Indians*, may not be granted.

Of the *Lochiel* Division, No. 115, Sons of Temperance; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the *Quebec* Board of Trade; praying that the Act 14th and 15th *Vic.*, cap. 25, to provide for defraying the expenses of the River Police at *Quebec*, and the Act 20 *Vic.*, cap. 124, further to provide for defraying the expenses of the River Police at *Quebec*, may be repealed.

Of the *Frelton* Flour Manufacturing Company; praying for power to hold real estate.

Of *A. Tremblay* and others, of the Parish of *St. Pierre* and *St. Paul*, dite *Baie St. Paul*, County of *Charlevoix*; praying that the Bill to amend the Act to amend the several Acts to remedy abuses prejudicial to agriculture, may not become law.

Of *W. F. McCulloch* and others, of the Village of *Stratford*; praying that if the said Village be incorporated as a Town, the limits thereof may remain as at present.

Of the Municipality of the Townships of *Ireland* and *Coleraine*, County of *Megantic*; praying that no portion of the Township of *Ireland* may be annexed to the Municipality of *South Halifax* for Municipal purposes.

Of the Reverend *J. F. Berubé*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Evariste de Forsyth*; of the Reverend *Clovis Roy* and others of the Parish of *St. Victor de Tring*; of the Reverend *J. Bonenfant*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Berthier*, County of *Montmagny*; and of the Reverend *E. E. Parant*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Chateau Richer*; representing that for some years past, and more especially at the last General Election of Members for the Legislative Assembly, numerous frauds and acts of violence have been committed, and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent a recurrence of the same.

Of the Trustees of the *Colborne* County Grammar School; praying that the Grammar Schools of *Upper Canada* may receive additional Legislative aid.

Of *William Humphries* and others, of the Township of *Percy*; praying for the passing of an Act to construct a Tram or Railroad from the *Marmorata* Iron Works to the Village of *Colborne*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Walsingham*; praying that no change may be made in the issuing of Licenses to Innkeepers, or the inspection thereof.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*; praying that the prayer of the petition of the President and Directors of the *Preston and Berlin* Railway Company may be granted.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Sherbrooke*; praying for certain amendments to the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Acts.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Sherbrooke*; praying that if power be

granted to *C. S. Clarke* to erect a dam across the River *St. Francis*, at *Brompton*, provision be made for any damage done to public or private property.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Sherbrooke*; praying for certain amendments to the Charter of the "Eastern Townships Bank."

Of *P. A. O'Neill* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; praying that a Commission may be appointed to inquire into the failure of Justice in the case of the murders of *Farrell* and *Sheedy*.

Of the Reverend *J. L. Beaubien, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Thomas*, and of the Township of *Montminy*; praying aid for a Road.

Of *William Hall*, Reeve of the Township of *Brant*, and others; and of *John Bruce*, Deputy Reeve of the Township of *Brant*, and others; praying for an extension of time to commence the North-West Railway.

Of *J. S. Sanborn* and others, of *Sherbrooke*; praying that the Capital Stock of the Eastern Townships Bank may be reduced.

Of the Literary Institute of *St. Roch* of *Quebec*; praying for aid.

Of *F. E. Juneau*, President, on behalf of the Library Association of Teachers, of the District of *Quebec*; praying for aid.

Of Messieurs *Thompson & Co.* and others; of *P. C. Allan* and others; of *James C. Ansley* and others; of *William Warwick* and others; of *Henry Allan* and others; of *D. Honnell* and others; of *Thomas W. Robinson* and others; of Messieurs *R. & H. O'Hara* and others; of Messieurs *R. & W. Reid* and others; of *John McMullen* and others; and of Messieurs *Holt & Angell*, and others, all Booksellers of *Canada*; praying that an inquiry may be made into the operations of the Educational Depository in all its branches.

Of *L. B. Crocker*, Mayor, on behalf of the City of *Oswego, United States of America*; praying that the *Welland Canal* may be enlarged.

Of *Walter O'Hara*, late Assistant Adjutant General of *Upper Canada*, complaining of certain grievances, and praying that a Committee may be appointed to inquire into the same.

Of *Cyrus S. Clark*, of the Township of *Brompton*, Lumber Merchant; representing that he has erected certain Saw Mills, Dams, and Booms, on the River *St. Francis*, and praying for an Act to secure to him the public right of using the said River for a distance of three miles above the site of his said Mills.

Mr. *Jobin*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House, the Sixth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee recommend that a conference be held with the Honorable the Legislative Council, relating to the Printing of the Journals and Sessional Documents, with a view to the reduction of the expenses connected therewith.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Report.

Resolved, That a conference be desired with the Legislative Council, relating to the Printing of the Journals and Sessional Documents, with a view to the reduction of the expenses connected therewith; and that Mr. *Jobin*, the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*, Mr. *Campbell*, Mr. *Benjamin*, Mr. *Laberge*, and Mr. *Simpson*, do conduct the said conference.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jobin* do go to the Legislative Council, and desire the said conference.

On motion of Mr. *Mowat*, seconded by Mr. *Donald A. Macdonald*,

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to secure to married women, certain separate Rights of Property," be now read for the first time.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Bellingham* have leave to bring in a Bill, to protect Mortgages in *Lower Canada*.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bellingham* have leave to bring in a Bill, to render the Salaries of all Public Officers liable to seizure by Judgment Creditors.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bellingham* have leave to bring in a Bill, to amend the Municipal Law of *Lower Canada*, by restricting taxation in Counties upon Real Estate, to five per cent on the value in any one year.

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 Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. *Langevin*, seconded by Mr. *Campbell*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House; 1st. A copy of all correspondence between the Government and Companies or individuals, relative to the cutting of timber and permits to occupy timber limits within the *Saguenay Territory*; 2nd. A copy of the Regulations under which licenses have been granted to cut timber within that Territory; 3rd. A Copy of the correspondence between the Government and Mr. *Duberger*, Crown Timber Agent, and of his Reports relative to the cutting of Timber within that Territory; 4th. A statement of the number of licenses granted by that Agent, to cut Timber within that Territory, shewing the dates of such licenses, to whom they were granted, their duration, and the dates of their renewal, the amount of ground rents payable under each of such licenses, the extent of such limit, and the quantity of timber cut on each of them in each year; 5th. A Statement of the Revenue annually received by Government from the granting of such timber licenses within that Territory, shewing the sums paid and the amounts still due and since what period, on such licenses; 6th. A detailed Statement of the quantities and description of timber exported from that Territory.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Macbeth* have leave to bring a Bill to amend the Division Court Acts of *Upper Canada*.

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 Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Dubord*, seconded by Mr. *Panet*,

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of a certain proposed Resolution relating to the South *Quebec Warehouse Company*.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Jobin* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Langevin*, seconded by Mr. *Panet*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Copy of all correspondence between the Provincial Government and the Imperial Government, or the *British* Ambassador at *Washington*, on the subject of securing to ships and other vessels built in *Canada* the same privileges on becoming the property of *American* citizens, which are granted to *American* built ships when they become the property of *British* subjects.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Charles Sangster*, of the City of *Kingston*, be referred to the Select Committee on the Library of Parliament.

The Order of the House being read, for the attendance at the Bar of the Witnesses to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on the Poll Books of the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*.

And the House being informed that Mr. *David Noël* was in attendance, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth :—

[Witness obtained leave from the House to add the following to his answer to Question 279, put to him on the 26th April.]

Except on the second day of the voting, when the news came that Mr. *O'Farrell's* partizans were doing violence to those of Mr. *Noël*, and preventing them from approaching the poll. This news caused a certain amount of excitement. Nothing happened, in my opinion, to endanger any person.

By Mr. *O'Farrell*.

280.—Who represented Mr. *O'Farrell* at the poll of *Lotbinière*; how and when did he cease to represent Mr. *O'Farrell*?—It was a person named *Ovide Frenette* who represented him until about ten o'clock on the second day of voting. When the news came about the proceedings in the Parishes in the south of the County, he said he would not become a party to injustice. He told me he was going to leave the poll, and went away about five minutes afterwards.

281.—In whose handwriting is the entry on the Poll Book of *Lotbinière* in reference to the departure of Mr. *O'Farrell's* representative from the poll, and why was the precaution taken of making entry that Mr. *Frenette* had voluntarily left the poll?—To the best of my knowledge it is the writing of the Deputy Returning Officer, *M. de la Chevrotière*. Mr. *Frenette* told me that he would quit the poll of his own free will if it was admitted that Mr. *O'Farrell's* partizans were committing acts of violence on those of Mr. *Noël*.

282.—Did not Mr. *J. O. Frenette* appeal to the Deputy Returning Officer for protection from violence during the two days voting; if so, state under what circumstances and how often; from the violence of whom?—He may have done so during my momentary absence when the news came about the violence which was being committed in the South of the county, but not to my knowledge; I was absent only for a few moments, and that between ten o'clock and noon of the second day.

283.—Is it not true that, on the evening of the first day's voting, Mr. *J. O. Frenette*, Mr. *O'Farrell's* representative, was besmeared with ink, and otherwise ill-treated by the supporters of Mr. *Noël*?—Not to my knowledge.

284.—Do you know *Jérôme Daigle* and *Louis Blais*, of *Lotbinière*; if so, did you see them at the *Lotbinière* Poll, or voting at the last Election, and state on what day you so saw them?—I know them; I did not see them at the *Lotbinière* Poll.

The Witness was then directed to withdraw.

The House being informed that *O. C. de la Chevrotière*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *Lotbinière* at the said Election, was in attendance, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth :—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

285.—What is your name? Were you not Deputy Returning Officer at *Lotbinière*, during the late *Lotbinière* Election?—My name is *Octave Chavigny de La Chevrotière*; I was Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish at the late Election.

286.—How did things go on; were there any acts of fraud or violence committed;—if so, state by whom?—The only act of violence which was committed during the two days of voting, was with reference to an elector who came to vote for Mr. *O'Farrell*, on the second day; I was not able to see exactly what happened, the crowd was so great; but it would seem that after this person had given his vote for Mr. *O'Farrell*, the partizans of Mr. *Noël* surrounded him and pressed against him while proceeding to the door; I strongly condemned this conduct, and nothing of the kind occurred again; I cannot state whether there was fraud or not; what I can state is that, when I discovered fraud, I prevented it; if any occurred, I am not aware of it, and I took no part in it.

By Mr. *O'Farrell*.

287.—Do you affirm that at the late Election there were no bad votes registered, in favor of Mr. *Noël*, at *Lotbinière*?—I affirm that I am not morally certain that there was one bad vote registered. After Mr. *O'Farrell's* representative had left the Poll on the second day, several young persons came up to vote; I refused nearly all of them, though they stated that they were old enough to vote; those who seemed to me to be about twenty-one years of age, were the only persons whom I thought I could not refuse, particularly as they stated that they were of age, and gave me the other necessary qualifications. If bad votes were registered, they must have slipped in on the part of the last mentioned voters.

288.—Did not Mr. *J. O. Frenette*, Mr. *O'Farrell's* representative, appeal to you for protection from violence during the two days' voting at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*? If so, state under what circumstances, how often, and from whose violence that appeal for protection was made?—Before the opening of the Poll on the second day, Mr. *J. O. Frenette* claimed my protection in consequence, he said, of their having blackened his face after the close of the Poll on the first day. I promised him my protection, and told him that I would do all in my power to prevent anything more being done to him. I have no knowledge that anything besides was done to him. I was told that his face had been blackened with lamp-black. He had no marks of violence on his face. Mr. *Frenette* may have claimed my protection on other occasions, but I do not recollect that he did.

289.—Did not Mr. *J. O. Frenette* complain to you that Dr. *Grenier* was exciting the persons present to acts of violence against him, Mr. *Frenette*; if so, state fully everything that occurred about the time of that complaint being made to you?—I remember that there was rather a warm discussion between Dr. *Grenier* and Mr. *Frenette*, on the second day the latter told me that he had heard him tell the people in a low voice to put him out. There was a dispute on this subject which lasted several minutes, but when Dr. *Grenier* declared that he had not said so Mr. *Frenette* declared that he had misunderstood him, and the dispute ended.

290.—Did you hear any one, and state whom, utter threats against the partizans of Mr. *O'Farrell*, at *Lotbinière*, during the last Election; if so, declare who uttered them, and what took place?—Remarks more or less out of place were made against the partizans of Mr. *O'Farrell* during the two days of the voting by partizans of Mr. *Noël*; I did not consider them as threats intended to be put in execution.

291.—Were you not in favor of a resident Candidate at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*?—With few exceptions but one opinion prevailed in the Parish of *Lotbinière* respecting Mr. *O'Farrell*, and I was one of the majority. The Witness was then directed to withdraw.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*,

Ordered, That *David Noël* and *O. C. de la Chevrotière* be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill, to remove doubts as to the rights of parties who have settled on lands in *Lower Canada*, without knowing the proprietors thereof, to the improvements they have made thereon, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Hébert*, Mr. *Laberge*, Mr. *Dunkin*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *Dufresne*, and Mr. *Galt*, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Terrill*, Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*, Mr. *Galt*, Mr. *William Scott*, and Mr. *Pope*, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill, for the protection of Students-at-Law who served during the late war in the *Crimea*, or who have served, or may hereafter serve, in the war now pending in the *East Indies*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Langevin*, Mr. *Campbell*, the Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, Mr. *Turcotte*, and Mr. *Dunkin*, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act to provide for the formation of Joint Stock Companies for manufacturing, mining, mechanical, or chemical purposes, being read;

Mr. *Langevin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turcotte*, and the question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Langevin*, Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*, Mr. *Dorion*, Mr. *Turcotte*, and Mr. *Mowat*, to report thereon with all convenient speed, and with power to send for persons, papers and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to remove all doubts relative to the manner of constructing gates on lands intersected by Railways, and to facilitate the communication therewith to parties concerned, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the improvement of Water Courses in *Upper Canada*, being read;

Mr. *Benjamin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Roblin*, and the question being proposed, that the Bill be now read a second time.

The Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald* moved in amendment to the question, seconded by Mr. *Sherwood*, that the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof.

And the question being put on the amendment, the House divided, and it passed in the Negative.

Then the main question being put.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Benjamin*, Mr. *Mowat*, Mr. *Connor*, Mr. *McCann*, Mr. *Howland*, Mr. *Aikins*, Mr. *Tett*, Mr. *Dunkin*, and Mr. *Turcotte*, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Division Court Acts of *Upper Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Benjamin*, the Honorable *Sidney Smith*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Simpson*, Mr. *Macbeth*, Mr. *Roblin*, and Mr. *Sherwood*, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to legalize certain proceedings of the Agricultural Societies of *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Bureau*, Mr. *Campbell*, the Honorable Mr. *Terrill*, Mr. *Archambeault*, and Mr. *Bourassa*, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Ordinance to prescribe and regulate the registering of titles to lands, tenements, and hereditaments, real or immovable estates, and of charges and incumbrances on the same, and for the alteration and improvement of the law in certain particulars in relation to the alienation and hypothecation of real estates, and the rights and interest acquired therein, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Cimon*, Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*, Mr. *Price*, Mr. *Chapais*, and Mr. *Langevin*, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to change the tenure of the Indian lands in the Township of *Dundee*, in the County of *Huntingdon*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Somerville*, Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*, the Honorable Mr. *Terrill*, Mr. *Gill*, and Mr. *Dawson*, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Society of Joiners and Carpenters of *Montreal*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Select Committee appointed to consider what amendments it may be necessary to make in the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the laws relating to admission to the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Langevin*, Mr. *Lacoste*, Mr. *Papineau*, Mr. *Archambeault* and Mr. *Dunkin*, to report thereon, with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records:

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill further to amend the Joint Stock Road Companies Act of *Upper Canada*, being read ;

Mr. *Benjamin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Roblin*, and the Question being proposed,

That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. *Mowat* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Gould*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof.

And the Question being put on the amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Pouell, William F.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Coullée,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Darust,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Raynal,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Dartland,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simpson.</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sturton,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Tussé,</i>
<i>Cuzley,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>67. Turcolte.</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>12. Whitney.</i>

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Then, the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

Mr. *Dufresne* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chapais*, and the Question being put, That the House do now adjourn.

The House divided, and it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill providing for the separation of Cities in *Upper Canada* from Counties, for judicial purposes, being read ;

Mr. *Aikins* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

On motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Mowat*,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Question be postponed for one week, to enable the City Corporations affected by the said Bill, to consider its provisions.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the South *Quebec* Warehouse Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* Tradesmen's Colonization Society, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorise the Community of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of *Montreal*, called *Sœurs Grises*, to sell or alienate their fiefs and Seigniories, and other property therein mentioned, being read ;

Mr. *Dorion* moved, seconded by Mr. *Laframboise*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. *Gould* moved, seconded by Mr. *Aikins*, and the Question being put, That the House do now adjourn.

The House divided, and it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Notman*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day three months" added at the end thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, The House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins</i> ,	<i>Christie</i> ,	<i>Mackenzie</i> ,	<i>Notman</i> ,
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Dorland</i> ,	<i>Mowat</i> ,	<i>Short</i> ,
<i>Burwell</i> ,	<i>Gould</i> ,	<i>Munro</i> ,	12. <i>Stirton</i> .

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn</i> ,	<i>Cook</i> ,	<i>Laberge</i> ,	<i>Price</i> ,
<i>Archambeault</i> ,	<i>Coutlée</i> ,	<i>Lacoste</i> ,	<i>Robinson</i> ,
<i>Baby</i> ,	<i>Dawson</i> ,	<i>Laframboise</i> ,	<i>Roblin</i> ,
<i>Beaubien</i> ,	<i>Desaulniers</i> ,	<i>Langevin</i> ,	<i>Rose</i> , Sol. Gen.
<i>Bureau</i> ,	<i>Dorion</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Ross</i> ,
<i>Cameron</i> , John	<i>Dufresne</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> , John S.	<i>Rymal</i> ,
<i>Campbell</i> ,	<i>Dunkin</i> ,	<i>McCann</i> ,	<i>Scott</i> , William
<i>Caron</i> ,	<i>Ferres</i> ,	<i>McKellar</i> ,	<i>Sherwood</i> ,
<i>Cayley</i> ,	<i>Fortier</i> ,	<i>Morin</i> ,	<i>Sicotte</i> ,
<i>Cartier</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Gaudet</i> ,	<i>O'Farrell</i> ,	<i>Simard</i> ,
<i>Chapais</i> ,	<i>Gauvreau</i> ,	<i>Ouimet</i> ,	<i>Sincennes</i> ,

Cimon,
Clark,
Connor,

Gill,
Hébert,
Labelle,

Papineau,
Patrick,
Piché,

Tassé,
Thibaudeau,
56. Turcotte.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put,

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, 29th April, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table :—

By Mr. *Panet*,—The Petition of the Municipality of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, County of *Quebec*, and two Petitions of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Ambroise*, County of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *McCann*,—The Petition of the Trustees of the Grammar School of *Vankleek Hill*, County of *Prescott*.

By Mr. *Thibaudeau*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. McNulty* and others, of *Newmarket* and vicinity, County of *York*.

By Mr. *Allan*,—The Petition of *B. Campbell* and others, of the Village of *Elora*, County of *Wellington*; the Petition of *John Cummings* and others, of the Village of *Fergus*, North Riding of the County of *Wellington*; and the Petition of *Michael Cox*, Reeve of the Township of *Arthur*, and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Harwood*,—The Petition of *F. B. Ricard* and others, of *Isle Perrot*.

By Mr. *Dionne*,—The Petition of the Reverend *E. V. Dion* and others, of *St. Modeste*, County of *Temiscouata*; two Petitions of the Reverend *Joseph E. Michaud*, *Curé*, and others, of *Notre Dame du Portage*, County of *Temiscouata*; and two Petitions of the Reverend *N. Beaubien*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Patrice de la Rivière du Loup*.

By Mr. *Roblin*,—The Petition of the *Lennox* Division, Number 2, Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Hogan*,—The Petition of *Paul Dunn* and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts for the County of *Grey*.

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *R. H. Smith* and others, of the Village of *Newmarket*; and the Petition of the *Sharon* Division, Number 222, Sons of Temperance.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,—The Petition of *F. Lupier* and others, of the Village of *Varennes*, County of *Verchères*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read :—

Of *A. E. Bruneau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Blanford*; praying that the Village of *Princeville* may be made the chief place of the Judicial District of *Arthabaska*.

Of *David Foote*, Reeve of the Village of *Elora*, and others; of *John Smith*, Reeve, of the Township of *Pilkington*, and others; of *Archibald Harrison*, Reeve, of the Township of *Minto*, and others; and of *Donald Currie*, Reeve of

the Township of *Saugeen*, and others; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the *Canada North-West Railway*.

Of *Peter Cunningham* and others, of the Township of *Peel*; praying that the Loyal Orange Association of *British North America* may be incorporated.

Of *Augustin Morin* and others, of the Townships of *Kildare* and *Cathcart*; praying for aid to erect a Bridge across the River *L'Assomption*.

Of *Raphael Bourassa* and others, of *St. Barnabé*, County of *St. Maurice*; of *B. Doucet* and others, of *Three Rivers*; of *B. F. Clough* and others; of *J. B. Prévost* and others, of *Ste. Geneviève de Bastican*; of the Reverend *N. F. Hébert*, Curé, and others, of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*; of the Reverend *L. Parant*, Curé, and others, of *St. Jean Port Joli*; and of *E. Beaubien* and others, of *Nicolet*; praying the legal rate of interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of the *Niagara District Bank*; praying for certain amendments to their Acts of Incorporation.

Of *N. Trudeau* and others, of the Township of *Roxton*; praying that the said Township of *Roxton* may be annexed to the District of *St. Hyacinthe* for judicial purposes.

Of the Trustees of the *Lincoln County Grammar School*; praying that the Grammar Schools of *Upper Canada* may receive additional Legislative aid.

Of the Trustees of *St. Francis College*; praying for aid.

Of *Philip Lyster* and others, of the Township of *Durham*, County of *Drummond*; praying for aid to open out a Road in the said Township.

Of the Reverend *R. O. Bruneau*, Curé, and others, of *Verchères*; praying aid for a female academy in the Parish of *St. François Xavier de Verchères*.

Of *W. H. Webb* and others, of *Magog*; praying aid for a Library Association.

Of the *St. Andrew's Library Association* and *Mechanics' Institute*; praying for aid.

Of *Robert Simpson* and others, of the Village of *St. Andrews*, County of *Argenteuil*; praying aid to improve the navigation of the North River.

Of the *Mechanics' Institute* of *Chatham*; praying for aid.

Of the *Natural History Society* of *Montreal*; praying for aid.

Of *Enoch Baker* and others, of the Township of *Shepton*; and of *W. Fairwell* and others, of the Township of *Warwick*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Acts of *Lower Canada*.

Of the Provisional Directors of the *International Bridge Company*; praying for certain amendments to the Charter of the said Company.

Of *J. P. Dupuis* and others, of the Parish of *St. Roch des Aulnets*; representing that for some time past, and more especially at the last general election of Members for the Legislative Assembly, numerous frauds and acts of violence have been committed, and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent a recurrence of the same; and also that the legal rate of interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of the Board of Trade of *Toronto*; praying that the legal rate of interest may be fixed at seven per cent. per annum.

Of *R. French* and others, of the Township of *Durham*, County of *Drummond*; representing that they entertain doubts as to the validity of the authority exercised by *C. S. Phillips* as Agent for the sale of certain lands in the said Township, belonging to a Mr. *Scott*, an absentee, and praying for an inquiry into the same, with a view of giving security to their transactions with the said Agent.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Wentworth*; praying that Jurors in *Upper Canada* may be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Of *Robert Simpson* and others, of the County of *Argenteuil*; praying for the passing of an Act providing for the enregistration of Voters, and for securing freedom and purity of Election.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Howick*, County of *Huron*; praying that the said Township may remain attached to the County of *Huron*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Carrick*, County of *Bruce*; praying that the Township of *Carrick* may remain attached to the County of *Bruce*.

Of the Municipality of the Village of *Bradford*; praying that the *Ontario, Simcoe and Huron* Railway Company may be placed upon the same footing as the Grand Trunk Railroad, in so far as relates to the Government lien.

Of the Joint Board of Grammar and Common School Trustees of the *Smith's Falls* County Grammar School; praying that the annual Legislative aid may be increased.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*; praying that no change may be made in the Territorial Division of the said Counties.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *Bécancoeur*; praying aid for a Bridge.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Camden*; praying that no change may be made in the said Municipality.

Of *Robert Fleming Gowrley*; representing that during a prolonged absence from the Province, several squatters took possession of certain lots of his property; of which they now refuse to acknowledge him as the owner, and praying an investigation into the matter, with the view of granting relief in the premises.

Of *Robert Wright* and others, of the Parish of *St. George de Henryville*; praying that measures may be adopted to deepen the channel in the rapids at *St. John River, Richelieu*.

Of *Stanislas Desrosier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Charles Borromée* and other places; praying for the passing of an Act to define the limits of the Seignior of *Lavaltrie*.

Mr. Jobin, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the seventh report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee beg leave to recommend that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to issue his Warrant in favor of the Clerk of this House, for the further sum of forty thousand dollars, towards defraying the Contingent Expenses of this House.

Resolved, That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to issue his Warrant in favor of *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, the Clerk of this House, for the further sum of forty thousand dollars, towards defraying the Contingent Expenses of this House, and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the same.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General; by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Mr. Benjamin, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the several documents referred to in the following motions for Printing, viz:—

By the Honorable *Mr. Loranger*,—Report of *Pierre Fortin*, Esquire, Stipendiary Magistrate, in command of the party on board the Schooner "*La Canadienne*," during the summer of 1857.

By the Honorable *Mr. Sidney Smith*,—Report of the Postmaster General, for the year 1857. Your Committee recommend that 600 English and 400 French of the first, and 1175 English and 625 French of the second, of the above documents be printed.

By Mr. *Brown*,—Return to an Address for statement in detail, of the manner in which the annual stipends and allowances to the Churches of *England*, *Rome*, and *Scotland*, and certain other religious denominations, out of the Clergy Reserve Fund, have been invested or appropriated. Your Committee recommend that this Return be printed.

By the Honorable Mr. *Loranger*,—Report of the Provincial Geologist, for the year 1857. Your Committee recommend that 1500 in English and 1000 in French be printed, and that 250 of each language be given to Sir *William Logan*, the Provincial Geologist, for distribution as he may deem expedient.

By the Honorable Mr. *Loranger*,—Return to an Address for copies of papers, relative to the removal of the *Montreal* Registry Office to the Court House.

Your Committee recommend that 200 copies, French, and 100 copies, English, only, be printed of this document.

By the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*,—That 250 extra copies of the Report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, for 1857, be printed. Your Committee recommend that this motion do pass, and that the said 250 copies be placed at the disposal of the Honorable Commissioner of Crown Lands, for the use of that department.

By the Honorable Mr. *Harwood*,—Petition of *John McCuaig* and others, of the Seigniorship of *Nouvelle Longueuil*; praying that measures may be adopted to define the division line between *Upper* and *Lower Canada*. Your Committee recommend that this Petition be not printed.

Mr. *Benjamin* 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 County of *Essex*, 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:—*David Roblin*, Esquire; *William McDonnell Dawson*, Esquire; *Joseph Elie Thibardeau*, Esquire; *John Simpson*, Esquire; Chairman, the Honorable *François Lemieux*.

Mr. *Benjamin* 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 County of *Norfolk*, 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:—*Henry Munro*, Esquire; *Marcus Talbot*, Esquire; *Lewis Wallbridge*, Esquire; *Hannibal H. Whitney*, Esquire; Chairman, *Gédéon Ouimet*, Esquire.

Mr. *Benjamin* 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 *Wellington*, 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:—*William Hoste Webb*, Esquire; *John White*, Esquire; *Thomas Short*, Esquire; *David E. Price*, Esquire; Chairman, *Dunbar Ross*, Esquire.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Municipal Return for the County of *Ontario*, pursuant to Act 18 *Vic.*, cap. 163, sec. 2.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 14.)

Ordered, That the report of *Pierre Fortin*, Esquire, Stipendiary Magistrate in command of the party on board the schooner "*La Canadienne*," during the summer of 1857; the Report of the Postmaster General, for the year 1857; the Return to an Address for a statement in detail, of the manner in which the annual stipends and allowances to the Churches of *England*, *Rome*, and *Scotland*, and certain other religious denominations, out of the Clergy Reserve Fund, have been invested or appropriated; the Report of the Provincial Geologist for the year 1857; and the Return to an Address for copies of papers relative to the removal of the *Montreal* Registry Office to the Court House, be printed for the use of the Members of this House; and also, that 250 extra copies of the report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, for 1857, be printed for the use of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 19th instant, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, Copies of all letters, memorials, or other documents addressed to the Provincial Government, or any member thereof, in anticipation of the issuing of the recent Commission of the Peace for the County of *Wellington*, and referring thereto.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 34.)

Return to an address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, of the 19th instant, for copy of the Report of the exploration and tract laid out for the proposed road from *Buckland* to the *Kempt* road.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 36.)

Return to an address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 19th instant, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, Copies of all the correspondence which has taken place between the Government and any party or parties, in anticipation of, and relative to, the Commission of the Peace recently issued for the County of *Norfolk*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 34.)

Return to an address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 15th ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, a Return from the several Municipalities of this Province, of the number of places licensed for the sale of malt and spirituous liquors, for the year 1857, and the amount of Revenue derived from the same; and also the quantity of malt and spirituous liquors imported into the Province, with the amount of duties paid thereon for the same year.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 35.)

On motion of Mr. *Morat*, seconded by Mr. *Gauvreau*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Perth* Election Petition have leave to adjourn till Tuesday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The Order of the House being read, for the attendance at the Bar of the witnesses to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on the Poll-books of the last election for the County of *Lotbinière*.

The Serjeant-at-Arms reported to the House that *James Read*, of *Québec*, Esquire, *Moïse Couture*, and *Magloire Parent*, attended at the door.

Magloire Parent was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *O'Farrell*.

292.—What is your name, age, place of residence, and Profession?—*Magloire Parent*. My age is 46 years. I live at *Ste. Croix*, and I am a merchant.

293.—Do you know *R. S. Noël*, Esquire, Registrar for the County of *Lotbinière*? If so, what is his character for veracity?—I know Mr. *Noël* of *Ste. Croix*, Registrar of the County of *Lotbinière*. He is in the habit of not always speaking the truth. I would believe Mr. *Noël* under oath.

294.—If he were called to give evidence, without being bound by the obligation of an oath, would you believe his testimony?—That would be according to circumstances. In a matter of importance in which he would have no interest, I would believe him.

295.—Would you believe the evidence given by him, not being under oath, in the matter of the contested election for the County of *Lotbinière*?—In the evidence which he has given, he has not stated all the truth.

296.—Have you any knowledge and what knowledge of Mr. *Remi S. Noël*, having been aware, when he appointed the Deputy Returning Officers, that his brother Mr. *Léon Noël* was a candidate for the County of *Lotbinière* at the last Election?—About two months before the dissolution of the last Parliament, Mr. *R. S. Noël* told me that the Irish of *Ste. Agathe* had requested his brother to present himself at the next Election, that is to say, at the last Election. He told me that his brother would come forward, or that he had decided to come forward; I am not quite sure as to the expression of which he made use.

297.—Were the Deputy Returning Officers appointed for the County at that time? What is the Christian name of the brother of whom he so spoke?—They were not appointed at the time. His brother was Mr. *Léon Noël*.

298.—Did you see Mr. *R. S. Noël* on the first day of January last? If so, say where, when, and in what state you saw him?—In the afternoon of the 1st of January, between half-past three and three o'clock he was under the influence of liquor; this was at the door of his house.

299.—Can you state, from the position of your house, and from the communication you have had with Mr. *O'Farrell*, if Mr. *O'Farrell* went more than once to the house of Mr. *R. S. Noël* on the 1st January last, who accompanied him, and the purpose that took him there?—I am not certain whether he went more than once. He went once, to my knowledge particularly, with Mr. *Télesphore Méthot*; it was to ask him to swear in special constables for the following day.

300.—Did Mr. *O'Farrell* ever promise you the office of Registrar for the County of *Lotbinière*, and did he ever give you reason to understand that you would have it?—He never promised me the office, and never gave me to understand that I would have it.

301.—Were you ever present at any conversation between *George Côté* and Mr. *O'Farrell* in relation to the Poll Book of *St. Sylvestre*; if so, state when and where it occurred, who were present, and what was said?—During the inquiry which took place before Judge *Meredith*, in *Ste. Croix*; I cannot say the date. I think it was in Mr. *Thibaudeau's* house. Mr. *O'Farrell* said to Mr. *Côté*, "They say you are going to swear that you were forced to swear to (or sign, I am not certain) the *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book." Mr. *Côté* answered that he could not do so, because he had never been forced to do so. Mr. *Moïse Couture*, Notary, Mr. *Narcisse Thibaudeau*, Mr. *T. François Boisvert*, Mr. *François Tailleur*, and several others whom I do not remember, were present.

302.—Are you intimately acquainted with the County of *Lotbinière*, and the state of parties at the last election for that County? If so, can you state which of the two candidates had the majority of legal votes?—I am well acquainted with the County of *Lotbinière*. From the knowledge I have of it, I should say that Mr. *O'Farrell* had the majority of legal votes.

303.—Have you any knowledge of the necessity which existed for the presence of special constables at *Ste. Croix* during the last Election, and how or by whom was Mr. *O'Farrell* called upon to act as such?—On the 1st of January, about half-past six or seven o'clock, a man named *Antoine Gosselin*, of the Parish of *Ste. Croix*, came looking for Mr. *O'Farrell*, at his boarding-house at *Ste. Croix*. I was present. He told him to take care; that people from *St. Antoine* were coming on the morrow, which was the proclamation day, and that they intended to make away with him.

304.—Is it not true that the special constables armed with firearms were so armed with the full consent of the Returning Officer, *R. S. Noël*? Did *R. S. Noël* attempt to prevent them from going to the Poll with firearms?—I was not present when he gave his consent. I do not know whether it was with his consent that they were so armed. He did not try to prevent them going to the Poll with firearms.

305.—With what were the majority of those constables armed?—There were 55 special constables, and they had 22 guns, there were also 4 pistols; some of them had sticks, others nothing at all.

306.—Is it not true that a considerable number of the *St. Antoine* men actually came to *Ste. Croix*, and stopped at the house of *R. S. Noël*? If you have any personal knowledge of what their intentions were, state the same fully?—I heard it said that they came to the house of Mr. *Noël* the Returning Officer, but I saw nothing of it myself.

307.—Do you know whether or not the Deputy Returning Officers at the last Election for *Lotbinière* were opposed to Mr. *O'Farrell* as a candidate?—I cannot say whether they were all opposed to Mr. *O'Farrell* as a candidate, but they were all in favor of Mr. *Noël*.

308.—Were you at the proclamation, if so, did you hear what passed, and did you hear Mr. *O'Farrell* tell Mr. *Noël* to strike off 1,000 votes?—I was at the proclamation; that might have been said, but I have no knowledge of the fact. A good deal might have been said that I did not hear.

309.—Were you present when *George Côté* received his Poll-book from the hands of *James McCullough* at *Ste. Croix*, to bring it to the Returning Officer, if so, state whether *George Côté* made any statement in reference to the then condition of the Poll-book, and what was such statement?—I was present on the evening of the 1st January when *James McCullough* placed the *St. Sylvestre* Poll in the hands of Mr. *George Côté*, but I cannot recollect what conversation passed between them. I know that *George Côté* and *McCullough* started to take the Poll-book to Mr. *Noël*, but I did not go with them.

310.—In what state was *R. S. Noël* during the thirty-first day of December last and the first day of January last? and when did Mr. *O'Farrell* arrive at *Ste. Croix* after the Election and before the Proclamation?—I saw Mr. *Noël* on the 31st December. I did not perceive that he was drunk. On the first day of January, as I have already stated, about three or half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, I saw him drunk. Mr. *O'Farrell* arrived at *Ste. Croix* between nine and half-past nine in the evening of the 31st December.

311.—Did the special constables, after the Proclamation, discharge any firearms on the road?—Not on the road, but on the land of Mr. *Thibaudeau*.

312.—Is your opinion as to Mr. *R. S. Noël's* credibility when not under oath shared by any other, and state what persons, together with their residences and occupations?—*James Thurber* and *Télesphore Méthot* told me that they would only believe him upon oath. Mr. *Narcisse Thibaudeau* told me the same thing.

By Mr. *Dufresne*.

313.—Do you feel that you are as strictly bound to tell the truth at the Bar of the House, as though you were under oath?—Quite so.

314.—Is it not true that you have been dismissed from the office of Secretary-treasurer for the Municipality of *Ste. Croix*, and state why you were so dismissed?—It is not true that I was dismissed. I refused the office, my occupations being too numerous; that is why I did not wish to retain it.

315.—When you met Mr. *O'Farrell* on your arrival in *Toronto*, did the latter speak to you of the questions he was about to put to you in the House? Did you not communicate to him the answers you would make to his questions?—When I arrived here about two or half-past two on this afternoon, Mr. *O'Farrell* asked me if I was present at Mr. *Thibaudeau's* house on the evening of 1st January last when Mr. *McCullough* brought the Poll-book for Mr. *George Côté*. He also asked me if I had seen Mr. *Noël* on the last day of December and the two subsequent days, and in what state he then was. I answered what I just recently answered, that I could not speak as to what I had not seen.

316.—Have you received any money at any time from Mr. *John O'Farrell*, or from any other person, for working for him in his election, either before, during, or after the election, if so, what was the amount?—I have received nothing from Mr. *O'Farrell* nor from others, except five pounds for the service of *subpœnas* as a bailiff, in the matter of his contestation in the month of March last.

317.—What consideration or equivalent did you receive for working in the interests of Mr. *O'Farrell*? Were you not one of his partizans during the election?—I never received anything for working for him. I was a partizan of his.

By the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*.

318.—Is it not true that when the Election for the County of *Lotbinière* was mooted, there was a meeting of delegates from the County, and state how many days before the nomination this meeting took place, when and where? State whether it is not true that at that meeting it was resolved to offer the nomination for the County to Mr. *Dionne*, of *St. Giles*; whether in fact it was not offered to him; and say also, if it is not true that it was only after the refusal of Mr. *Dionne* to be the candidate, that Mr. *Noël* decided to come forward; state also if you know how many days after such refusal he announced himself as a candidate?—There was, as well as I can remember, a meeting of delegates at *Ste. Croix* about eight days before the nomination. I was told that the candidatures had been offered to Mr. *Dionne*. Mr. *Noël* only became a candidate after Mr. *Dionne's* refusal. I do not know how long after.

319.—Is it not true that during the investigation which took place at *Ste. Croix* before Judge *Meredith* in relation to the *Lotbinière* Election, there were several persons from *St. Sylvestre* who remained at *Ste. Croix* during the whole period of the inquiry, and state how many of such persons there were?—Several persons came from *St. Sylvestre*, *St. Giles*, and *Ste. Agathe*, whom I myself had summoned as witnesses. There were some who remained until the end. I saw two or three of them who remained until the last or second last day but one.

320.—Is it not true that it was Mr. *O'Farrell* who opened the valise or portmanteau which contained the Poll-book, when it was given to Mr. *Côté* at *Ste. Croix*, and that it was he who had the key of the said valise or portmanteau?—I know nothing about it. Mr. *McCullough* went out of a private room in Mr. *Thibaudeau's* house with the *St. Sylvestre* Poll-book.

321.—Is it not true that when *George Côté* made the admissions referred to in your previous answers, the witnesses from *St. Sylvestre* and *Ste. Agathe*, as summoned by you, had not yet been summoned, and that such witnesses did not arrive until after *George Côté* had gone home?—The witnesses had not been summoned when Mr. *George Côté* made the admission I spoke of in a former answer. The witness was then directed to withdraw.

On motion of Mr. *Bureau*, seconded by Mr. *Panet*,

Ordered, That *Magloire Parent* be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

Moïse Couture was called in, and at the Bar was examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *O'Farrell*.

322.—State your name; age; residence and profession?—*Moïse Couture*; forty years of age; Notary of *Ste. Croix*.

323.—Do you know *R. S. Noël*, of *Ste. Croix*? If so, state whether you would believe his testimony when not under oath?—I know Mr. *Noël*. I would believe him under oath, but in familiar conversation he is in the habit of telling lies.

324.—Were you present during any conversation between *George Côté* and Mr. *O'Farrell* at the inquiry before the Judge at *Ste. Croix*? If so, state who else was present, and what passed?—During the inquiry at *Ste. Croix*, Mr. *George Côté* admitted in my presence that he had not been forced to sign his Poll-book at *St. Sylvestre*. Mr. and Madame *Thébaudeau*, Mr. *François Boisvert*, *François Tailleur*, Mr. *Magloire Parent*, and some others, whose names I do not remember, were present.

325.—On the occasion mentioned by you did *George Côté* state whether he had or had not been threatened when signing his Poll-book, for the purpose of forcing him to sign his Poll-book?—No; he admitted in my presence that he had not been threatened for the purpose of forcing him to sign his Poll-book.

326.—Were the other gentlemen you have just named present when *George Côté* made those admissions?—Yes; they were present.

327.—Were you present when *George Côté* received his Poll-book from the hands of the Poll Clerk at *Ste. Croix*? If so, did *George Côté* make any and what remarks about the state in which the said Poll-book then was?—On the 1st of January, early in the evening, Mr. *George Côté* opened out his Poll-book before me, and stated that it was the same string as that with which the leaves of the *St. Sylvestre* Poll-book were held together, and that the seal affixed to it was the same as at *St. Sylvestre*, and that nothing had been disturbed.

328.—Were there any other persons present, and state who, when *George Côté* made the admission mentioned in your last answer? If so give the names and the professions of those persons?—Mr. *McCullough*, a storekeeper from *St. Sylvestre*, and another storekeeper from *Ste. Agathe*, whose name I do not remember, and a person named *Johnson*, from *Ste. Agathe*, were present.

329.—Have you anywhere, and state when, seen the testimony given by *R. S. Noël* before this House; and if so say whether that testimony, in so far as you are personally acquainted with the facts, contains the truth?—I have read the evidence given by him on the first and second occasions before this House, but not that given on the last occasion. I remember nothing of it now.

330.—When you read the evidence so given by *R. S. Noël*, what was your impression of it; and if you had it now before you, could you point out where it is not true?—Yes; if I had the minutes of Mr. *Noël's* evidence before me I could remember what irregularities are to be found in it, with reference to the arms, on the day of the declaration.

331.—Have you any knowledge of the necessity which existed for the presence of special constables at *Ste. Croix*, at the last election; and how, and by whom, Mr. *O'Farrell* was called on to act as such special constable?—I think that Mr. *O'Farrell* required Mr. *James Thurber* to swear in special constables on the day of the declaration. I do not know how or by whom Mr. *O'Farrell* was called to act as special constable.

332.—Did Mr. *R. S. Noël* try to prevent the special constables from carrying arms up to the hustings?—Yes to my knowledge. Mr. *Thurber* insisted that the constables should be armed going to the declaration.

333.—What did Mr. *Rémi S. Noël* say to Mr. *Thurber* on that occasion about the manner in which the arms should be carried there?—Mr. *Noël* desired that all the arms should be put in a blanket. Mr. *Thurber* said that every one should carry his gun to the hustings when the declaration was to take place.

334.—Is it not true that Mr. *R. S. Noël* did not at all object to the special constables being armed with fire-arms, and that he merely objected to the arms not being concealed in a blanket?—I do not remember that Mr. *Noël* objected to the constables having arms, both guns and sticks, for the proclamation, for it was reported that the people from *St. Antoine* was coming armed to the proclamation that day.

335.—Was *George Côté* apparently in any way under the influence of fear when he made the admissions mentioned by you in former answers, and had he any cause for being under the influence of fear under the circumstances?—I did not remark that Mr. *Côté* was under the influence of fear. I did not think, from the admissions that he made in my presence on that evening, that he was under the influence of fear. I do not remember whether he had any reason for fear when he made me those admissions.

336.—Have you known Mr. *R. S. Noël* for a long period of time, and state how long? If so, would you, with your knowledge of him, believe his testimony when not under the obligation of an oath?—I have known Mr. *Noël* since December, 1840; I should not believe him, unless he were on oath.

337.—Have you any, and what, knowledge of *R. S. Noël* having been aware, when he appointed his Deputy Returning Officers, that his brother, Mr. *Léon Noël*, was a Candidate for that County?—I have no knowledge of the fact.

338.—With what were those special constables armed, namely, with or without fire-arms?—The majority were armed with fire-arms. There were more than twenty guns and pistols; the rest were armed with sticks. There were fifty-five sworn in.

339.—Was not Mr. *O'Farrell* occupied the whole morning of the day of the declaration at Mr. *Thibaudeau's* house, and is it not true that Mr. *O'Farrell* could not have gone to Mr. *R. S. Noël's* house before the declaration unknown to you, from the fact that you were at Mr. *Thibaudeau's* house also?—During the morning of the proclamation, Mr. *O'Farrell* was the whole time occupied organising the special constables. It was impossible for him to go to Mr. *R. S. Noël's* without my being aware of the fact. It was Mr. *O'Farrell* who administered the oath to the special constables in presence of Mr. *James Thurber*.

340.—Do you know at what time Mr. *O'Farrell* arrived at *St. Sylvestre* before the declaration? If so, state at what hour he arrived?—Mr. *O'Farrell* arrived on the 31st December, towards nine in the evening.

341.—Is it not true that, after arriving at *St. Sylvestre*, Mr. *O'Farrell* spent the evening with his friends at Mr. *Thibaudeau's* house, and that he slept at the same house on that night?—Yes.

342.—Is it not true that on the morning of the 1st of January you saw Mr. *O'Farrell* at Mr. *Thibaudeau's* house, and that he could not have gone to Mr. *Noël's* house on that morning, since you accompanied him to mass on that day?—Yes, such is the fact.

343.—Is it not true that after mass there was a meeting held at Mr. *Thibaudeau's* house for the purpose of establishing an agricultural society to which Mr. *O'Farrell* went immediately after mass, and at which you and Mr. *O'Farrell* both assisted?—Yes; and the meeting lasted until the tolling of the bell for respers.

344.—At any time that you were with Mr. *O'Farrell*, did he go to Mr. *R. S. Noël's* house, except on the evening of the first of January when he went there with Mr. *Télesphore Méthot* in order to procure special constables?—No; I spent

a part of the evening after vespers at Mr. *Thibaudeau's* house, and during the whole of the time I was there I enjoyed myself with Mr. *O'Farrell*.

345.—Were there any other persons present, and state who, at Mr. *Thibaudeau's* when Mr. *O'Farrell* and you were there?—There were Mr. *Thibaudeau*, *Xavier Thevièrge*, and some others whose names I do not recollect.

346.—Do you know the number of legal votes there are in *St. Jean Deschailions*, *Lotbinière*, and *St. Antoine*? If so, tell how many there are?—By a Distributive Roll of the Parish of *St. Jean Deschailions*, which concerns all the proprietors and occupiers of lots in that Parish, liable to the assessment for a Sacristy, the number of such proprietors and occupiers of lots is 270. At *Lotbinière* I have heard there are about 400. At *St. Antoine* about 300.

347.—Is it not true that a very considerable number of the inhabitants of *St. Antoine* came to *Ste. Croix* with an intention to commit acts of violence on the person of Mr. *O'Farrell* on the day of the Proclamation, and that those persons stopped at Mr. *Rémi Noël's*?—I heard that said, but I did not see them.

348.—Do you know whether the Deputy Returning Officers at the last Election for *Lotbinière* were opposed to Mr. *O'Farrell* as a Candidate?—I heard that said.

349.—Did the special constables discharge their fire-arms in the road on the day of the Proclamation or not?—They discharged their fire-arms, but not in the road. They were on Mr. *Thibaudeau's* ground. I was present when they discharged them.

350.—When the assessment of which you have spoken was made, can you state positively that there were not more voters in *St. Jean Deschailions*, *Lotbinière*, and *St. Antoine*, than the numbers you have mentioned?—The assessment was made, I think, in April, 1856. I have stated the numbers as nearly as possible. I have heard it stated those were the present numbers.

351.—Do you think that you are bound to speak the truth at the bar of this House as strictly as though you were under oath, and do you think that Mr. *Noël* was bound to do the same when he gave evidence before this House?—Were I under oath I would make the same answers. I do not think that Mr. *Noël* was bound to do the same when he gave evidence before this House.

352.—Why do you say that Mr. *Noël* was not bound to tell the truth at the Bar when he gave evidence?—I have already answered that question in the previous answers. From the evidence which he has given, and which I have myself read with reference to the guns which he has said were discharged in the road, the fact being that such discharge took place in the property of Mr. *Thibaudeau*.

353.—Was Mr. *Côté* under oath when he said that he had not been forced to sign his Poll Book at *St. Sylvestre*, and that he had not been forced by threats to sign it; and state for what reason he said so, and whether it was in reply to the questions put to him by Mr. *O'Farrell*, and state what questions he put to him?—I do not know whether Mr. *Côté* was under oath. He has not spoken on the subject. I do not recollect under what circumstances he said so.

354.—Can you state positively that Mr. *O'Farrell* could not go to Mr. *Noël's* house on the evening of the 31st December, or on New Year's day, even without your knowledge; were you constantly with him without losing sight of him the whole time?—It is possible that he might have gone to Mr. *Noël's* house. I was not always with him.

355.—Is it not true that you were not present when the Poll Book was delivered to Mr. *Côté*, at *Ste. Croix*?—Yes, I was present. The book was delivered to him on the table, in the room at Mr. *Thibaudeau's*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*.

356.—Had you any conversation with Mr. *O'Farrell*, on the subject of the evidence which you were to give before this House; say when and where; what he asked you, and what you said to him?—I met Mr. *O'Farrell* at his boarding-

house, this afternoon. He asked me whether I was able to give him the number of good votes in each Parish of the County of *Lotbinière*. I told him I could not give him the number of votes in each Parish, but only what I had heard say of them; such as the Parish of *St. Jean Deschailions*, *Loibinière*, *Ste. Croix*, and *St. Antoine*.

357.—By whom was the Poll Book delivered to Mr. *Côté* at *Ste. Croix*, where was it, and who opened the portmanteau or carpet-bag in which it was?—I have no knowledge of either the portmanteau or carpet-bag. I saw the Poll Book on the table at Mr. *Thibaudeau's*.

By Mr. *Thibaudeau*.

358.—On what part of Mr. *Thibaudeau's* ground were the fire-arms discharged, which you have spoken of; was it before or behind his house, or elsewhere?—It was in front of the house, near the door-step.

359.—Is not his house near the road?—Yes, it is near the road.

360.—How do you explain the difference which you make between Mr. *Noël* and yourself, namely, that you are bound to tell the truth as if you were under oath, and that Mr. *Noël* was not so?—Mr. *Noël* is considered at *Ste. Croix* as a liar in ordinary conversation; that is the reason which made me say that he was not bound to tell the truth.

The Witness was then directed to withdraw.

On motion of Mr. *Bureau*, seconded by Mr. *Cimon*,

Ordered, That *Moïse Couture* be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

James Read, Esquire, M.D., was then called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *O'Farrell*.

361.—What is your name, age, residence, and profession?—*James Read*, aged 29, Physician and Surgeon; I reside at *Quebec*.

362.—Were you present at the last Election for the County during the two days' voting at *St. Sylvestre*? If so, state whether or not Mr. *O'Farrell* did not endeavor on all occasions there to suppress disturbance?—I was present during both days of polling at *St. Sylvestre*; I heard Mr. *O'Farrell* several times advising the people to act orderly and lawfully.

363.—Is it not true that Mr. *Noël's* supporters could freely vote at that poll for Mr. *Noël* during the two days' voting?—All the voters who came forward to vote for Mr. *Noël* were in no manner hindered by Mr. *O'Farrell's* friends or any other person from voting.

364.—Did not the Reverend Mr. *King* and his party vote for Mr. *Noël*, some on the first and some on the second day of voting?—They did.

365.—Did you hear any threats made use of, or see any violence offered to *George Côté*, to compel him to certify his Poll Book?—*George Côté*, late at night on the second day of the Poll, complained to me that threats and violence would be used against him if he did not certify the Poll Book, and he said that if it were not for his wife and his children, he would rather have his head cut off than do it. I was not in his company all the time; but a great many people surrounded the priest's house where he was, and appeared to intimidate him, and he seemed himself to be in great fear and trepidation.

366.—Were you present when *George Côté* received from *James McCullough* the leaves containing the votes taken by *James McCullough*? If so, what did *George Côté* say at first in reference to certifying the votes taken even by himself?—The Poll Book during the second day had been forcibly taken from Mr. *Côté*, and some hours afterwards it was returned to him. There were a great many more additional sheets. On being asked to certify them, he said he could not do

it, and he did not think he could conscientiously certify the votes that were polled in his presence, as the Poll Book had been several hours out of his hands.

367.—Is it not true that Mr. *O'Farrell* complained of Mr. *George Côté's* unwillingness to certify the votes taken by *George Côté*, and threatened to complain to the House if *George Côté* made no return of votes to the Returning Officer as he was then threatening to do?—Mr. *O'Farrell* complained very much that *Côté* would not certify their Poll Books, and even would not certify the votes taken before him, the said *Côté*, and threatened to complain to the House if the said *George Côté* did not certify the votes that were polled before him. *Côté* said it was very hard for him to do so, as he did not know the exact number of votes that were polled when the Poll Book was finally taken from him.

368.—Is it not true that Mr. *O'Farrell* was not present when the Poll Book was signed by *Côté* and *McCullough*?—I am not certain whether Mr. *O'Farrell* was present when *Côté* signed the Poll Book, but he was present when *McCullough* signed it, and when the seal was attached to it.

369.—Were you present when the Poll Book was signed by *Côté*?—I was, it was myself who wrote the form of the affidavit before it was signed; Mr. *Côté* having said that he was ill, and requested me to write it out.

370.—In writing out that form did you intend more than that *George Côté* should certify the votes taken by him, and *McCullough* those taken by him?—I had no intentions on the subject at all, he merely asked me to copy the form and I did so.

371.—Were not *Laurent Paquet* and *Ludger Methot* present when the matter of which you have spoken occurred?—*Laurent Paquet* was present and some other person, but I am not sure whether it was Mr. *Methot* or not, there were several persons present.

372.—Is it not true that Mr. *O'Farrell* expressed his satisfaction at *George Côté* and *James McCullough* each certifying the votes taken by himself?—Mr. *O'Farrell* appeared quite satisfied when the Poll Books had been signed by both parties.

373.—Is it not true that there were only taken 432 votes on the first day?—I cannot remember exactly, but I think that is the number; I think there were seven sheets filled on that day, but I am not very certain.

374.—Did you not count the votes yourself on the evening of the first day, and after the close of the poll on that day?—Yes, I did.

375.—Is it not true that after almost every person had gone home from the village, *George Côté* had his Poll Book in his possession, and went with it to *James McCullough's*?—After the great mass of the people had gone away, very late at night, and the Poll Book had been signed, Mr. *Côté* went down to *James McCullough*, but left the Poll Book in the Priest's house, where he returned for it some time afterwards.

376.—How many grown up persons were there present at the Poll of *St. Sylvestre*, on either day's voting, when the greatest number were present?—I think about 400 was the greatest number each day.

377.—Were not voters constantly coming to and leaving the Poll at *St. Sylvestre*, during the two days' voting?—Of course.

378.—Did any conversation pass between Mr. *O'Farrell* and *George Côté*, between the moment of your being asked by *Côté* to prepare the certificate and *Côté's* signing it?—A private conversation took place between Mr. *O'Farrell* and *George Côté*, about the time the affidavits were signed; but that conversation was strictly private; Mr. *O'Farrell* took *Côté* into an adjoining room.

By the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*.

379.—Are you aware of the fact that Mr. *Côté* demanded protection of Mr. *Laurent Paquet* and of the Curé of *St. Sylvestre*, and state when and what they answered and did; and do you think that Mr. *Côté* would have left his Poll Book

in the hands of Mr. *O'Farrell* if he had been at liberty to carry it away?—Mr. *Côté* asked protection of the Priest and Mr. *Laurent Paquet*, at the time the mob was surrounding the house. The Priest did not seem to wish to meddle with the matter. Mr. *Paquet* was ill, in fact he nearly died that night, having had a fainting fit. I do not know whether the Poll Book was left with Mr. *O'Farrell*. To the best of my knowledge it was left in the hands of Mr. *McCullough*, the Poll Clerk.

380.—Are you aware of the fact that the Poll was broken into on the afternoon of the second day of voting?—In the afternoon of the second day of voting, the Poll house was broken into.

381.—Are you aware of the fact that on the second day of the voting, one or two persons came to the Poll to represent Mr. *Noël*, and state whether such person or persons were driven away from the Poll, and endeavour to call to mind under what circumstances?—On the second day of the Poll, two persons (father and son) by the name of *Donoghue*, came to represent Mr. *Noël*. After some time they objected to several persons voting; an altercation took place; a cry was raised that these *Donoghues* were armed, and Mr. *Côté* was called upon to put them out, for being illegally armed, and they were put out of the Polling booth.

382.—Was Mr. *O'Farrell* present when the persons whom you have just mentioned were put out of the Poll?—He was.

By Mr. *O'Farrell*.

383.—Is it not true that the faint which Mr. *Paquet* had is a disease which Mr. *Paquet* is subject to very frequently whenever he undergoes any fatigue in travelling from his house?—It is.

By Mr. *Langevin*.

384.—Who took possession of Mr. *George Côté's* Poll Book, on the second day of election?—I cannot tell.

385.—Who brought back the Poll Book to Mr. *George Côté* on the second day of election?—Mr. *McCullough*, the Poll Clerk, to the best of my knowledge.

The Witness was then directed to withdraw.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, seconded by Mr. *Webb*,

The House adjourned.

Friday, 30th April, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Roblin*,—The Petition of *John Ham Perry* and others, of the Town of *Whitby*.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of *A. Massicotte* and others, of the Parish of *St. Prosper*, County of *Champlain*.

By Mr. *Gauvreau*,—The Petition of *Moyse Haude* and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup*, County of *Maskinongé*.

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of *George Hall*, acting Mayor, and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Archambeault*,—The Petition of *A. Daly* and others, of *St. Patrick* of *Rawdon*, County of *Montcalm*.

By Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of *Hugh McAdam* and others, of the Parish of *St. Sophie*, County of *Terrebonne*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Terrebonne*.

By Mr. *Tassé*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. L. Mongeau* and others, of *St. Geneviève*; and the Petition of *Joseph Robillard* and others.

By Mr. *O'Farrell*,—The Petition of *M. Frenette* and others, of the Parish of *Lotbinière*.

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—The Petition of *Joseph Normandin* and others, of *St. Philippe*; and the Petition of the Reverend *F. Rochette* and others, of *Lacolle*.

By Mr. *Munro*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Scugog*.

By the Honorable *Sidney Smith*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Cobourg*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*; and the Petition of the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company; and of the Council of the Town of *Cobourg*.

By Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *W. H. Boulton* and others, merchants and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*,—Two Petitions of *François Renaud*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. Ferréol*.

By the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*,—The Petition of the "Good Templars," of the Town of *Peterborough*.

By Mr. *John Cameron*,—The Petition of *M. Walsh* and others, of *Emily*, and other Townships.

By Mr. *Whitney*,—The Petition of *John Molson* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Terrill*,—The Petition of *W. S. Hunter*, junior.

By Mr. *Beaubien*,—The Petition of the Reverend *F. Morin*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Cap St. Ignace*, County of *Montmagny*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Z. Sirois* and others, of the Parish of *St. Pierre de la Rivière du Sud*, and of the Township of *Montmagny*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Reverend *L. Poulin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Isidore de Lauzon*; praying aid for a Model School in the said Parish.

Of *F. Papineau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Luc*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Law of *Lower Canada*.

Of *Joseph Benoit* and others, of the Parish of *St. Luc*; praying that the annual grant for Schools may be increased to £150,000 per annum.

Of *Patrice Girard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Urbain*, County of *Charlevoix*; of *R. Bouchard* and others, of *La Petite Rivière St. François*; and of the Reverend *William Dunn* and others; praying that the legal rate of Interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of *John Gib* and others, of the Township of *Bastard*, County of *Leeds*; praying that the prayer of the petition of *Harry Chipman* may not be granted.

Of *William Gill* and others, Bailiffs of the First Division Court of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; praying that the Tariff of Fees allowed them may be increased.

Of *N. Forsyth* and others, of the Townships of *Bertie* and *Willoughby*; praying that a sum of money be granted, sufficient to build a stone wall along the River *Niagara*, from *Fort Erie* to *Chippawa*, to protect their lands from the action of the said river.

Of the Reverend *P. Boucher* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jérôme de Matane*; and of the Reverend *F. B. E. Moore* and others, of the Parish of *St. Frédéric de la Beauce*; representing that for some years past, and more especially at the last General Election of Members for the Legislative Assembly, numerous

frauds and acts of violence have been committed; and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent a recurrence of the same.

Of the *Charleston Mechanics' Institute and Literary Association*; praying for aid.

Of the Trustees of the *Charleston Academy*; praying aid for a Female Department in the said Academy.

Of the *Stanstead Library Association and Mechanics' Institute*; praying for aid.

Of the Municipality of *Ste. Anne des Monts*, County of *Gaspé*; praying aid to complete a road in the said Municipality.

Of the Municipality of *Ste. Anne des Monts*, County of *Gaspe*; praying aid to open out roads in the said Municipality.

Of the Mechanics' Institute of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying for aid.

Of the *Canadian Institute of St. Hyacinthe*; praying for aid.

Of the Reverend *J. M. M. Balthazard* and others, of *St. Charles*; praying aid for the Mechanics' Institute in the Parish of *St. Charles*.

Of the Board of Trade of the City of *Toronto*; praying that such measures may be taken, as will speedily open up a communication for settlement and traffic with the Valley of the *Red River*.

Of *Charles S. Rodier* and others, Merchants and Traders of the City of *Montreal*; praying that no changes may be introduced into the Commercial Jurisprudence of *Canada*, but such as will be applicable alike to both sections of the Province.

Of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the Active Volunteer Militia Force of the City of *Montreal*; praying for certain amendments to the Militia Act.

Of the *Montreal Young Men's Christian Association*; praying for the abolishment of Sunday labor in the Post Office Department, and on the Canals.

Of His Grace the Archbishop of *Quebec* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying that the Loyal Orange Association of *British North America* may not be incorporated.

Of the Reverend *Solomon Mylne* and others, of the Township of *North Elmsley*; praying that Institutions may be established in the Province for the benefit of the Dumb and Blind.

Of *John Williams*, senior, of the Township of *Thorold*; praying for the passing of an Act to legalize the registration of Bonds.

Of *P. V. DeBoucherville* and others, of the Parish of *St. Athanase*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate an Academy for Boys in the said Parish.

Of *Charles Provost* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ephrem de Tring*; praying that the said Parish may be erected into a separate Municipality.

Of the Reverend *C. Dufour*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Zotique*; representing that the erection of the Government Piers at *Beauharnois* in 1850 and 1857, has occasioned the waters of *Lake St. Francis* to overflow, and cause the Parishioners a damage of twelve thousand dollars, by rendering it dangerous to their lives to attend Divine Service in their Parish Church; and praying relief in the premises.

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

Mr. Speaker;

The Legislative Council agrees to the Conference desired by this House on the subject of printing the Journals and Sessional Documents, with a view to the reduction of the expenses connected therewith, and that the Managers on the part of the Legislative Council, are to be the Honorable Messieurs *Simpson*, *Boulton*, and *Armstrong*, who are to meet the number of Managers on the part

of the Legislative Assembly, required by Parliamentary usage, to morrow at four o'clock in the afternoon, in the conference Chamber of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. *Turcotte*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Seventh Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find the notices sufficient, viz:—Of the *Freelton Flour Manufacturing Company*; of *William Gordon* and others, of the Town of *Whitby*, for a reduction of the limits of the said Town; of *Cyrus S. Clark*, of the Township of *Brampton*, Lumber Merchant; and of *George M. Bradford* and others, of *Chatham*, County of *Argenteuil*, for a verification survey of the line between the 4th and 5th ranges of that Township.

On the Petition of *Hylaire Lalonde* and others, of the County of *Soulanges*; praying that the chief place of the said County may be fixed in a more central locality, your Committee find that no notice has been given.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend the suspension of the 62nd Rule, in favor of the Petition of *Edouard Bergeron* and others, School Commissioners, of *St. Ferdinand d'Halifax*, for an Act to declare valid the valuation and assessment Roll of the School District thereof, inasmuch as the defect in the validity of the same, arose merely from the assessment Roll not having been made until after the time fixed by law, and the rights of individuals cannot be affected thereby; also, on the Petition of the Municipality of the Gore of *Toronto*, for establishment of the Road on the East side of the line of the said Gore, inasmuch as your Committee are satisfied that the parties affected by the application are fully aware of the same, and willing that it should be proceeded with.

The Petition of the *Niagara District Bank* prays for an extension of the time for paying up their Capital Stock, and is not of a nature to require the publication of notice.

Ordered, That the Petition of *T. G. Hurd* and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That Mr. *Notman*, have leave to bring in a Bill, to enable the *Freelton Flour Manufacturing Company* to hold and convey certain Real Estate.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Camden*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

On motion of Mr. *Hébert*, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*.

Ordered, That the 62nd Rule of this House be suspended, as regards the Petition of *Edouard Bergeron* and others, School Commissioners and others.

Resolved, That a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Jobin*, the Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, Mr. *Hogan*, Mr. *Ferres*, and Mr. *Laberge*, be appointed to draw up reasons to be offered to the Legislative Council at a conference on the subject of printing the Journals and Sessional Documents, with a view to the reduction of the expenses connected therewith.

Ordered, That the Honorable *Sidney Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize *Henry Ruttan* to surrender certain grants of Letters Patent, and to take a Substitutional Grant.

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 Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Robinson* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize *Allen Wilmot*, *Lewis Wilmot*, *John Wilmot*, and *Samuel Wilmot*, sons of the late *Samuel Street Wilmot*, to hold certain parcels of land, devised to them in fee simple, freed from the restrictions, limitations, and remainders created by the will of the said *Samuel Street Wilmot*.

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 Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

Ordered, That *L. Romuald Fortier*, Esquire, the Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, now in attendance on this House, have leave to proceed to *Sandwich* as a witness with the Poll-books, specified in the *subpœna duces tecum*, served on him on the twenty-ninth instant.

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Playfair*,

Resolved, That when Mr. Speaker leaves the chair at six o'clock, the House will adjourn until half-past seven o'clock this day.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte* have leave to bring in a Bill, intituled, "The Fishery Act."

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.

David Roblin, Esquire; *William McDonnell Dawson*, Esquire; *Joseph Elie Thibaudeau*, Esquire; *John Simpson*, Esquire; Chairman, the Honorable *François Lemieux*, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Essex*, their names were called over, and being come to the table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election for the County of *Essex* be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet this evening, at five minutes past six o'clock, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House.

Henry Munro, Esquire; *Marcus Talbot*, Esquire; *Lewis Wallbridge*, Esquire; *Hannibal H. Whitney*, Esquire; Chairman, *Gédéon Ouimet*, Esquire; being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Norfolk*, their names were called over; and being come to the table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election for the County of *Norfolk*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet to-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of ten in the forenoon.

William Hoste Webb, Esquire; *John White*, Esquire; *Thomas Short*, Esquire; *David E. Price*, Esquire; Chairman, *Dunbar Ross*, Esquire; being 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 *Wellington*; their names were called over, and being come to the table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election for the North Riding of the County of *Wellington*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue election and return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet to-morrow in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of eleven in the forenoon.

Mr. Jobin reported, that the Managers on the part of this House, for holding a conference with the Legislative Council, on the subject of printing the Journals and Sessional Documents, with a view to the reduction of the expenses connected therewith, had met the Managers on the part of the Legislative Council, and it had been agreed to continue the same on Thursday next, at four o'clock p.m.

Ordered, That the Honorable *Mr. Sicotte* have leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate the laws relating to the inspection of Fish in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*.

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.

Mr. Campbell from the Committee of the whole House, to consider of certain proposed Resolutions respecting the more efficient administration of Justice in the County of *Chicoutimi*, reported several Resolutions; which were read as follow:

1. *Resolved*, That for the better and more efficient administration of Justice in the County of *Chicoutimi*, that County shall form a separate District for all the purposes of the administration of Justice in civil and criminal matters, under the name of the District of *Chicoutimi*, the *Chef-lieu* of which shall be at *Chicoutimi* in the said County.

2. *Resolved*, That all the provisions of the Act 20 *Vic.*, cap. 44, respecting the construction of Jails and Court Houses, and the keeping of them in repair, and all the other provisions of the said Act, applicable to the new Districts thereby constituted, shall apply to such new District of *Chicoutimi*, and that all moneys already appropriated for the building of a Court House and Jail at *Chicoutimi* shall be available for the building of the Court House and Jail at the *Chef-lieu* of such new District.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to prevent claims secured by special privilege, or hypothec on real property in *Lower Canada*, duly registered, from being lost by any subsequent judicial sale or confirmation of title, being read;

The Honorable *Mr. Attorney General Cartier* moved, seconded by the Honorable *Mr. Sicotte*, and the Question being proposed, that the Bill be now read a second time,

On motion of the Honorable *Mr. Attorney General Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable *Mr. Sicotte*,
The House adjourned.

Half-past Seven o'clock P. M.

The Question being again proposed, That the Bill (to prevent claims secured by special privilege, or hypothec on real property in *Lower Canada*, duly registered, from being lost by any subsequent judicial sale or confirmation of title) be now read a second time.

Mr. *Dorion* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Laberge*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months," added at the end thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Nolman,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Lafumboise,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dortland,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Buricell,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hebert,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Houcland,</i>	<i>Monat,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	28. <i>Wallbridge.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Beaudrien,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>McCanin,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Ouimet</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Carlins,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Thibaulteau,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Heuth,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>	80. <i>Wright.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put, the House divided, and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday next.

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

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend an Act passed last Session, intituled, 'An Act to amend the Common Law Procedure Act, 1856, and to facilitate the remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes,'" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And also, the Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act to encourage and to provide for the extension of the practice of Vaccination," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*, seconded by Mr. *Simpson*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Essex* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until Tuesday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in consequence of the Committee having nothing before them, owing to the Petitioner not having appeared in person, or by Attorney, and the sitting member having consented to an adjournment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*, seconded by Mr. *Simpson*,

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn for the space of ten minutes. The House adjourned accordingly.

Ten Minutes past Ten o'clock, P.M.

On motion of Mr. *Sherwood*, seconded by Mr. *Daly*,

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed last Session, intituled, 'An Act to amend the Common Law Procedure Act, 1856, and to facilitate the remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes,'" be now read for the first time.

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Desaulniers*, seconded by Mr. *Thibaudeau*,

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to encourage, and to provide for the extension of the practice of Vaccination," be now read for the first time.

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the amendment which was proposed to be made on Friday the sixteenth instant, to the question that the Bill (to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the interest of money) be now read a second time, and which amendment was, "That all the words after 'that' to the end of the question, be left out, and the words 'a Special Committee of seven members be appointed to consider of the effect of the Laws which regulate or restrain the interest of money, and to report their opinion to this House, with power to send for persons, papers, and records' inserted instead thereof."

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the question on the Amendment being again proposed;

The Honorable Mr. *Lemieux* moved in amendment to the said proposed Amendment, that all the words after "that" to the end thereof be left out, and the words "the Bill be read a second time this day six months," inserted instead thereof.

And the question being put on the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment, and a debate arising thereupon;

Mr. *Ross* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*, and the question being put, that the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Raynal,</i>
<i>Chupais,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>32. Thibaudeau.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Allyn,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Sincennes.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Papnet,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>74. Wright.</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed on the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment;

Mr. *Thibaudeau* moved, seconded by Mr. *Desaulniers*, and the Question being put,

That this House do now adjourn.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Raynal,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Macdonald, J. S.</i>	<i>25. Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Allyn,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Tilbot,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Iett,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>78. Wright.</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Lorangcr,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed on the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment;

And a further Debate arising thereupon, Mr. *Bureau* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bourassa*, and the Question being put, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next;

The House divided, and it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed on the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment;

And a further Debate arising thereupon;

On motion of Mr. *Ross*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*,
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned for the space of two minutes.

On motion of Mr. *Ross*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*,
Ordered, That the Order of the House of this day for the meeting of the Select Committee on the Election Petition of the North Riding of the County of *Wellington*, to-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of eleven in the forenoon, be rescinded.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet in one of the Committee Rooms of the House immediately after the next adjournment of this House.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn for the space of five minutes.
The House adjourned accordingly.

Saturday Morning, 23 minutes past 1 o'clock, 1st May, 1858.

On motion of Mr. *Ross*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*,
Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Election Petition of the North Riding of the County of *Wellington*, not being quite prepared to enter on the business to be brought before them, have leave to adjourn until Tuesday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn for the space of one minute.
The House adjourned accordingly.

Forty Minutes past 1 o'clock A.M.

The House, according to order, resumed the adjourned Debate on the Amendment to the Amendment, which was proposed to be made on Friday the sixteenth ultimo, to the Question, That the Bill (to consolidate and amend the laws relating to the interest of money,) be now read a second time; and which Amendment

was, "That all the words after "that" to the end of the Question be left out, "and the words, "a Special Committee of seven Members be appointed to consider of the effect of the Laws which regulate or restrain the interest of money, "and to report their opinion to this House, with power to send for persons, papers, "and records," and which Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, "That all the words after "that" to the end of the Question be left out, and the "words "the Bill be read a second time this day six months," inserted instead thereof.

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being again proposed on the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment, and a further Debate arising thereupon,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

Then on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Monday, 3rd May, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Thibaudeau*,—Two Petitions of the Reverend *P. Dionne* and others, of the Parish of *St. Alban*; and the Petition of the Reverend *N. Bellenger*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Deschambault*.

By Mr. *Panet*,—The Petition of *John Fitzpatrick* and others, of *St. Columba*; the Petition of *James Gibb* and others, Residents in the *Banlieue* of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *Germain Paradis* and others, of the Parish of *Charlesbourg*.

By Mr. *McKellar*,—The Petition of *William P. Newman* and others.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *M. Crépeau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Félix de Valois*.

By Mr. *Sonnerville*,—The Petition of *W. M. Gibson* and others, of the County of *Huntingdon*; and the Petition of the *St. Michael's* Union Division No. 14, Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Stirton*,—The Petition of *James Ross*, Reeve of the Township of *Nichol*, and others.

By Mr. *Hébert*,—The Petition of the Reverend *F. Brunet* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Sophie d'Halifax*.

By Mr. *Bellingham*,—The Petition of the *Lachute* Mechanics' Institute.

By Mr. *McGee*,—The Petition of *Cornelius O'Callaghan*, senior, and others, of the Village of *Arthur*, County of *Wellington*; the Petition of *Phillip McRea* and others, of *Wardsville* and vicinity; the Petition of *James Doran* and others, of the Town of *Perth* and vicinity; and the Petition of *B. Broderick* and others, of the Township of *Euphemia* and vicinity.

By Mr. *Daoust*,—The Petition of *A. Sabourin* and others; and the Petition of the Reverend *L. Turcot*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Thomas*.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of *F. H. Pacaud*, Mayor, and others, of *St. Maurice*.

By Mr. *Cimon*,—The Petition of *Paul Mailloux* and others, of the Parish of *St. Fidèle*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—The Petition of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, *Manchester Unity, Montreal*; and the Petition of the *Canadian Inland Steam Navigation Company*.

By Mr. *Dorion*,—The Petition of the *Canadian Institute, of Montreal*.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of the School Commissioners of the Municipality of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*.

By Mr. *Beaubien*,—The Petition of the Literary Institute of the Village of *Montmagny*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*,—The Petition of *Robert McIntyre* and others, of the Village of *Renfrew*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Horton, County of Renfrew*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *John Short* and others, of the Village of *North Embro, in the County of Oxford*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette, County of Québec*; praying that the amount now paid as salaries to Inspectors of Catholic Schools in *Lower Canada*, be added to the yearly grant in behalf of the same, and that the said Schools be placed under the control of the *Curés* in each Parish.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Ambroise, County of Québec*; praying for the abolition of County Councils in *Lower Canada*.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Ambroise, County of Québec*; of the Reverend *E. V. Dion* and others, of *St. Modeste, County of Temiscouata*; of the Reverend *N. Beaubien, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Patrice de la Rivière du Loup*; of the Reverend *Joseph E. Michaud, Curé*, and others, of *Notre Dame du Portage, County of Temiscouata*; of *A. Massicotte* and others, of the Parish of *St. Prosper, County of Champlain*; of the Reverend *J. L. Mongeau* and others, of *Ste. Geneviève*; of *Joseph Robillard* and others; of *Joseph Normandin* and others, of *St. Philippe*; of the Reverend *F. Rochette* and others, of *Lacolle*; and of *François Renaud, Mayor*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Ferréol*; praying that the legal rate of Interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of the Trustees of the Grammar School of *Vankleek Hill, County of Prescott*; praying that the Grammar Schools of *Upper Canada* may receive additional Legislative aid.

Of the Reverend *J. McNulty* and others, of *Newmarket*, and vicinity, County of *York*; and of *Hugh McAdam* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Sophie, County of Terrebonne*; praying that the Loyal Orange Association of *British North America*, may not be incorporated.

Of *B. Campbell* and others, of the Village of *Elora, County of Wellington*; and of *John Cummings* and others, of the Village of *Fergus, North Riding of the County of Wellington*; praying that the Loyal Orange Association of *British North America*, may be incorporated.

Of *Michael Cox*, Reeve of the Township of *Arthur*, and others; praying for an extension of time to commence the North-West Railway.

Of *F. B. Ricard* and others, of *L'Isle Perrot*; praying aid for a Wharf.

Of the Reverend *Joseph E. Michaud, Curé*, and others, of *Notre Dame du Portage, County of Temiscouata*; of the Reverend *N. Beaubien, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Patrice de la Rivière du Loup*; and of *François Renaud, Mayor*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Ferréol*; representing that for some years past, and more especially at the last General Election of Members for the Legislative Assembly, numerous frauds and acts of violence have been committed; and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent a recurrence of the same.

Of the *Lennox* Division, No. 2, Sons of Temperance; of the *Sharon* Division, No. 222, Sons of Temperance; and of the Good Templars of the Town of *Edinburgh*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *Paul Dunn* and others, Bailiffs of Division Courts for the County of *Grey*; praying that the Tariff of Fees allowed them may be increased.

Of *R. H. Smith* and others, of the Village of *Newmarket*; praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Law of *Upper Canada*.

Of *F. Lussier* and others, of the Village of *Varenes*, County of *Verchères*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Acts of *Lower Canada*.

Of *Moyse Houde* and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup*, County of *Maskinongé*; praying that the prayer of the Petition of *Etienne Mayrand* and others, may not be granted.

Of *John Ham Perry* and others, of the Town of *Whitby*; praying that no action be taken by this House to reduce the present incorporated limits of the Town of *Whitby*.

Of *George Hall*, Acting Mayor, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying that the *Quebec* Turnpike Commissioners may be relieved from the payment of £40,000 contracted for the macadamizing of roads, on the south shore of the *St. Lawrence*.

Of *A. Daly* and others, of the Parish of *St. Patrick* of *Rawdon*, County of *Montcalm*; praying that no Act may be passed to legalize the proceedings of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Patrick* of *Rawdon*, from its organization.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Terrebonne*; praying that the Village of *St. Jérôme* may be made the chief place of the Judicial District of *Terrebonne*.

Of *M. Frenette* and others, of the Parish of *Lotbinière*; praying for aid to construct a Bridge over *La Grande Rivière du Chêne*, in the County of *Lotbinière*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Scugog*; praying aid to build a Bridge across Lake *Scugog*.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Cobourg*; praying for the passing of an Act to legalize certain By-laws made by the said Council, and also for amendments to the Act 13 and 14 *Vic.*, cap. 83, to vest the Harbour at *Cobourg* in the Municipality of that Town.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*; praying that the time for the payment of the sum of £115,000, borrowed by the said Municipal Council, under the provisions of the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund Act, for the construction of gravel roads, may be extended.

Of the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company, and of the Town Council of the Town of *Cobourg*; praying for the passing of an Act authorising the said Railway Company to issue Preferential Mortgage Bonds to the extent of £50,000 sterling.

Of *W. H. Boulton* and others, Merchants, and others, of the City of *Toronto*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Joint Stock Company, to loan money on the credit of landed estate.

Of *M. Walsh* and others, of *Emily* and other Townships; praying for aid to improve the navigation of *Pigeon* River.

Of *John Molson* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for the passing of an Act authorising the construction of a Bridge to connect the *Montreal* House with the cut stone building adjoining, and belonging to the Harbour Commissioners.

Of *W. S. Hunter*, junior; praying that this House will subscribe for a certain number of copies of a work published by him, entitled "The *St. Maurice* Scenery."

Of the Reverend *F. Morin, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *Cap St. Ignace*, County of *Montmagny*; praying aid for a road.

Of the Reverend *Z. Sirois* and others, of the Parish of *St. Pierre de la Rivière du Sud*, and of the Township of *Montminy*; praying aid for a road.

Mr. *Benjamin* 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 County of *Lincoln*, 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:—*François Zéphérin Tassé*, Esquire; *Robert Brown Somerville*, Esquire; *Andrew W. Playfair*, Esquire; *William Notman*, Esquire; Chairman, *George Sherwood*, Esquire.

Mr. *Owimet*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Norfolk*, informed the House that *Marcus Talbot*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, on Saturday last.

On motion of Mr. *Owimet*, seconded by Mr. *Wallbridge*,

Ordered, That *Marcus Talbot*, Esquire, do attend in his place, in this House, To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. *Ross*, and Mr. *LeBoutillier*, be added to the Select Committee appointed to consider what amendments it may be necessary to make in the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855.

Ordered, That the Quorum of the said Committee be reduced to Seven Members.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *Charles Boudreau* and others, of the *Magdalen Islands*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Jobin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Laframboise*, and the Question being proposed, that this House doth concur in the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

The Honorable Mr. *Sicotte* moved, in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, That the words "with the exception of the words, 'or by the Chairman of the Committee on Printing, should the House authorize such action by him,' in the third paragraph of the same," be added at the end thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then, the main Question, so amended, being put.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies, with the exception of the words, "or by the Chairman of the Committee on Printing, should the House authorize such action by him," in the third paragraph of the same.

The Honorable Mr. *Terrill*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Stormont*, informed the House that *Louis S. Morin*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Terrill*, seconded by Mr. *Webb*,
Ordered, That *Louis S. Morin*, Esquire, do attend in his place, in this House,
 To-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Terrill*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Stormont*, informed the House that *Archibald McKellar*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee this day.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Terrill*, seconded by Mr. *Webb*,
Ordered, That *Archibald McKellar*, Esquire, do attend in his place, in this House, To-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General, Return (in so far as such has been received) to an Address of the Legislative Assembly of the 29th April, 1857, for Statement of Judicial proceedings in *Lower Canada*, for the last three years.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 37.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 19th ultimo, for papers relative to the closing of the School of Navigation in *Quebec*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 38.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 19th ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House "Copies of all papers connected with the Petition of *George Nichols*, praying to be restored to his credibility."

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 39.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 19th ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House a statement showing the whole amount of Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund Debentures issued to the 21st January last, under the 16 *Vic.*, cap. 22, and 18 *Vic.*, cap. 13, and also the amount issued for each Municipality; the amount of principal, if any, repaid to the Sinking Fund; the amount of principal over-due; the amount of interest, if any, paid; and the amount of principal and interest reimbursed from the Clergy Reserve Fund, with such amount, and the name of the Municipality in each case.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 40.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 19th ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House a statement of all sums apportioned to the several Municipalities in *Upper Canada* from the Clergy Reserves Appropriation Fund, as also from what Municipalities the appropriation in the distribution was retained, owing to their indebtedness to the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund, to the present time.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 40.)

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger* also laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Emigration Report for 1857.

For the said Report, see Appendix (No. 41.)

Ordered, That Mr. *John Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to annex the new Townships of *Carden*, *Dalton*, *Ryde*, *Draper*, *Macaulay*, *Digby*, *Longford*, *Oakley*, *Sutterworth*, *Anson*, *Hindon*, *Saxton*, *Minden*, *Dysart*, and *Dudley*, to the County of *Victoria*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pope* have leave to bring in a Bill to permit *C. S. Clark* to retain the Dam and Booms built by him on the *St. Francis* River.

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 Thursday next.

Mr. *Dorion* moved, seconded by Mr. *Foley*, and the Question being put, That it is expedient to amend the Act passed in the year 1856, to alter the constitution of the Legislative Council by rendering the same elective, so as to provide that at the period fixed by the said Act for holding the next election of Councillors, elections may be held in the Divisions in which none such have as yet been held.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rynal,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Mouat,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	40. <i>Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>McMacken,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. & Gen.</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>	62. <i>Whitney.</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

The Honorable Mr. *Terrill* moved, seconded by Mr. *Pope*, and the question being proposed, that this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the expediency of amending the Common School Laws of *Lower Canada*, by abolishing the system of levying scholar fees, and that in future such sums as may be found necessary, in addition to the Public Grant for the efficient maintenance of Common Schools, shall be raised by direct assessment upon the taxable property within the Municipalities.

The Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* moved in amendment to the question, seconded by Mr. *Ross*, that the words "on Wednesday next" be left out, and the words "this day six months" inserted instead thereof.

And the question being put on the amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	25. <i>Tett.</i>
<i>Dorion,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Morin.</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>	73. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Cook,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main question being put, the House divided, and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Laberge*,

Ordered, That the General Committee of Elections have leave to increase the number of members forming "the Chairman's Panel," by adding three names thereto.

Ordered, That the return of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery of the votes polled at the last General Election in the several Constituencies, laid before this House on the twentieth ultimo, be printed in conformity to the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Printing, for the use of the members of this House.

The Order of the House being read, for the attendance at the Bar of the witnesses to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on the poll-books for the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*.

George Côté, Deputy Returning officer for the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, was again called in, and further examined at the Bar, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*.

386.—Will you state if you were sick on the second day of the polling at *St. Sylvestre*, and state in detail the circumstances which preceded and followed your illness?—On the second day of the voting, about two o'clock in the afternoon, I felt ill, and I wanted something to keep me up. I told Mr. *O'Farrell* that I required to take something. He told me that he would bring me a glass of gin or whiskey. He did in fact bring me one. This took place about half an hour before the people broke the poll. About half-past five the *Curé* wanted me to take a cup of tea. I thanked him and told him that I had a load on my stomach which took away my appetite. Thereupon he asked Dr. *Read*, who was present, if he had not something to give me to afford me relief. The Doctor said he had. He made me take about half a wine glass of medicine, and after having taken it, I was obliged to go out and vomit, which afforded me relief.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

James Read, Esquire, M.D., of *Quebec*, was again called in, and further examined, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*.

387.—Did you have a conversation in the County of *Lotbinière* with Mr. *O'Farrell*, a short time before the election, and will you state what preceded and followed that conversation itself?—The night before the election, Mr. *O'Farrell* sent for me, stating that he was sick, and that if I could not go to see him to send him several doses of medicine, some calomel, antimony and opium; thinking he must be very sick when he required such medicine, I thought it best to go and see him; on arriving at the House where he was stopping, I found him quite well; I asked him what he wanted the medicine for. He said that it was for a particular purpose; and that if he could not manage his object otherwise, he would make use of it. I told him I had not the medicine, and that it would be wrong for him to make use of such medicine for any illegal purpose. He said that at all events he had one dose which he would give. He did not tell me whom he intended giving it to, but I understand it was to the Deputy Returning Officer. He said he wanted to have the whole of the election placed in *McCullough*, the Poll Clerk's hands.

388.—Did you attend the Deputy Returning Officer, *Côté*, on the second day of the voting at *St. Sylvestre*, and will you state to what you attribute his illness?—On the second day of the election, about five o'clock in the evening, *Côté*, the Deputy Returning Officer, asked me for some medicine for a violent pain he had in his stomach, with an inclination to vomit. I gave him some medicine, which caused him to vomit immediately, and he felt better. Twenty minutes after, *Côté* said he had been drinking some gin or whiskey, and attributed his illness to irritation of the stomach, and I thought perhaps he might have been taking some drug.

389.—Can you state if you know where Mr. *McCullough* is, the Poll Clerk at *St. Sylvestre*; did he on Easter Day last have a conversation in your presence with Mr. *O'Farrell*, and will you state what the latter said and did on that occasion?—I do not know where *McCullough* was on Easter Sunday last, I heard Mr. *O'Farrell* advise *McCullough* to keep out of the way, and that the best thing was for him to go to the *States*; he gave him some money in order to help him to go away.

390.—Did you during the Parliamentary Easter Holidays at *Quebec* have a conversation with Mr. *O'Farrell* on the subject of the *Lotbinière* Election, and of the Poll Books of *Lotbinière* and *Russell*? Did not Mr. *O'Farrell* make propositions to you, and will you state the nature of those propositions?—During the Easter Recess, at *Quebec*, Mr. *O'Farrell* asked me to come up to *Toronto* to assist him in taking away the *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book from the records of this House. I told him I would not do it. This plan was that I should call for the *Russell*

and *Lotbinière* Poll Books, to mix the *Russell* Poll Books with those of *Lotbinière*, so as to leave the *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book among the *Russell* Poll Books. He was then to manage the rest by calling for the *Russell* Poll Books before the House, and then taking away the *St. Sylvestre* Poll Book from among them. He offered to recompense me for doing this.

391.—What did he offer you for such work?—Fifty pounds.

By Mr. *Ross*.

392.—Do you know any other matter or thing touching the late election for *Lotbinière*, and the conduct of the sitting Member during the election contest or afterwards, if so state the same fully in detail?—I know nothing further of importance, unless my attention is drawn to any particular fact.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

Mr. *Jobin*, from the Committee of the whole House to consider of a certain proposed Resolution relating to the South *Quebec* Warehouse Company, reported a Resolution, which was read, as follow:—

Resolved, That in order to enable the “South *Quebec* Warehouse, Dock and “Wharfage Company” to construct a Harbour, Wharf or Wharves, with a Wet Dock, Dry Dock, Marine Railway and Railway Sidings, Turntables and Stations regulated for the loading, discharging and sheltering of all vessels, shipping and craft, propelled by steam, sail or otherwise, on the south shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, in the Harbour of *Quebec*, at the place called *St. Charles Cove*: which said Harbor, Wharf or Wharves and Docks, shall be accessible to and safe and commodious for the reception of sail, steam, or other vessels, as now navigate the *Atlantic*, as well as for vessels engaged in the inland trade of this country, and also to erect and build such necessary Moles, Piers, Breakwaters, Wharves and Booms or other erections or constructions whatever, as shall be useful or proper for the purposes aforesaid, and the protection of the Harbor, Wharves, Docks or Booms, and for the accommodation and convenience of vessels entering, lying, loading or unloading, repairing or fitting up in the same, and to alter, amend, and repair, and enlarge the Harbour, Wharf or Wharves, Docks, Railway and Railway Sidings as aforesaid, as may from time to time be found necessary or expedient, and also to erect and build sheds, stores and warehouses for the reception and storage of goods, wares, and merchandize free of duty or in bond, or otherwise; it is expedient, that so soon as the said harbor and works above mentioned, shall be so far completed as to be capable of admitting the vessels and be used, the Directors of the said Company shall have full power and authority to ask for, demand and levy tolls as hereinafter provided, that is to say:—

It shall be lawful for the Directors of the said Company to ask, demand, and receive from all owners or masters of yessels, or persons in charge thereof, from owners, consignees, or agents of all rafts, wares, goods or other merchandize, tolls, dues and duties for moorages of rafts, vessels, or boats propelled by steam, sail or otherwise, which may, from time to time, enter or depart from the said harbour, within the said limits, or which may be lying or anchored or otherwise moored or fastened therein, and upon all goods, wares, and merchandize landed, shipped, carried or deposited, or stored therein, according to or not exceeding the rates following, that is to say:—

FOR MOORING.

Vessels under 100 tons.....	Per day	2s. 6d. per 100 tons.
do do 200 do	do	2s. 0d. per do.
do over 200 do and under 700 tons	do	1s. 6d. per do.
do 700 tons and upwards.....	do	1s. 3d. per do.
Steamboats and Propellers	do	5s. 0d. per do.
Ocean Steamers	do	2s. 6d. per do.

FOR DISCHARGING AND LOADING.

By Steam Crane or other Machinery.	Discharging at Wharf.		Loading from Wharf.		Wharfage, that is, use of Wharf while Goods are being landed or loaded.		Discharging or loading to include Wharfage and Moorage of Vessel and all expenses.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Flour or other produce reduced to weight of Flour, per barrel ...	0	1	0	1	0	0½	0	3
Grain, Salt, &c., per bushel.....	0	0½	0	0½	0	0½	0	1
Merchandize and other Goods, per ton of 2,000 lbs.....	1	3	1	3	0	6	2	6

FOR FORWARDING.

To include one month's Storage, effecting Insurance when ordered, cartages, receiving and delivering, passing Custom House Entries, securing Freights, Shipping by Steam Crane, forwarding Shipping Documents, Cooperage, Marking, &c., &c.

	£	s.	d.
Flour and produce, reduced to weight of Flour, per barrel	0	0	9
Grain, Salt, &c., per bushel	0	0	2½
Merchandize and other goods, per ton of 2,000 lbs.....	0	7	6

FOR WAREHOUSING.

In Warehouse.	First Month.		Succeeding Months.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Flour and Meal, per barrel.....	0	2	0	1
Pork and Beef, per barrel.....	0	3	0	1½
Ashes, per barrel	0	4	0	2
Butter, Lard, per keg.....	0	1½	0	0½
Grain, per bushel.....	0	1½	0	0½
Salt, per bushel.....	0	1½	0	0½
Liquors, Wines, and Oils, per 100 gallons	2	6	0	6
Iron, per ton of 2,000 lbs.....	7	6	1	3
Merchandize and other goods, per ton of 2,000 lbs.....	5	0	1	8
In Open Sheds.				
Coals and Coke, per chaldron ..	1	3	0	2
Pig Iron and Iron Rails, per ton of 2,000 lbs.....	3	6	1	0
Bricks, per mille	1	6	1	6

BOOMAGE AND STORAGE OF TIMBER.

Receiving.	For Landing.		For Piling.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Staves—Standard, per Mille.....	10	0	10	0
do West India, per Mille.....	3	4	3	4
do Barrel, per Mille.....	2	6	2	6
Deals—per standard hundred.....	2	6	2	6
Lathwood—per Cord.....	2	0	2	0
Oars and Handspikes, per 100 pieces.....	3	9	3	9

Delivering.	From the Bank.		From the Crib.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Hardwood, per Ton.....	2	0	1	6
Pine—Red, per Ton.....	1	3	1	3
do White, per Ton.....	1	3	1	0
Deals, per standard hundred.....	6	9	5	0
Staves—Standard, per Mille.....	21	0	16	6
do West India, per Mille.....	7	0	5	0
do Barrel, per Mille.....	5	0	4	0
Lathwood, per Cord.....	3	0	3	0
Oars and Handspikes, per 100 pieces.....	8	9	8	9

TIMBER WHEN IN RAFT OR HALF RAFT.

	First Month.	Second Month.	Third Month.	Fourth Month.	Fifth Month.	Sixth Month.
Hardwood, per 1,000 feet.....	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{4}{3}$	Full Tariff Rates.
Pine Red, do do.....	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{4}{3}$	
do White do do.....	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{4}{3}$	

N.B.—When Rafts remain in after the 1st day of December, they will become subject to Ground Rent, and the full Tariff Scale will apply to them when delivered.

GROUND RENTS.

	Hardwood.	Pine.
Timber in Raft.....	9d. per Ton.	6d. per Ton.
do in Moulinette.....	6d. do do.	4d. do do.
Staves Standard, per Mille.....		8s. 9d.
do West India, per Mille.....		3s.
do Barrel, per Mille.....		2s.
Deals, per standard hundred.....		2s.
Lathwood, per Cord.....		1s. 6d.
Oars and Handspikes, per 100 pieces.....		2s.

N.B.—These charges will be due and payable on the 1st day of December of each year.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, with an instruction to incorporate the same in the Bill to incorporate certain persons, under the name of the South Quebec Warehouse Company.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,
The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 4th May, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Dufresne*,—The Petition of *George Brophy* and others, of the Village of *L'Achigan*, County of *Montcalm*.

By Mr. *Cimon*,—The Petition of *E. Boudreau* and others, of *Baie St. Paul*; the Petition of the Reverend *G. Beaubien*, *Curé*, and others, of *St. Irénée*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Clovis Gagnon* and others, of the Township of *Settlington*.

By Mr. *Dionne*,—The Petition of the Reverend *T. Lebel* and others, of the Parish of *St. George de Kakouna*.

By Mr. *Gaudet*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. H. Dootie* and others, of the Parish of *Gentilly*; and the Petition of the Reverend *P. de Villers* and others, of *Ste. Gertrude*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Alley*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. McGauran* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *N. H. Bowen* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *McLeod*,—The Petition of *Caleb Coatsworth* and others, of the Counties of *Essex* and *Kent*.

By Mr. *Sincennes*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Marcel*, County of *Richelieu*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *Duncan Bruce*, of *Paspébiac*, now residing in the City of *Toronto*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Moore*, County of *Lambton*.

By Mr. *Notman*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Wentworth*; and the Petition of *Francis Owens*, of the Town of *Dundas* and vicinity.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of the Trustees of the *Milton* Grammar School, County of *Halton*.

By Mr. *Gould*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Mara* and *Rama*, County of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Dunkin*,—The Petition of *John R. Murphy* and others, of the Township of *Tingwick*, County of *Arthabaska*.

By Mr. *Webb*,—The Petition of *Thomas Davis* and others, of *Dudswell* and other Townships.

By Mr. *Clark*,—The Petition of *John Ball* and others, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*.

By Mr. *Walker Powell*,—The Petition of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars.

By Mr. *Dorion*,—The Petition of the *Canadian* Institute of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. Saxe* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

Mr. *Benjamin* reported, from the General Committee of Elections, that they had selected three Members to be added to “the Chairmen’s Panel,” to serve as Chairmen of Election Committees for the present Session; and the names of the Members were read, as follow:—

Eugene Urgel Piché, Esquire; *William Frederick Powell*, Esquire; *Louis Lacoste*, Esquire.

Mr. *Bureau* reported, from the Select Committee on the Bill to legalize certain proceedings of the Agricultural Societies of *Lower Canada*, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Mr. *Turcotte*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Eighth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find that sufficient notice has been given, viz.:—

Of *W. H. Boulton* and others, Merchants, and others, of the City of *Toronto*, for incorporation of the *Canada Landed Credit Company*; of the Provisional Directors of the *International Bridge Company*; of *P. V. DeBoucherville* and others, of the Parish of *St. Athanase*, for the incorporation of an Academy for Boys in that Parish; of the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough Railway Company*, and the Town Council of the Town of *Cobourg*; of *John Molson* and others, of the City of *Montreal*, for authority to construct a Bridge over *Capital Street*, *Montreal*, to connect the “*Montreal House*” with an adjacent building; and of *A. McNabb* and others, of the Village of *Southampton*, for incorporation of the said Village.

On the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Cobourg*, for an Act to legalize certain of their By-laws under which Debentures were issued for the purchase and improvement of the Harbour, your Committee find that no notice was given, but they recommend a suspension of the 62nd Rule, because the only parties whose interests could be adverse to the measure, are those represented by the Petitioners.

Ordered, That Mr. *Whitney* have leave to bring in a Bill, to confirm a Resolution or By-law of the Corporation of *Montreal*, and to empower the Harbour Commissioners of *Montreal* to erect a gallery across *Capital Street* in *Montreal*.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Laberge* have leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the *Iberville Academy*.

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 Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Ferguson*, seconded by Mr. *John Cameron*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, Copies of any Report or Reports that may have been made to him, by the Chief Superinten-

dent of Education during the present year, on the subject of separate or dissentient Schools.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House, as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Alley*n, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Loranger*,

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the expediency of imposing a uniform tax on passengers and Emigrants.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Alley*n have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Emigrants.

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. *Alley*n, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Loranger*,

Resolved, That this House will on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of certain proposed Resolutions, to provide for the improvement and management of the Harbour of *Quebec*.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Alley*n have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the improvement and management of the Harbour of *Quebec*.

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.

The Order of the House of yesterday, for the attendance of *Marcus Talbot*, Esquire, in his place in this House this day, being read;

And Mr. *Talbot* attending in his place;

Ordered, That the 84th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," be now read;

And the same being read,

Mr. *Talbot* rose in his place and stated, that in consequence of the late hour at which he left the House on Saturday morning, the 1st of May instant, after the adjournment of the Debate, he was unable to be present at the meeting of the Select Committee on the *Norfolk* Election Petition, of which he is a member; and Mr. *Talbot* having verified the same upon oath;

Resolved, That the said statement be considered a sufficient excuse.

Francois Zepherin Tassé, Esquire, *Robert Brown Somerville*, Esquire, *Andrew W. Playfair*, Esquire, *William Notman*, Esquire; Chairman, *George Sherwood*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Lincoln*; their names were called over, and being come to the table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the County of *Lincoln*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet To-morrow in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of ten in the forenoon.

The Order of the House of yesterday for the attendance of *Louis S. Morin*, Esquire, in his place in this House, this day, being read ;

And Mr. *Morin* attending in his place ;

Ordered, That the 84th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," be now read ;

And the same being read,

Mr. *Morin* rose in his place and stated, that his absence from the meeting of the Select Committee on the *Stormont* Election Petition, on the 1st instant, between nine and ten o'clock in the morning, was owing to his belief that the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee was between ten and eleven o'clock ; and Mr. *Morin* having verified the same upon oath ;

Resolved, That the said statement be considered a sufficient excuse.

The Order of the House of yesterday, for the attendance of *Archibald McKellar*, Esquire, in his place in this House, this day, being read ;

And Mr. *McKellar* attending in his place ;

Ordered, That the 84th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," be now read ;

And the same being read,

Mr. *McKellar* rose in his place and stated, that his absence from the meeting of the Select Committee on the *Stormont* Election Petition, yesterday morning, was owing to the fact that the Steamer on which he took passage from *Oakville* to this Port, was delayed, in consequence of adverse winds, one hour beyond the time she should have reached this city ; and Mr. *McKellar* having verified the same upon oath ;

Resolved, That the said statement be considered a sufficient excuse.

The Honorable Mr. *Terrill*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Stormont*, presented to the House the Final Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Resolutions as their final determination :—

1. *Resolved*, That *William D. Mattice*, Esquire, the sitting Member for the County of *Stormont*, is duly elected and returned as Member for the said County of *Stormont*.

2. *Resolved*, That the Petition of *Alexander McLean*, Esquire, the petitioning candidate, is not frivolous or vexatious.

Your Committee also report, in accordance with the 89th section of the Election Petitions Act of 1851, that the second resolution was decided upon the following division :—

Yeas.—Messieurs *McMicken*, *Morin*, and *Terrill*.—3.

Nays.—Messieurs *Laframboise* and *McKellar*.—2.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council agrees that the conference on the subject of printing the Journals and Sessional Documents, with a view to the reduction of the expenses connected therewith, shall be continued on Thursday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, in the Conference Chamber of the Legislative Council.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. *Ross*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*,
Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Election Petition for the North Riding of the County of *Wellington*, have leave to adjourn until Thursday, the twentieth instant, at the hour of eleven in the forenoon; the Petitioners having declared that they are not ready to proceed to the trial of their Petition, and the sitting Member having given his consent to the said adjournment.

On motion of Mr. *Ross*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*,
Resolved, That when Mr. Speaker leaves the Chair at six o'clock, the House will adjourn until half-past seven o'clock this day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment to the Amendment, which was proposed to be made on Friday, the sixteenth ultimo, to the Question, that the Bill (to consolidate and amend the laws relating to the Interest of Money) be now read a second time, and which Amendment was, "That all the words after 'that' to the end of the Question be left out, and the words " a Special Committee of Seven Members be appointed to " consider of the effect of the Laws which regulate or restrain the Interest of " Money, and to report their opinion to this House, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, inserted instead thereof;" and which Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, "That all the words after 'that' to the end thereof be left out, and the words, 'the Bill be read a second time this day six months;" inserted instead thereof.

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being again proposed on the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment;

And a further Debate arising thereupon:

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,
 The House adjourned.

Half-past Seven o'clock P. M.

The Honorable *Lewis Thomas Drummond*, Member for the County of *Sheffield*, having previously taken the oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Amendment to the Amendment, which was proposed to be made on Friday, the sixteenth ultimo, to the Question, that the Bill (to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Interest of Money) be now read a second time.

And which Amendment was, that all the words after "that" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words " a Special Committee of seven Members be " appointed to consider of the effect of the Laws which regulate or restrain the " Interest of Money, and to report their opinion to this House, with power to send " for persons, papers, and records," inserted instead thereof; and which Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, that all the words after "that" to the end thereof, be left out, and the words, " the Bill be read a second time this " day six months," inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment; the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	50. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Alieyn,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Heuth,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>	63. <i>Whitney.</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the Amendment to the original Question; the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	41. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Connor,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alieyn,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>

<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dunxin,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>72. Whitney.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Then, the Main Question being put; the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>61. Whitney.</i>
<i>Dawson,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lemeux,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Cuachon,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>52. Wright.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 5th May, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Langevin*,—The Petition of the Reverend Fathers *Louis Babel* and *C. Arnaud*, Missionaries in the North-East parts of this Province.

By Mr. *Rymal*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Wentworth*.

By Mr. *Carling*,—The Petition of *Patrick Smith* and others, of the City of *London*, and vicinity.

By Mr. *Talbot*,—The Petition of *St. Andrew's* Division, 195, Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Connor*,—The Petition of *William Reynolds*, of *Ingersoll*, County of *Oxford*.

By Mr. *Morin*,—Two Petitions of the Reverend *A. Théberge*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *Terrebonne*.

By Mr. *Dorion*,—The Petition of *M. Doherty* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *McGee*,—The Petition of *Patrick Wall* and others, of the Village of *Ottawa*; the Petition of *Charles Reynolds* and others, of the Town of *Oakville*, and vicinity; the Petition of *Henry Arthur McMahon*, Reeve, and others, of *Normanby*, County of *Grey*; and the Petition of *Thomas McCrossen* and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Mowat*,—The Petition of the Trustees of the *Whitby* County Grammar School.

By Mr. *Buchanan*,—The Petition of *Alexander McDonell*, junior, and others, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Drummond*,—Two Petitions of the Municipality of the Township of *North Stukeley*, and others; the Petition of *J. Robinson*, Warden, and others, Mayors of the several Municipalities in the County of *Shefford*; and the Petition of the *Shefford* Temperance Society.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Reverend *P. Dionne* and others, of the Parish of *St. Alban*; of the Reverend *N. Bellenger*, *Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *Deschambault*; of *M. Crépeau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Félix de Valois*; of *A. Sabourin* and others; of the Reverend *L. Turcot*, *Curé*, and others of the Parish of *St. Thomas*; of *T. H. Pacaud*, Mayor, and others, of *St. Maurice*; and of *Paul Mailloux* and others, of the Parish of *St. Fidèle*; praying that the legal rate of Interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of the Reverend *P. Dionne* and others, of the Parish of *St. Alban*; and of *John Fitzpatrick* and others, of *St. Columba*; representing that for some years past, and more especially at the last general election of Members for the Legislative Assembly, numerous frauds and acts of violence have been committed, and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent a recurrence of the same.

Of *William P. Newman* and others; praying for the repeal of the Separate School Act.

Of *W. M. Gibson* and others, of the County of *Huntingdon*; and of the *St. Michael's* Union Division, No. 14, Sons of Temperance; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *James Ross*, Reeve of the Township of *Nichol*, and others; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the *Canada North-West* Railway.

Of the Reverend *F. Brunet* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Sophie d'Halifax*; praying for aid to open out a road in the said Parish.

Of the *Lachute* Mechanics' Institute; praying for an increased aid.

Of *Cornelius O'Callaghan*, senior, and others, of the Village of *Arthur*, County of *Wellington*; of *Philip McRae* and others, of *Wardsville* and vicinity; of *James Doran* and others, of the Town of *Perth* and vicinity; and of *B. Brodrick* and others, of the Township of *Euphemia* and vicinity; praying that the Loyal Orange Association of *British North America* may not be incorporated.

Of the *Canadian* Inland Steam Navigation Company; praying for amendments to their Act of incorporation.

Of the School Commissioners of the Municipality of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*; praying aid for an Academy for boys in the said Municipality.

Of the Literary Institute of the Village of *Montmagny*; praying for aid.

Of *Robert McIntyre* and others, of the Village of *Renfrew*; and of the Municipality of the Township of *Horton*, County of *Renfrew*; praying that the Village of *Renfrew* may be incorporated.

Of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, *Manchester Unity, Montreal*; praying that a General Law may be passed incorporating all charitable societies.

Of *John Short* and others, of the Village of *North Embro*, in the County of *Oxford*; praying that Lots Nos. 13 and 14 in the 4th Concession, and Lots 13 and 14 in the 5th Concession of the Township of *West Zorra*, may not be included in the Village of *Embro*, if the same be incorporated.

Of *Germain Paradis* and others of the Parish of *Charlesbourg*; complaining of violent and illegal acts on the part of *Edouard Glackemeyer*, Esquire, Justice of the Peace, and others, at the two last Municipal Elections in the said Parish, and praying relief in the premises.

Of *James Gibb* and others, residents in the *Banlieue* of the City of *Quebec*; praying that the limits of the said City may not be extended.

On motion of Mr. *Sherwood*, seconded by Mr. *Playfair*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Lincoln* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until Tuesday, the twenty-fifth instant, at the hour of eleven in the forenoon, in consequence of the absence of the sitting Member from this Province.

Resolved, That when Mr. Speaker leaves the chair at six o'clock, the House will adjourn until half-past seven o'clock this day.

Mr. *Benjamin* 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 the undue Election and Return of *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Esquire, for the City of *Montreal*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House, relating thereto; and the names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*James C. Aikins*, Esquire, *Cléophe Cimon*, Esquire, *Isaac Buchanan*, Esquire, *Willet Casey Dorland*, Esquire; Chairman, *Skeffington Connor*, Esquire.

Mr. *Benjamin* 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 the undue Election and Return of *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, Esquire, for the City of *Montreal*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relating thereto; and the names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*James William Cook*, Esquire, *John Cameron*, Esquire, *Francois Bourassa*, Esquire, *Thomas Edmund Campbell*, Esquire; Chairman, the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*.

Mr. *Owimet*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Norfolk*, presented to the House the final Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Resolutions as their final determination :—

Resolved, That the sitting Member, *Walker Powell*, Esquire, was duly elected and returned at the last Election for the County of *Norfolk*.

Resolved, That the Petition of *John Boyd* and *John A. Axford*, against the said Election and Return, is frivolous and vexatious.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bellingham* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize a verification survey of the line between the fourth and fifth Ranges of *Chatham*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *John Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to empower *James Pearson* to construct a Rail or Tram-way to connect a stone Quarry with the Grand Trunk Railway at *Georgetown*.

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 Monday next.

Mr. *Benjamin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Playfair*, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of *Canada*;

And a Debate arising thereupon,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,
The House adjourned.

Half-past Seven o'clock P. M.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Question which was this day proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of *Canada*.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins</i> ,	<i>Cartier</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Macdonald</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Short</i> ,
<i>Allan</i> ,	<i>Clark</i> ,	<i>McKellar</i> ,	<i>Sicotte</i> ,
<i>Alleyn</i> ,	<i>Connor</i> ,	<i>McMicken</i> ,	<i>Simard</i> ,
<i>Baby</i> ,	<i>Cook</i> ,	<i>Mowat</i> ,	<i>Simpson</i> ,
<i>Bell</i> ,	<i>Daly</i> ,	<i>Munro</i> ,	<i>Smith</i> , <i>Sidney</i>
<i>Bellingham</i> ,	<i>Dorland</i> ,	<i>Notman</i> ,	<i>Somerville</i> ,
<i>Benjamin</i> ,	<i>Ferguson</i> ,	<i>Patrick</i> ,	<i>Talbot</i> ,
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Gould</i> ,	<i>Playfair</i> ,	<i>Tett</i> ,
<i>Buchanan</i> ,	<i>Hartman</i> ,	<i>Powell</i> , <i>William</i> : <i>F.</i>	<i>Wallbridge</i> ,
<i>Cameron</i> , <i>John</i>	<i>Hogan</i> ,	<i>Robinson</i> ,	<i>Webb</i> ,
<i>Cameron</i> , <i>Malcolm</i>	<i>Lacoste</i> ,	<i>Rose</i> , Sol. Gen.	<i>White</i> ,
<i>Carling</i> ,	<i>Loranger</i> ,	<i>Rymal</i> ,	51. <i>Wright</i> .
<i>Cayley</i> ,	<i>Macbeth</i> ,	<i>Sherwood</i> ,	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Duoust,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	51. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	

And the votes being equally divided ; Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Benjamin* accordingly brought in a Bill to incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of *Canada*, and the same was received and read for the first time.

Mr. *Benjamin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Playfair*, and the Question being proposed, that the Bill be read a second time on Thursday, the thirteenth instant ;

The Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Ross*, that the words "on Thursday, the thirteenth instant," be left out, and the words, "this day six months," inserted instead thereof.

And the Question on the Amendment being put, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Fellows,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Duoust,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	54. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	46. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Martin McKinnon*, of the Township of *Vaughan*, County of *York*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *MacLeod*, Mr. *Somerville*, and Mr. *McKellar*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*, seconded by Mr. *Walker Powell*,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, 6th May, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House,—Statement of the Affairs of “*La Compagnie du Richelieu*,” on the 31st January, 1858.
For the said Statement, see Appendix (No. 10.)

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

By Mr. *Bell*,—The Petition of the *Lanark Twelfth Line Temperance Society*; and the Petition of the *Carleton Place Grammar School*, County of *Lanark*.

By Mr. *Webb*,—The Petition of *Louis Plante* and others, of the Township of *Wolfestown*.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of *C. F. Fournier*, Mayor, and others, of *St. Jean Port Joli*.

By Mr. *Bourassa*.—Three Petitions of *Joseph Normandin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Constant*.

By Mr. *Gould*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Uxbridge*.

By Mr. *Munro*,—The Petition of the *Newcastle Mechanics' Institute and Library Association*.

By Mr. *Price*,—The Petition of *Narcisse Simard* and others, of the Township of *Tadousac*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *George Brophy* and others, of the Village of *L'Achigan*, County of *Montcalm*; praying aid for a road and a bridge.

Of *E. Boudreau* and others, of *Baie St. Paul*; of the Reverend *L. H. Dostie* and others, of the Parish of *Gentilly*; and of the Reverend *P. de Villers* and others, of *Ste. Gertrude*; praying that the legal rate of interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of the Reverend *G. Beaulieu*, Curé, and others, of *St. Irénée*; praying for aid to construct a wharf in the Parish of *St. Irénée*.

Of the Reverend *Clovis Gagnon* and others, of the Township of *Settrington*; praying aid for a road in the said Township.

Of the Reverend *T. Lebel* and others, of the Parish of *St. George de Kakouna*; praying for aid to construct a wharf in the said Parish.

Of the Reverend *B. McGuaran* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying aid for the *St. Bridget's Asylum* in the said City.

Of *N. H. Bowen* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Acts of *Lower Canada*.

Of *Caleb Coatsworth* and others, of the Counties of *Essex* and *Kent*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company to construct a Ship Canal, to be called "The *Two Creeks* and *River St. Clair* Ship Canal."

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Marcel*, County of *Richelieu*; and of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Aimé*, County of *Richelieu*; praying for aid to improve the navigation of the River *Yamaska*.

Of *Duncan Bruce*, of *Paspebiac*, now residing in the City of *Toronto*; praying for a Grant or Loan to enable him to erect the necessary machinery for the manufacture of the "Fertilizer," invented by him.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Wentworth*; praying for the passing of an Act to provide for the separation of Counties from Cities, in *Upper Canada*, for Judicial purposes.

Of *Francis Owens* and others, of the Town of *Dundas* and vicinity; praying that the Loyal Orange Association of *British North America* may not be Incorporated.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Wentworth*; praying for certain amendments to the *Upper Canada* Road Act.

Of the Trustees of the *Milton* Grammar School, County of *Haltou*; praying that the Grammar Schools of *Upper Canada* may receive additional Legislative aid.

Of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Mara* and *Rama*, County of *Ontario*; praying that in the Municipal Institutions Bill provision may be made to allow Townships having three hundred names on the Assessment Roll, to elect a Deputy Reeve.

Of *John R. Murphy* and others, of the Township of *Tingwick*, County of *Arthabaska*; praying aid for a road in the said Township.

Of *Thomas Davis* and others, of *Dudswell* and other Townships; praying that a Circuit Court may be established in the County of *Wolfe*.

Of the *Canadian* Institute of *Montreal*; praying for aid.

Of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the Reverend *P. Saxe* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying that the Village of *Princeville* may be made the chief place of the Judicial District of *Arthabaska*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Moore*, County of *Lambton*; praying that the Local Superintendent of Common Schools may be appointed by the Township Municipalities.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Quebec*; praying that the Government may be removed to *Quebec* in 1859.

Of *John Ball* and others, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*; praying for the repeal of the Act 18 Vic., cap. 172, which confirms a survey of the line between the 6th and 7th Concessions of the Township of *Hamilton*.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, a letter from the Petitioners against the Return of *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, and *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, Esquires, respectively, as two of the Members to represent the City of *Montreal*; withdrawing their Petitions.

Mr. *Langevin* reported, from the Select Committee, on the Bill to amend the Laws relating to admission to the Notarial profession in *Lower Canada*, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Mr. *Jobin*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the Eighth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee are of opinion that it is undesirable to continue the system of granting annual gratuities or bonuses to the *Employées* of the House, but that they should have fixed annual salaries.

Your Committee recommend that the salaries, as fixed and classified at the last Session of the last Parliament, be continued at the same rate, including the salaries of Mr. *Finbar Hays* and Mr. *T. G. Coursolles*.

That the allowance per day to Sessional Clerks be Twenty shillings; to Extra Messengers, Twelve shillings and six pence; Pages, Eleven shillings and three pence; Firemen and Labourers, Eight shillings and nine pence.

That the advance of three months made, be repaid in twelve equal deductions, at the end of each consecutive month, the first instalment having commenced on the 30th April last.

That your Committee have found by comparison of the salaries of the officers of this House, with those paid to the officers in the other public Departments, that the remuneration given to the former is not equal to that paid to the latter, and the Committee therefore recommend to Your Honorable House, that in the event of such salaries being continued to be so paid in the other public Departments, then the scale of remuneration to the officers of the House be made in conformity with the recommendation of this Report.

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Foley*, seconded by Mr. *Wallbridge*,

Ordered, That the Select Committees appointed for the trial of the Election Petitions, against the Return of *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Esquire, and *Thomas D'Arcy McGee*, Esquire, be discharged and be not sworn; the Petitioners, *Thomas Moreland*, *Louis Marchand*, and *J. L. Beardry*, having severally withdrawn their Petitions; and also, that the reference of the several Petitions relative to the said Election be discharged.

Mr. *Jobin*, from the Select Committee appointed to draw up reasons to be offered to the Legislative Council, at a conference on the subject of printing the Journals and Sessional Documents, with a view to the reduction of the expenses connected therewith, reported that the Committee had drawn up reasons accordingly, which were read, as follow:—

The following Statement contains the reasons alleged by the Committee appointed to draw up the reasons to be offered to the Legislative Council at a Conference on the subject of the Printing of the Journals and Sessional Documents, with a view to the reduction of the expenses connected therewith, because they believe that the following deduction can be made on the Printing of the Journals and Appendices, to wit:—

PRINTED AT PRESENT.		PROPOSED TO BE PRINTED.	
Legislative Council.....	125	Legislative Council.....	60
Library	60	Library	10
Municipalities and Judges, Upper Canada	482	Municipalities, (County)	130
Municipalities and Judges, Lower Canada.....	471	Judges.....	40
Institutes, Upper Canada and Lower Canada	174	Institutes.....	174
Legislatures and Libraries, Uni- ted States	18	United States	18
England	17	England	17
Colonies.....	30	Colonies.....	30
Judges, Lower Canada.....	25	Governor General and Depart- ments	30
Toronto	8	Miscellaneous	35
Governor General and Depart- ments	44	Members	130
Miscellaneous	81	Reserved	126
130 Members, 3 sets each	390		800
Remaining last year	925	800 sets, at 11 vols. a set.....	8,800
Reserved	200		\$8,800
Sets.....	3,000	Stationery at present, say \$40 for each Member	5,200
3,000 sets, at 10 vols. a set....	30,000	Proposed allowance, \$20	2,600
Journals.....	3,700		\$2,600
	33,700	Saved	\$2,600
Vols	\$33,700		
	8,800		
Deduction saved	\$24,900		
	2,600		
Total deduction saved.....	\$27,500		

Attest.

(Signed,) *William Burns Lindsay,*
Clerk, Assembly.

MEMORANDUMS.

Votes and Proceedings.—The Title to be done away with, and simply the Number and date.

Entries of Petitions to be shortened and arranged alphabetically.

No white (lead) lines.

No endorsement.

Orders of the Day.—Same kind of paper as for Votes and Proceedings; Routine Proceedings to run on in line.

No leaded lines.

First Notice of Motion to be printed as given in by the Member, afterwards short.

Petitions.—No Petitions to be printed by the House.

Resolutions.—No more than 250 copies, being one token.

Journals.—Entries of Petitions to be made only when action of the House is had, at all events only one entry.

Division names to run on in line.

Appendix.—Abstracts of Documents to be made at all times when possible; Enclosures in Documents to be mentioned in the Appendix, under the principal Document which is printed, with the observation "not printed, "to be found in MS., Supplement A, Number 1." (as the case may be,) and the Enclosures to be bound in volumes to lie in Library.

Statutes.—Private and Public, to be separately bound.

Sessional Papers.—Papers of importance to be printed in Appendix form; other Papers to form Supplement to Journals, and not distributed except to Members of both Houses.

The said Reasons being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Macbeth* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Village of *Streetsville*.

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 Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 19th ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, a Return shewing the number of Vessels which have passed in and out under the Great Western Draw-bridge over the *Desjardins* Canal, and for which the Draw had to be used in each year since its construction; also, a like Return for the same period of all vessels which have passed in and out without the use of the Draw.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 42.)

Ordered, That Mr. *Galt* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the International Bridge Company.

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 Monday next.

Mr. *Benjamin* 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 County of *L'Islet*, 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:—

Louis L. L. Desaulniers, Esquire; *Dominique Amable Coullée*, Esquire; *Leonidas Burwell*, Esquire; *Jean Baptiste Daoust*, Esquire: Chairman, *Joseph Edouard Turcotte*, Esquire.

Mr. *Benjamin* 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 City of *Ottawa*, 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:—*John Carling*, Esquire; *Jacques C. Bruneau*, Esquire; *Octave C. Fortier*, Esquire; *Christopher Dunkin*, Esquire; Chairman, *Eugene Urgel Piché*, Esquire.

Ordered, That Mr. *Aikins* have leave to bring in a Bill to establish the Road allowance between the Townships of *Toronto*, *Gore*, and *Eiobicoke*.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hébert* have leave to bring in a Bill to legalize certain proceedings of the School Municipality of *St. Ferdinand d'Halifax*.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Drummond* be added to the Select Committee appointed to consider what amendments it may be necessary to make to the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855.

Mr. *Jobin* reported, that the Managers had been at the continued conference with the Legislative Council, on the subject of Printing the Journals and Sessional Documents, with a view to the reduction of the expenses connected therewith; and had delivered the reasons of this House relative to the same, to their Honors.

The Order of the House, of the twenty-first ultimo, for the appearance at the Bar of this House of *Jean B. Maranda*, Deputy Returning Officer; and *C. Turcot*, Poll Clerk for the Parish of *St. Ours*, at the last Election for the County of *Richelieu*, to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on the Poll Book for the said Parish, being read;

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, reported that the witnesses attended at the door.

Jean B. Maranda was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

1.—What is your name? Did you act as Deputy Returning Officer at *St. Ours* during the late election for the County of *Richelieu*, and did you not appoint *C. Turcot* as Poll Clerk?—*Jean B. Maranda*. I acted as Deputy Returning Officer at *St. Ours* at the said election, and I appointed *C. Turcot* as Poll Clerk.

2.—Were there any acts of fraud or violence committed during the two days of the voting, and if so, state what they were, and by whom committed?—There were no acts of fraud or violence committed to my knowledge.

3.—Who were the Candidates? Who represented them at the Poll, and if they were not represented by Agents, state whether they remained at the Poll themselves?—The Candidates were Messrs. *Jacques Félix Sincennes*, *Jean B. Guévremont*, and Mr. *Gélinas*. *Jacques Dorion* represented Mr. *Sincennes* and Mr. *Guévremont*, and *Gélinas* was present himself.

4.—Are you aware that *P. Chevalier*, Esquire, the returning Officer, entered the room in which the Poll was held, several times during the two days of the voting, and asked Mr. *Guévremont* and Mr. *Dorion* whether they were satisfied with the way the election was going on, and what reply did they make each time?—He came to my knowledge on the afternoon of the last Polling day; the Candidates seemed satisfied.

5.—Had you any communication, verbal or otherwise, with Mr. *Sincennes* either before or during the election, and were you in any way interested in showing him favor?—I had no communication with Mr. *Sincennes* either before or during the election. I had no interest whatever in favoring him.

6.—Is it not true that as Deputy Returning Officer at *St. Ours* you permitted the registration of the votes of the electors of the locality called *Le Grand St. Ours*, and is it not also true that for a long time the electors of that locality have always voted at the Poll held in the Village of the Parish of *St. Ours*, and that they have never to your knowledge been interfered with or challenged for so doing?—After examining the different laws regarding elections, and frequent consultations with Mr. *Giard*, an advocate of long standing, not relying on my own opinion, I decided to receive and did in fact receive the votes of the people from *Grand St. Ours*; and to my knowledge those same persons have always for

a long time back voted at the Village of *St. Ours*, for the County of *Richelieu*, and they have never, to my knowledge, been troubled for so doing.

7.—Previous to the registration of any of the votes of persons from *Grand St. Ours*, were you aware as to which Candidate would receive the most of the said votes?—I had not thought of it.

8.—When voters from *Grand St. Ours* went up to vote for Mr. *Sincennes* or Mr. *Guévremont*, did the latter, or the Agent of the former, object to these votes being received?—On the first day Mr. *Guévremont* objected to the votes in favor of Mr. *Sincennes*, without, however, requiring the oath from the voters. Mr. *Sincennes'* Agent opposed only those whom he thought unqualified, as is shown by the Poll Book now before this House.

9.—Was Mr. *Sincennes* at the Poll during the two Polling days, to your knowledge?—He was not there on either of the Polling days.

10.—Did Mr. *Guévremont* or Mr. *Sincennes'* Agent, to your knowledge, address the electors immediately after the close of the Poll on the last day; and state what was said?—Mr. *Guévremont* and Mr. *Sincennes*, through his Agent, and Mr. *Gélinas*, addressed the electors and expressed their satisfaction that everything had passed off well, and even better than they expected.

11.—Did you at any time say to the electors from *Grand St. Ours*, “Come on, come and vote, without taking the oath, for I want the Candidate whom I favor to carry the election,” or words to that effect?—Never; I allowed the people to vote as they liked.

12. During the *Richelieu* election, which took place in 1854, did not the *Grand St. Ours* electors vote at the village of *St. Ours* poll, and state who were the candidates at that election, and who the Deputy Returning officer and poll clerk were, for the parish of *St. Ours*?—At the election in 1854, the candidates were, *A. N. Gouin*, *Jean B. Guévremont*, and *Louis Flavien Dufresne*. The Deputy Returning officer was *Louis Dupré*, and his poll clerk, if I remember right, was *Jules Chevalier*. To my knowledge the *Grand St. Ours* people were called on to vote, and did in fact vote at the poll held in the parish of *St. Ours* at that election.

13.—Does not the locality called *Le Grand St. Ours*, form part of the Fief or Seigniorship of *St. Ours*, and is it not part of the Parish of *St. Ours* as originally erected into a Parish, and has it to your knowledge, been since divided from *St. Ours* and annexed to the Parish of *Contrecoeur* under the ecclesiastical or civil law?—The locality called *Le Grand St. Ours* forms part of the Fief or Seigniorship of *St. Ours*. In former times, as well as I can remember, that portion of *Le Grand St. Ours* constituted the parish of *St. Ours*. I saw by the edicts and ordinances, before taking advice about the election, that *Le Grand St. Ours* consisted of a tract of land of about four leagues in extent, between *Sorel* and *Contrecoeur*, and would be administered as a mission until it had the means of supporting a parish priest. This place has not to my knowledge been acknowledged under the civil or ecclesiastical law as part of the Parish of *Contrecoeur*.

14.—Does the locality called *Le Grand St. Ours* form part of the Parish of *Contrecoeur*, as originally erected?—I do not know, because I do not know whether that locality has been recognized under the ecclesiastical or civil law as part of the Parish of *Contrecoeur*.

15.—Have you not for several years back been in the habit of acting as notary for the people of *Le Grand St. Ours*, and do not many of those people, to your knowledge, hold lands fronting on the *St. Lawrence*, and bounded in depth by lands which front on the *Chambly* River; and supposing *Le Grand St. Ours* to belong to *Contrecoeur*, would the persons or proprietors just mentioned be in the position of having part of their lands in *Contrecoeur* and part in *St. Ours*, and would they be entitled to vote in *Contrecoeur* and *St. Ours*?—I have for many years back acted as notary for the people of *Grand St. Ours*. I know that part of the *Grand St. Ours* lots terminate in the *Richelieu* River lots, and another

portion in the lots on the *Ruisseau Laprade*, which is in the Parish of *St. Ours*. I am still of opinion, as I was when I gave my decision at the Poll, as regards the objections made against the votes of those people, that they are entitled to vote in the Parish of *St. Ours*, for the County of *Richelieu*.

By Mr. *Dufresne*.

16.—In which Parish was the concession of *Le Grand St. Ours*, at the time of the late election; in *St. Ours* or in *Contrecoeur*?—I know that *Le Grand St. Ours* is administered to as a mission by the Parish of *Contrecoeur*, but I am quite ignorant as to whether it has or has not been recognised under ecclesiastical or civil law as part of the Parish of *Contrecoeur*.

17.—At the time of the last election, who decided that the people of *Le Grand St. Ours* concession should vote at *St. Ours*; was it you yourself?—When their votes were objected to, I decided myself, in accordance with my interpretation of the law, to the best of my knowledge and judgment, and after having consulted Mr. *Guard* on the subject, he holding the same opinion with me, that those persons were entitled to vote at *St. Ours*.

18.—Did *Jean B. Guévremont*, one of the candidates at the said election, oppose the taking of the votes of those people from *Le Grand St. Ours*?—Mr. *Guévremont* opposed them on the first day of polling only, but without requiring the oath to be taken—as shewn by the Poll Book now before this House.

19.—Why did you cause the name of the concession rather than the name of the parish to be entered in the Poll Book in stating the place of residence of those voters? Why did you not cause the name of the concession to be entered for each voter belonging to the parish of *St. Ours* in place of the name of the parish?—Because that locality has always been known by the name of *Grand St. Ours*. When the voter belonged to *St. Ours*, I caused the name of the parish of *St. Ours* to be entered; I think I entered the concession under their numbers or perhaps under their proper names.

20.—When in your capacity as a notary, you execute a deed in which parties belonging to *Le Grand St. Ours* are mentioned, which parish do you declare them to belong to; *St. Ours* or *Contrecoeur*?—I am in the habit of writing that they reside in the parish of *Contrecoeur*.

21.—Do the persons belonging to *Le Grand St. Ours* concession, who are entered as voters in the poll book, pay the school rate or the municipal taxes in *St. Ours* or in *Contrecoeur*, or in both of these places, or in which of them?—I think that as regards the school rate and municipal taxes, the persons from *Le Grand St. Ours* pay them in *Contrecoeur*.

22.—In municipal and school commissioner elections, do persons residing in the concession of *Le Grand St. Ours* vote at *St. Ours*; or do they vote at *Contrecoeur* or at the latter place only?—I am not aware that these persons voted at those elections in the parish of *St. Ours*.

23.—In what office are hypothecs effected on properties situated in that concession *Grand St. Ours* registered, in that of the County of *Richelieu* or in that of *Verchères*?—I know nothing about it. No case has occurred within my knowledge to afford me that information.

24.—Do you know whether those persons from the Concession of *Grand St. Ours* voted at *Contrecoeur* at the Election of a Member to represent the County of *Verchères* in Parliament, or whether they only voted at *St. Ours* for the County of *Richelieu*? State whether these persons did or did not vote in the two Counties, namely, *Verchères*, and *Richelieu*, during the last Election?—I am altogether ignorant as to whether or not those persons voted in the County of *Verchères*.

25.—Did not some of the voters declare in your presence at *St. Ours* that they had voted at *Contrecoeur*, in the County of *Verchères*, at the last Election?—I do not think so.

26.—Did not *Jean Baptiste Guévremont*, one of the Candidates at the said Election, call upon you to require the oath from each of those persons from the Concession of *Grand St. Ours*, and to enter in the Poll Book the word *objecté* for each of them. In fact did he not require a description of their properties in the Poll Book? If so, why did you not do so?—Mr. *Guévremont* only required the oath from the persons from *Grand St. Ours*, and of the voters from the Parish of *St. Ours*, whom he did not think were qualified to vote. It was only on the first that he asked to have the word *objecté* entered. He did not require a description of their properties in the Poll Book.

27.—Are you aware that there were a great many bad votes entered at *St. Ours*, for Mr. *Sincennes*. If any, how many were there?—I am altogether ignorant on that head.

28.—Did you not speak at the church door at *St. Ours*, a few days before the Election against Mr. *Guévremont*, and in favor of Mr. *Sincennes*?—Before being appointed Deputy Returning Officer, and whilst I was altogether unaware that I was to be, I went on the hustings one Sunday after mass to give notice to the public that Mr. *Guévremont* was present to explain his Parliamentary conduct, that Mr. *P. M. Deblais* was to be then and there present to reply to him. I did not then or at any other time speak in favor of Mr. *Sincennes*.

29.—Did you vote at the last Election for the County of *Richelieu* at the Poll for the Parish of *St. Ours*? Who ordered the Poll Clerk to take your vote. Why did you vote?—I did vote at the last Election at the Parish of *St. Ours* for Mr. *Sincennes*. I myself ordered the Poll Clerk to take my vote.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, seconded by Mr. *Dufresne*,

Ordered, That Mr. *Maranda* be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

C. Turcot, Poll Clerk for the Parish of *St. Ours*, at the late General Election for the County of *Richelieu*, was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

30.—What is your name? Did you not act as Poll Clerk at *St. Ours* during the last Election for the County of *Richelieu*? Who were the Candidates at that Election, and were they present in person at *St. Ours* during the voting, or were they represented by agents?—My name is *Charles Turcot*. I acted as Poll Clerk at *St. Ours* during the last Election for the County of *Richelieu*. The Candidates were Messrs. *Guévremont*, *Jacques Felix Sincennes*, and *P. Gélinas*; Messrs. *Guévremont*, and *Gélinas*, were present in person, and Mr. *Jacques Dorion* represented Mr. *Sincennes*.

31.—How did matters go on at *St. Ours* during the two days of the voting? were there any acts of fraud or violence committed, and if yes, state by whom they were so committed?—To my knowledge, no acts of fraud or violence were committed.

32.—Were the persons residing in the locality called *Grand St. Ours* admitted to vote at *St. Ours*, and for whom did they vote, and were the same persons admitted to vote at the Election of 1854, and state who were the Candidates at the said Election?—Those persons were admitted to vote; one section voted for Mr. *Sincennes* and another for Mr. *Guévremont*. During the Election of 1854, I was absent from *St. Ours*.

33.—Is it to your knowledge that the Deputy Returning Officer, before taking the votes from the persons residing in the *Grand St. Ours*, consulted some lawyer to know whether they had a right to vote?—I heard him say that he did.

34.—Did the Deputy Returning Officer persuade the electors residing in the *Grand St. Ours* to vote for one Candidate rather than for another, or did he in any manner favor, or appear to favor, one Candidate more than the other?—Not that I am aware of.

35.—Did the Candidates or their Agents at the close of the Poll manifest satisfaction or otherwise at the proceedings during the voting?—They made it evident that they had been satisfied.

36.—Does *Grand St. Ours* form part of the Parish of *St. Ours*, such as originally constituted, and are you aware that that place has been joined to *Contrecoeur* by canonical and civil decree?—As originally constituted, *Grand St. Ours* formed part of the Parish of *L'Immaculée Conception de St. Ours*, and was supplied by order of mission by the *Curé* of *Contrecoeur*. I am not aware that this locality has been annexed to *Contrecoeur* by a canonical and civil decree.

37.—Do you know whether many proprietors in the locality called *Grand St. Ours* have farms with a frontage on the River *St. Lawrence*, and which in the rear adjoin the extremity of the farms in the Parish of *St. Ours*, having a frontage on the *Chambly* River, and supposing that *Grand St. Ours* formed part of *Contrecoeur*, have the proprietors, of whom mention has just been made, or many of them, the right of voting at *Contrecoeur* and *St. Ours*?—There are many proprietors in *Grand St. Ours* whose farms adjoin those of proprietors in *St. Ours*, the front of whose farms reach to the *Chambly* River. As to their right of voting I know nothing, for the line in depth of their property passes through the same place.

By Mr. *Dufresne*.

38.—In Municipal Elections, and the Election of School Commissioners, do persons residing in this Concession of *Grand St. Ours* vote at the Parish of *St. Ours*, or at *Contrecoeur*, or at which of these two places?—I think they vote at *Contrecoeur*.

39.—Are you aware if the persons residing in this concession of *Le Grand St. Ours*, entered as voters on this Poll Book, pay the school tax or the municipal taxes to *St. Ours* or to *Contrecoeur*, or to both these places, or to which of these places?—To *Contrecoeur*.

40.—Do you know at what Registry Office the registrations of hypothecs created on the property in this concession of *Le Grand St. Ours* are made? Is it in that of the County of *Richelieu* or in that of the County of *Verchères*? Tell what you know about it?—I am not aware in what office this registration is made.

41.—Do you know whether these persons residing in the concession of *Le Grand St. Ours* voted at *Contrecoeur* for the Election of a Member to represent the County of *Verchères* in Parliament during the last Election, or whether they only voted at *St. Ours*? Say if it is known to you whether these persons, or any of these persons, voted at both places; that is to say at *St. Ours* for the County of *Richelieu*, and at *Contrecoeur* for the County of *Verchères*?—I know that they voted at *St. Ours*, and I have been told that they voted at *Contrecoeur*.

Notice being taken that there was no Quorum, the witness was directed to withdraw.

The names of the Members present were then taken down, as follow:—

Mr. Speaker, Messieurs *Allan, Chapais, Dawson, Dufresne, Foley, Gauvreau, Langevin, McCann, McKellar, Walker Powell, Roblin, William Scott, and Turcotte*.

And at thirty-five minutes past seven o'clock p.m., the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put.

Friday, 7th May, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*,—Two Petitions of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Romuald d' Etchemin*, County of *Levis*.

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—Two Petitions of *T. Walsh* and others, of the Parish of *Lacolle*, County of *St. Johns*.

By Mr. *Stirton*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Guelph*, County of *Wellington*.

By Mr. *Dunkin*,—The Petition of *James Bothwell* and others, of the Township of *Durham*, County of *Drummond*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Sidney Smith*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Clarké*; the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Bowmanville*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Darlington*.

By Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *A. Morrison*, of the City of *Toronto*, News Agent; and the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Laberge*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of *St. Alexandre d'Iberville*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Wentworth*; praying that an Act may be passed desiring some more equitable and uniform system for the payment of Crown Witnesses, than that which at present exists.

Of *Patrick Smyth* and others, of the City of *London* and vicinity; of the Reverend *A. Thérberge*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Terrebonne*; of *M. Doherty* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; of *Patrick Wall* and others, of the Village of *Oshawa*; of *Charles Reynolds* and others, of the Town of *Oakville* and vicinity; of *Henry Arthur McMahon*, Reeve, and others, of *Normandy*, County of *Grey*; of *Thomas McCrossen*, and others, of the City of *Toronto*; and of *Alexander McDonell*, junior, and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; praying that the Loyal Orange Association of *British North America* may not be incorporated.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *North Stukeley*; and of the Municipality of the Township of *South Stukeley* and others; praying for the passing of an Act to legalize the Division of the Township of *Stukeley*, and also to declare valid the Acts of the Municipalities of *North* and *South Stukeley*.

Of the Reverend Fathers *Louis Babel* and *C. Arnaud*, Missionaries in the North-East parts of this Province; praying that the exclusive privilege of Hunting and Fishing on the *Moisie* River, be granted to the *Montagnais* and *Nashapis* Tribes of Indians.

Of *J. Robinson*, Warden, and others, Mayors of the several Municipalities in the County of *Shefford*; praying that *Nelsonville* may be made the chief place of the Judicial District of *Bedford*.

Of *William Reynolds*, of *Ingersoll*, County of *Oxford*; praying to be remunerated for his services during the War with the *United States* in 1812.

Of the *St. Andrew's* Division, No. 195, Sons of Temperance; and of the *Shefford* Temperance Society; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the Reverend *A. Thérberge*, Curé, and others, of the Village of *Terrebonne*; praying that the Parish of *Terrebonne* may be re-united to the County of *Laval*, for Judicial and Municipal purposes.

Of the Trustees of the *Whitby* County Grammar School; praying that the Grammar Schools of *Upper Canada* may receive additional Legislative aid.

Mr. *Turcotte*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Ninth Report of the said Committee, which was read as followeth:

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find the notices sufficient, viz:—

Robert McIntyre and others, of the Village of *Renfrew*, for Incorporation of that Village; of *John Ball* and others, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*, for repeal of the 18th *Vic.* cap. 172, confirming a survey of the line between the 6th and 7th Concessions of that Township; and of *G. Neilson* and others, of *Belleville*, for Incorporation of the *Marmora* and *Belleville* Railway Company.

On the Petition of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, for an Act of Incorporation, your Committee find that no notice was given, but they beg to recommend a suspension of the 62nd Rule, as it is not of a nature to interfere with private interests.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*, seconded by Mr. *Simpson*,
Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Essex* Election Petition have leave to adjourn till Monday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in accordance with the application of the Counsel for the sitting member.

Resolved, That when Mr. Speaker leaves the chair at six o'clock, this House will adjourn until half past seven o'clock this day.

Ordered, That Mr. *Benjamin* have leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the *Marmora* and *Belleville* Railway Company.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier* have leave to bring in a Bill to diminish the expenses of witnesses in Criminal cases in *Lower Canada*.

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 Tuesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 4th instant, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House "Copy of any Report or Reports that may have been made to him by the Chief Superintendent of Education, during the present year, on Separate or Dissident Schools."

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 43.)

Answer to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, of the 28th April, 1858, for a copy of all correspondence between the Imperial and Canadian Governments, or the *British* Ambassador at *Washington*, on the subject of securing to ships and other vessels built in *Canada*, the same privileges, on becoming the property of *American* citizens, which are granted to *American* built ships when they become the property of *British* subjects.

No correspondence of the nature alluded to in the above mentioned Address has taken place between the Imperial and the Canadian Governments, or the

British Minister at Washington, but the Inspector General took occasion of the visit of His Excellency the Governor General to *England*, last year, to address to His Excellency a private memorandum on the subject, with a view to its being introduced to Her Majesty's Government, and the communications which took place thereupon between His Excellency and persons connected with Her Majesty's Government were only verbal, and led to no result.

By Command.

T. J. J. Loranger,
Secretary.

Secretary's Office,
Toronto, 6th May, 1858.

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

Your Committee have examined the following Bills, and have agreed to certain amendments to each, which they beg to submit for the consideration of your Honorable House, viz:—

Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the South *Quebec* Warehouse Company.

Bill to authorize the community of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of *Montreal*, known as *Sœurs Grises*, to sell or alienate their fiefs and seigniories and other property therein mentioned.

Mr. *Benjamin* 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 City of *Quebec*, 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:—

Benjamin Dionne, Esquire; *David Christie*, Esquire; *Thomas Roberts Ferguson*, Esquire; *Joseph Dufresne*, Esquire; Chairman, *William Frederick Powell*, Esquire.

Mr. *Benjamin* 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 County of *Montmorency*, 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:—

Jacques Felix Sincennes, Esquire; *Joseph Gould*, Esquire; *John Robert Clarke*, Esquire; *Herbert Biggar*, Esquire; Chairman, *Michael Hamilton Foley*, Esquire.

Mr. *Benjamin* 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 County of *Lotbinière*, 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:—

James Moir Ferres, Esquire; *M. Guillaume Baby*, Esquire; *Joseph Octave Bearubien*, Esquire; the Honorable *Lewis T. Drummond*; Chairman, *Gédéon Ouimet*, Esquire.

Ordered, That the 62nd Rule of this House be suspended, as regards a Bill to legalize certain By-laws and Debentures of the Town Council of *Cobourg*; and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Honorable *Sidney Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill to legalize certain By-laws and Debentures of the Town Council of *Cobourg*, and for other purposes.

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.

Mr. *Mowat*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Perth*, presented to the House the final Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Resolutions, as their final determination:—

1. Resolved, That *Thomas Mayne Daly*, Esquire, the sitting Member for the County of *Perth*, was duly returned at the last Election for said County.

2. Resolved, That the Petition of *Alexander Hamilton* and others, against the said Return, is not frivolous or vexatious.

Your Committee also report, in accordance with the 89th section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," That the first Resolution was decided upon the following division:—

Yeas.—Messieurs *Gauvreau*, *Macbeth*, and *Archambeault*.—3.

Nays.—Messieurs *Howland*, and *Mowat*.—2.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*;

Resolved, That the investigation, in the matter of the *Lotbinière* Election, be declared closed.

Ordered, That the Witnesses in the matter of the said Election, who have not been discharged, do remain in further attendance.

Louis L. L. Desaulniers, Esquire; *Dominique Amable Coullée*, Esquire; *Leonidas Burwell*, Esquire; *Jean Baptiste Daoust*, Esquire; Chairman, *Joseph Edouard Turcotte*, Esquire; being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *L'Islet*, their names were called over; and *Dominique Amable Coullée*, Esquire, not appearing within one hour after four of the clock;

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Chapais*,

Ordered, That the 74th section of "the Election Petitions Act of 1851," be now read;

And the same being read;

Ordered, That *Dominique Amable Coullée*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Soulanges*, having been appointed to serve as one of the Members to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *L'Islet*, and not having attended in his place within one hour after four of the clock this day, being the day appointed for the swearing of the said Committee, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House.

John Carling, Esquire, *Jacques C. Bureau*, Esquire; *Octave C. Fortier*, Esquire; *Christopher Drunken*, Esquire; Chairman, *Eugène Urgel Piché*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Ottawa*; their names were called over, and the Chairman, *Eugène Urgel Piché*, Esquire, not appearing within one hour after four of the clock;

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Whitney*,
Ordered, That the 74th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851" be now read;

And the same being read;

Ordered, That *Eugène Urgel Piché*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Berthier*, having been appointed to serve as one of the Members to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Ottawa*; and not having attended in his place within one hour after four of the clock this day, being the time appointed for the swearing of the said Committee, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House.

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

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make better provision for the punishment of frauds committed by Trustees, Bankers, and other persons intrusted with property," without any amendment.

And also:

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act to define the liability of persons practising as Conveyancers," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the Jury Laws of *Upper Canada*, being read;

The Honorable *Sidney Smith* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cazley*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,

The House adjourned.

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Half-past Seven o'clock P.M.

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Carling*,

Ordered, That the 75th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," be now read;

And the same being read;

And *Dominique Amable Coutlée*, Esquire, not having been brought into the House within three hours after four of the clock, the swearing of the Committee to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *L'Islet*, was adjourned until the next meeting of the House.

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Carling*,

Ordered, That the 75th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," be now read;

And the same being read;

And *Eugène Urgel Piché*, Esquire, not having been brought into the House within three hours after four of the clock, the swearing of the Committee to try and

determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Ottawa*, was adjourned until the next meeting of the House.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was this day proposed, That the Bill (to amend and consolidate the Jury Laws of *Upper Canada*) be now read a second time.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

The Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Connor*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Stirton.</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>63. Wright.</i>
<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>MacKenzie,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>63. Whitney.</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simpson.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Sincennes;</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
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<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
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<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
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<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	62. <i>Whitney.</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker F.</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	31. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable *Sidney Smith*, Mr. *Roblin*, Mr. *Carling*, Mr. *William F. Powell*, Mr. *Benjamin*, Mr. *Burton*, Mr. *Ferguson*, Mr. *McMicken*, and Mr. *Fellowes*, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Then, on motion of Mr. *William F. Powell*, seconded by Mr. *Burton*, The House adjourned until Monday next.

Monday, 10th May, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—Three Petitions of *Joseph Normandin* and others, of *St. Philippe*, County of *Laprairie*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *D. Tremblay* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joachim*.

By Mr. *Dawson*,—The Petition of *W. H. Boulton* and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Langevin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *O. Paradis, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Edward* of *Frampton*; and the Petition of the Reverend *L. T. Bernard* and others, of *Ste. Claire*, and other Parishes, County of *Dorchester*.

By Mr. *Roblin*,—The Petition of *Edward Storr* and others, of the Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington*; and the Petition of *G. W. Madole* and others, Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the County of *Lennox*.

By Mr. *McGee*,—The Petition of *John Heenan* and others, of *Thorold*.

By Mr. *Aikins*,—The Petition of *Valentine Byrnes* and others, of the Gore of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *James Dwyse* and others, of *Albion*, County of *Peel*.

By Mr. *Gaudet*,—The Petition of the Reverend *C. Z. Rousseau, Curé*, and others, of *Ste. Monique*.

By Mr. *Cimon*,—The Petition of *M. McLaren* and others, of *St. Fidèle*.

By Mr. *McCann*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute and Scientific Association of the Village of *Vankleekhäll*.

By Mr. *Holmes*,—The Petition of *John Purvis*, Reeve of the Township of *Kinloss*, and others; the Petition of *George Strong*, Reeve of the Township of *Howick*, and others; the Petition of *John Valentine*, Reeve of the Township of *Greenock*, and others; the Petition of *William McCague*, Reeve of the Township of *Culross*, and others; and the Petition of the Reverend *D. H. Fletcher* and others, of the Township of *Carrick*, County of *Bruce*.

By Mr. *Bureau*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. Bedard*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Rémi*, County of *Napierville*.

By Mr. *Pope*,—The Petition of the *Cookshire* Library Association.

By the Honorable Mr. *Alley*,—The Petition of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the *Lanark* Twelfth Line Temperance Society; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the Trustees of the *Carleton Place* Grammar School, County of *Lanark*; praying that the Grammar Schools of *Upper Canada* may receive additional Legislative aid.

Of *Louis Planté* and others, of the Township of *Wolfestown*; representing that the lands they are settled on are claimed by the *Quebec* Bank, from which they received them, with the promise that they would be sold to them at a moderate price, but that fifteen shillings an acre are now demanded for them, and praying that the Letters Patent applied for by the Bank may issue with the express condition that your Petitioners shall not be compelled to pay more than five or six shillings an acre.

Of *C. F. Fournier*, Mayor, and others, of *St. Jean Port Joli*; of *Joseph Normandin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Constant*; and of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Romuald d'Etchemin*, County of *Lévis*; praying that the legal rate of Interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of *Joseph Normandin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Constant*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Law of *Lower Canada*.

Of *Joseph Normandin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Constant*; and of *T. Walsh* and others, of the Parish of *Lacolle*, County of *St. Johns*; praying that the annual grant for Schools may be increased to £150,000.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Uxbridge*; praying for certain amendments to the New Municipal Bill.

Of the *Newcastle* Mechanics' Institute and Library Association; praying to be placed on the List of Mechanics' Institutes receiving an annual grant from the Government.

Of *Narcisse Simard* and others, of the Township of *Tadoussac*; representing that the possession, by the *Hudson's Bay* Company, of a certain lot of land known as "*La Pointe Rouge*," in the said Township, prevents their having access to the lower parts of their farms, and deprives them of the means of obtaining a living by them, and praying that the said land may be disposed of in their favor, at the expiration of the present lease of the *Hudson's Bay* Company.

Of *T. Walsh* and others, of the Parish of *Lacolle*, County of *St. Johns*; praying for the abolition of Tithes.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Romuald d'Etchemin*, County of *Lévis*; representing that for some years past, and more especially at the last General Election of Members for the Legislative Assembly, numerous frauds and acts of violence have been committed, and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent a recurrence of the same.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Guelph*, County of *Wellington*; praying for the passing of an act to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the *Canada North-West Railway*.

Of *James Bothwell* and others, of the Township of *Durham*, County of *Drummond*; praying that they may be annexed to the District of *St. Francis*, for Judicial purposes.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Clarke*; of the Town Council of the Town of *Bowmanville*; and of the Municipality of the Township of *Darlington*; praying that the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*, may not be separated for Judicial purposes.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*; praying that the Bill to provide for the separation of Cities from Counties, in *Upper Canada*, for Judicial purposes, may not become Law.

Of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of *St. Alexandre d'Iberville*; praying for aid.

Of *A. Morison*, of the City of *Toronto*, News Agent; complaining of certain grievances, and praying that a Committee may be appointed to enquire into the same.

Of the *Stanstead, Shefford, and Chambly* Railroad Company; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*, seconded by Mr. *Dawson*,
Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Essex* Election Petition, have leave to adjourn until such time as the Speaker of this House shall, by his Warrant to be issued in the manner provided by "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," direct the said Committee to re-assemble, in consequence of the evidence now being taken before the County Judge, on behalf of the Petitioner and the sitting member, not being completed.

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

Your Committee have examined the Bill to Incorporate the *Quebec* Tradesman's Colonization Society, and have agreed to certain amendments, which they have the honor to Report for the consideration of your Honorable House.

Mr. *Benjamin* reported, from the General Committee of Elections, the amended Panels.

Mr. *Benjamin*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House the sixth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the following motions for Printing, viz:—

By Mr. *Dunkin*,—Petitions of the Municipality of *Grantham*; of *Wendover*; of *Simpson*; and of *St. Germain*; praying for aid to erect a bridge over the River *St. Francis*, at some point opposite *Grantham*. Also of *Joseph Leclerc*, Mayor, and others, of the Township of *Warwick*; praying aid for a road. Your Committee recommend that, inasmuch as these Petitions are of a local character, they be not printed at the expense of the House.

By Mr. *Dunkin*,—Petition of the Governors of *McGill* College; praying for present relief, and a permanent endowment. Your Committee recommend that this Petition be printed.

By Mr. *Dawson*,—Petition of *Samuel Bécancour Hart*, Esquire, of the City of *Three Rivers*, Seigneur of the Seignior of *Bécancour*, praying that the prayer of

the Petition of *Joseph Metsalabalet* and others, *Abenakis* Indians, may not be granted. Your Committee recommend that this Petition be printed.

By Mr. *Brown*,—Petition of Messrs. *Thompson & Co.*, and others, Booksellers of *Canada*; praying that an inquiry be made into the operations of the Educational Depository in all its branches. Your Committee recommend that this Petition be printed, with a marginal note of all other Petitions presented to the House on the the same subject.

By Mr. *Stirton*,—Return to an Address, in reference to the recent Commission of the Peace issued for the County of *Wellington*. Your Committee cannot recommend that this Return be printed, but they have directed a Copy in manuscript to be made out, and given to the Honorable Member who has moved for its printing.

By the Honorable Mr. *Loranger*,—Report of the Chief Agent for the Superintendence of Emigration, for the year 1857. Your Committee recommend that the Report and Tables only be printed for the use of Members.

Mr. *Benjamin*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House, the Seventh Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee beg leave to report, That it appears that 3,000 sets of the Journals and Appendices have hitherto been printed (1,600 English and 1,400 French), and for the last year a most liberal distribution was made, amounting in all to 2,068 sets, leaving on hand 932 sets, which can only remain on hand as waste. In the opinion of your Committee this large number of 2,068 may be greatly reduced, and they submit a table shewing the number of copies heretofore distributed, with a number which your Committee propose should be distributed in future:—

	Total in French and English now distributed.	Total in French and English proposed to be distributed.
To the Municipalities and County Judges, Canada West	482	82
To Municipalities, Canada East	471	40
To Members of the Legislative Assembly, two copies each	390	260
To Mechanics' Institutes, Library Associations, Upper and Lower Canada..	174	174
To United States	18	18
To House of Lords and Commons	10	20
To Sister Colonies	30	30
To Judges, Canada East	25	25
To Judges at Toronto	8	8
To Governor General and Heads of Public Departments	44	44
To Miscellaneous	31	31
To Legislative Council	125	80
To Library of Parliament	60	50
To Reserves	200	100
Total	2068	962

Being 1,106 less than distributed last year, and 2,038 less than printed, or over two-thirds of the whole amount printed, and your Committee have no doubt that the public service would be well supplied with the number as above stated.

Your Committee recommend that in future one thousand Copies only be printed, this number to include both languages.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gaudet* have leave to bring in a Bill, to separate part of the Township of *Maddington* from the County of *Arthabaska*, and to annex it to the County of *Nicolet*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Governors of *McGill* College be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Galt*, seconded by Mr. *Pope*,

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of a proposed Resolution, to authorize the International Bridge Company to levy tolls.

Ordered, That Mr. *Price* have leave to bring in a Bill to detach part of the County of *Chicoutimi* as a separate Municipality; and to render valid Elections therein.

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 Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Papineau*, seconded by Mr. *Laberge*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before the House, a Return of all the lots of land sold or located in the Townships of *Ripon* and *Hartwell*, in the County of *Ottawa*, since the Agency was established, up to the present time, the date of the Agent's appointment, giving also the number of the lots sold or located, the amount paid on each lot, and the amount of arrears due and unpaid on the same, distinguishing the interest from the principal, and giving also, a statement shewing the amount received from the local Agent by the Government, and the arrears due, if any, by the said Agent.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Robinson* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Canada Landed Credit Company*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of *W. S. Hunter*, junior, be referred to the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, reported that he had taken into his custody *James McCullough*, Poll Clerk for the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, at the late Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, and that he was now at the Bar of the House.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Petition of *James McCullough*, Poll Clerk for the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, at the last Election, for the County of *Lotbinière*.

Ordered, That the said Petition be now received and read, and the Rules of this House suspended, as regards the same.

And the said Petition was received and read, setting forth :—

That your Petitioner acted as Poll Clerk at the last Election for the County of *Lothbinière*, at the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*. On the second day of the Polling, about the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, a number of the people and boys commenced playing and wrestling in the Poll House, making a great noise; they threw down the stove, and one man fell through the upper floor of the House, having first broken through the floor. When this occurred, I told the Deputy Returning Officer that I would go outside and try and cause peace to be restored. On doing so, a great many people attacked me, dragged me about, tore my coat, and swore at me, saying that I was a "*Noël* man," meaning a partizan of *Noël's* and that I was a greater friend to *Noël* than *Côté*, and that I must have been bribed by *Noël*. On the beginning of the row, I heard Mr. *O'Farrell* tell the people that they should quit their tricks; that they were preventing his voters from voting. During the time they were pulling and dragging me about, a great many of them were demolishing the House inside. After the House had been demolished, about half an hour afterwards, two persons arrived from *Ste. Croix*, who told the people that the Polls had been taken in the Lower Parishes, and that they were voting, men, women, and children, for Mr. *Noël*. The crowd then demanded the Poll to be opened, and that they insisted on giving Mr. *O'Farrell* two thousand votes. Mr. *Côté* refused opening the Poll, saying that they had voted enough. I also refused. They then forced us to open the Poll, and when I did not write fast enough, they caused a number of other persons to write down names on sheets of Paper. They continued so writing until very late at night, saying that *Côté* had closed the Polls too soon. I do not know what became of the Poll Book after I left the house to go out to try and restore order. Mr. *Côté* complained that somebody had taken the Poll Book from him forcibly, and that he did not know where it was. When the people insisted upon the Poll Book being opened, somebody in the crowd threw it at me. I picked it up and gave it to *Côté*. None of Mr. *Noël's* voters were prevented from voting during the two Polling days. After the people had done Polling, late at night, they forced Mr. *Côté* and me to sign the Poll Books, and swore that they would do violence to us if we did not close and certify the Books. On this Mr. *Côté* and me signed and certified the Poll Book, when the crowd dispersed and were satisfied. The mob used more threats against Mr. *Côté* than me, and when I saw Mr. *Côté* signing the books, I, without hesitation, signed them also. When the books were closed and signed, Mr. *O'Farrell* told Mr. *Côté* that he could not take the Poll Book to the Returning Officer the way he was going. Mr. *O'Farrell* asked me to go to the Returning Officer with the Poll Book. I said I would. He then told *Côté* that I was going to *Ste. Croix* with the Poll Book, and that he had better give it to me, and that I was going a shorter way than he (*Côté*) was going. He also added that he was alarmed lest Mr. *Noël's* friends should take the Poll Book from him, as they might destroy it.

Mr. *Côté* first refused to give me the Book, but after some talk on the matter Mr. *Côté* gave up the Poll Book to me very reluctantly. When we were leaving the next morning, Mr. *O'Farrell* took the Poll Book from me and carried it to *Ste. Agathe*. At this place Mr. *O'Farrell* returned the Book to me, and procured there a guard of several persons to accompany us to *Ste. Croix*. The Poll Book was in my possession from the time we left *Ste. Agathe* until I handed it to Mr. *Côté* at *Ste. Croix*. He there declared that the Poll Books had not been altered since he gave them to me at *St. Sylvestre*. I went with Mr. *Côté* to the Returning Officer's house, by Mr. *O'Farrell's* orders, he saying that the Returning Officer might wish to put me some questions concerning the Poll Book. The Returning Officer put no questions to me concerning the Poll Book. By my fa-

ther's orders I entertained some of Mr. *O'Farrell's* voters during the Polling days. I declare that the reason of my not obeying the order of this Honorable House, was, that I had not the means of transporting myself to *Toronto*. I telegraphed to that effect to Mr. *Lindsay*, a Clerk of this House, as soon as I got the summons. When Mr. *Ford* (the Police Constable) came to arrest me I was absent from my house, in the Eastern Townships, and in the State of *Vermont*, trading cattle and horses; on my return home, and being informed that a constable with a warrant had been seeking me, I immediately repaired to *Quebec*, and gave myself up to the Sheriff. I had several conversations with Mr. *O'Farrell* about the election, and particularly on Good Friday or Easter Sunday when Mr. *O'Farrell* returned me some money that I had lent him. Mr. *O'Farrell* sent me word after that to go to *Toronto*, and I left home thinking to meet him at *Kelly's* Station. Mr. *Coté* was sick during the second day of the Polling. When I was sworn by Mr. *Pâquet* I knew well, and so did Mr. *Coté*, that we were not swearing on the Holy Evangelists, and that we went through the ceremony with a view of pacifying the mob. I think, if I can remember rightly, that the book used was "*Moore's Melodies*." I know of no other matter of importance connected with the Election, unless my attention was drawn to any particular fact. Having stated the whole facts to the best of my knowledge, which I am willing to swear to, I pray your Honor and your Honorable House, will take pity on me, and deal as leniently with me, as possible; and your Petitioner will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,

Ordered, That *James McCullough*, now in attendance at the bar of this House, be examined with regard to the matter of the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*.

James McCullough was then examined, at the bar, as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

393.—Is the Petition now shown to you signed by you?—It is.

394.—Does such Petition contain a true statement of what occurred at *St. Sylvestre* during and after the polling of votes at that place at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, and have you anything further to add to the contents of your Petition?—It contains a true statement of what occurred at the said Election; I have nothing to add to the contents of the said Petition.

By Mr. *Ferres*.

395.—Who administered the pretended oath on "*Moore's Melodies*" to yourself and Mr. *Coté*, and who were present in the room at the time?—Mr. *Pâquet* administered the oath; Dr. *Read*, one *Patrick Doherty*, and several others whom I do not remember, were present at the time.

396.—Was the Mr. *Pâquet*, you name, a Justice of the Peace, or reputed so to be at the time he administered the said pretended oath?—He was a Justice of the Peace at the time, as far as I know.

By Mr. *Dorion*.

397.—Was anything ever offered to you to induce you to abscond or to abstain from attending to the summons served upon you to appear before this House, and if so, by whom?—Nothing was ever offered to me to induce me to abscond or abstain from attending.

By the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*.

398.—Is it not true that Mr. *O'Farrell* proposed to send one of your brothers as a witness to the House in your place? Say why he wished to make this change, and all that he said to you on this subject?—He never proposed the thing to me.

399.—Who are the other persons besides yourself who wrote names in the poll book? Name them?—I do not know.

James Moir Ferres, Esquire, *M. Guillaume Baby*, Esquire, *Joseph Octave Beaubien*, Esquire, the Honorable *Lewis T. Drummond*; Chairman, *Gédéon Ouimet*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Lotbinière*, their names were called over, and being come to the table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the County of *Lotbinière*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet to-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of eleven in the forenoon.

Benjamin Dionne, Esquire, *David Christie*, Esquire, *Thomas Roberts Ferguson*, Esquire, *Joseph Dufresne*, Esquire; Chairman, *William Frederick Powell*, Esquire, being the Select Committee, appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Quebec*, their names were called over, and being come to the table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and return for the City of *Quebec*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that City.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet this evening in one of the Committee Rooms of this House, at the hour of five minutes past six.

Jacques Felix Sincennes, Esquire, *Joseph Gould*, Esquire, *John Robert Clark*, Esquire, *Herbert Biggar*, Esquire; Chairman, *Michael Hamilton Foley*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Montmorency*, their names were called over, and being come to the table, they were sworn by the Clerk, with the exception of *Mr. Clark*, who, being a Quaker, made his solemn affirmation to give a true judgment, according to the evidence.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the County of *Montmorency*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet this evening, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of five minutes past six o'clock

On motion of *Mr. Benjamin*, seconded by *Mr. Turcotte*,

Resolved, That when *Mr. Speaker* leaves the Chair, at six o'clock, the House will adjourn until half-past seven o'clock this day.

The Honorable *Mr. Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the 19th ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, Copies of all instructions given by any Department of the Provincial Government to any person or persons employed in the exploration of the country between *Lake Superior* and the *Red River*,—of all communications in reference to the organization of the exploring party or parties engaged in that

service,—and of all Reports, &c., received by the Government, or any Department thereof, in relation thereto.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 3.)

John Carling, Esquire, *Jacques C. Bureau*, Esquire, *Octave C. Fortier*, Esquire, *Christopher Dunkin*, Esquire; Chairman, *Eugène Urgel Piché*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Ottawa*, their names were called over, and *Eugène Urgel Piché*, Esquire, not appearing within one hour after four of the clock:

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Gill*,

Ordered, That the 76th Section of “the Election Petitions Act of 1851,” be now read;

And the same being read;

Ordered, That the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Ottawa*, be referred back to the General Committee of Elections.

Louis L. L. Desaulniers, Esquire, *Dominique Amable Coutlée*, Esquire, *Leonidas Burwell*, Esquire, *Jean Baptiste Daoust*, Esquire; Chairman, *Joseph Edward Turcotte*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *L'Islet*, their names were called over; and *Dominique Amable Coutlée*, Esquire, not appearing within one hour after four of the clock;

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Gill*,

Ordered, That the 76th Section of “The Election Petitions Act of 1851,” be now read;

And the same being read;

Ordered, That the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *L'Islet*, be referred back to the General Committee of Elections.

Examination of *James McCullough* resumed:—

By Mr. *Bellingham*.

400.—Are you well acquainted with Dr. *Read*, a witness already examined in this case?—I am.

By Mr. *Laberge*.

401.—Did Mr. *O'Farrell* tell you why he borrowed money from you, which according to your petition he has returned to you. Do you know why he borrowed it of you?—I think he was going down to *Ste. Croix*, and he said he had no pocket money, and asked me if I could lend him some money. I lent him five pounds.

402.—Was that during the Election?—It was before the Election.

403.—Did Mr. *O'Farrell* tell you not to come before the House, in obedience to the summons you received from it; did he give you money to go to the *United States* or elsewhere, so as not to appear before this House?—He wrote to me to come, and never gave me any money, but the five pounds that I had lent him.

By the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*.

404.—Examine the Poll Book of *St. Sylvestre*, and see if you recognize the writing of any whose names are recorded there?—I do not know that they are in the handwriting of any others than Dr. *Read*, Mr. *Côté*, and myself.

By Mr. *Ross*.

405.—When you were acting as Deputy Returning Officer in the last *Lotbinière* Election, how many Poll Clerks had you, and name them?—Three or four were writing besides myself. I do not know their names.

406.—Do you know the names of any of them?—I do not.

407.—Is it not true that you were asked, by the Judge Commissioner for the examination of witnesses touching the contested election for the County of *Lotbinière*, the following question:—"Who acted as your poll clerk during the time that you acted as Deputy Returning Officer?" and that you declined to answer? State your reasons for refusing to answer?—I was asked that question. The reason why I declined to answer was, that there were several writing whom I did not know, and because I thought I should be punished for allowing so many to write. In fact at that time there was no Poll Clerk but myself.

408.—Is it not true that you got on board the Grand Trunk Railway Train at *Point Levy* or some other station on or about the 5th April last, for the purpose of repairing to *Toronto* as a witness in this matter, and that you left the same train at the station of *Méthot's Mills* or elsewhere; state why you so left, and at whose instigation?—I did get on board the Grand Trunk Railway Train at *Craig's* road station with the intention of appearing as a witness at the Bar of this House. I left at *Méthot's Mills* because I had not the means of coming up. I expected to meet a person who had promised me money on that morning. I waited there for that person until the freight train passed, and then returned by the evening train to *Craig's* road. I sent a despatch to Mr. *Lindsay*, the Clerk of this House, stating that I had no means to come up.

409.—What was the name of that person?—*James Monaghan*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*.

410.—Is the Mr. *Read* mentioned by you, whose hand-writing you say you perceived in the book containing the fictitious names, the Dr. *James Read* who has been examined as a witness at the Bar? Do you know his hand-writing well, and have you seen him write?—It is the same Dr. *Read* whose hand-writing appears in the Poll Book. I have seen him write. On the second day, before the Poll House was broken into, I had a sore hand, and asked Mr. *Côté* to allow Dr. *Read* to write for me. I do not recognize Dr. *Read's* hand-writing in the book containing the fictitious votes. He did not write except in the presence of Mr. *Côté* and myself.

By Mr. *Ross*.

411.—Was the sitting member, Mr. *O'Farrell*, cognizant of the fact that you employed several Poll Clerks at the said election? and state from what hour of the day or of the evening they were employed, and did more than one of them write at the same time?—Mr. *O'Farrell* was not, to my knowledge, cognizant of the fact. I should think they were employed from about four till about eight or nine o'clock; they were all writing at the same time.

The witness was then directed to withdraw, and to remain in the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,

Ordered, That *John O'Farrell*, Esquire, sitting Member for the County of *Lotbinière*, do attend in his place in this House on Wednesday next.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, and the Question being proposed; that *George Côté*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Sylvestre* at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, and *James McCullough*, Poll Clerk for the same Parish at the same Election, have been respectively guilty of a gross fraud, and of a breach of the privileges of this House, in being privy to the fraudulent registration on the Poll Book of the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, of a number of names of persons having no right to vote, and of fictitious names, as those of persons having a right to vote at the Election of a Member to represent the

County of *Lotbinière*, held in the months of December and January last, and as having caused to be returned the said Poll Book to the Returning Officer, knowing that it contained such names, and in otherwise being privy to the falsification of the said Poll Book.

And a Debate arising thereon ;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Playfair*,
The House adjourned.

Half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Mr. *Gill* reported, from the General Committee of Elections, that in consequence of the number of Select Committees appointed to be chosen during the present week, and the small number of Members remaining on the Panel in service liable to serve, the Committee had extended the day for choosing a Committee on the County of *Quebec* Election Petition till Tuesday, the 18th instant, at 10 A. M., from Panel B, No. 3.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was this day proposed, that *George Côté*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Sylvestre* at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, and *James McCullough*, Poll Clerk for the same Parish at the same Election, have been respectively guilty of a gross fraud, and of a breach of the privileges of this House, in being privy to the fraudulent registration on the Poll Book of the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, of a number of names of persons having no right to vote, and of fictitious names, as those of persons having a right to vote at the Election of a Member to represent the County of *Lotbinière*, held in the months of December and January last, and as having caused to be returned the said Poll Book to the Returning Officer, knowing that it contained such names, and in otherwise being privy to the falsification of the said Poll Book.

And the Question being again proposed ;

Mr. *Turcotte* moved, in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Thibaudeau*, That all the words after "that" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words, "*James McCullough*, Poll Clerk for the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, at the last General Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, is guilty of a gross fraud, and of a breach of the privileges of this House, in being privy to the fraudulent registration on the Poll Book of the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, of a number of names of persons having no right to vote, and of fictitious names, as those of persons having a right to vote at the Election of a Member to represent the County of *Lotbinière*, held in the months of December and January last, and as having caused to be returned the said Poll Book to the Returning Officer, knowing that it contained such names, and in otherwise being privy to the falsification of the said Poll Book," inserted instead thereof.

On motion of Mr. *Foley*, seconded by Mr. *Dorion*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Montmorency* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until Friday next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, for the convenience of all parties concerned.

On motion of Mr. *William Frederick Powell*, seconded by Mr. *Christie*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the City of *Quebec* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until such time as the Speaker of this House shall, by his Warrant, direct them to re-assemble, pursuant to "the Election Petitions Act of

1851," an investigation having been instituted in accordance with the provisions of the Act 20 Vic. cap 23, for improving the mode of obtaining evidence in controverted Elections, which investigation is still pending.

On motion of Mr. *William Frederick Powell*, seconded by Mr. *Christie*,
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn for the space of five minutes.

Forty-five minutes past eight o'clock, P. M.

The House resumed the further consideration of the amendment which was this day proposed to be made to the question, That *George Côté*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Sylvestre* at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, and *James McCullough*, Poll Clerk for the same Parish at the same Election, have been respectively guilty of a gross fraud, and of a breach of the privileges of this House, in being privy to the fraudulent registration on the Poll Book of the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, of a number of names of persons having no right to vote, and of fictitious names, as those of persons having a right to vote at the election of a Member to represent the County of *Lotbinière*, held in the months of December and January last, and as having caused to be returned the said Poll Book to the Returning Officer, knowing that it contained such names, and in otherwise being privy to the falsification of the said Poll Book; and which amendment was that all the words after "That" to the end of the question be left out, and the words, "*James McCullough*, Poll Clerk for the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, at the last general election for the County of *Lotbinière*, is guilty of a gross fraud, and of a breach of the privileges of this House, in being privy to the fraudulent registration in the Poll Book of the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, of a number of names of persons having no right to vote, and of fictitious names as those of persons having a right to vote at the election of a Member to represent the County of *Lotbinière*, held in the months of December and January last, and as having caused to be returned the said Poll Book to the Returning Officer, knowing that it contained such names, and in otherwise being privy to the falsification of the said Poll Book," be inserted instead thereof.

And a further debate arising thereupon,

And the question on the amendment being again proposed, the said proposed amendment and the original question were, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, and the Question being proposed, That *George Côté*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Sylvestre* at the last election for the County of *Lotbinière*, has been guilty of a gross fraud and of a breach of the privileges of this House in being privy to the fraudulent registration on the Poll Book of the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, of a number of names of persons having no right to vote, and of fictitious names as those of persons having a right to vote, at the Election of a Member to represent the County of *Lotbinière*, held in the months of December and January last, and as having caused to be returned the said Poll Book to the Returning Officer knowing that it contained such names, and in otherwise being privy to the falsification of the said Poll Book.

Mr. *Dorion* moved in Amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Hogan*, That all the words after "*Lotbinière*," where it first occurs, to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words, "be immediately brought to the Bar of this House to answer for his conduct on the charges of having been privy to the fraudulent registration on the Poll Book of the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre* of a number of names of persons having no right to vote, and of fictitious names as those of persons having a right to vote, at the election of a Member to represent

“ the County of *Lotbinière*, held in the months of December and January last, and
 “ as having the Poll Book caused to be returned to the Returning Officer, knowing
 “ that it contained such names, and as otherwise being privy to the falsification
 “ of the said Poll Book; and that the present Resolution be then communi-
 “ cated to him,” inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	22. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Drinkin,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Casley,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Powell, Wm. F.</i>	64. <i>White.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That *George Côté*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Sylvestre* at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, has been guilty of a gross fraud and of a breach of the privileges of this House, in being privy to the fraudulent registration on the Poll Book of the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, of a number of names of persons having no right to vote, and of fictitious names as those of persons having a right to vote, at the Election of a Member to represent the County of *Lotbinière*, held in the months of December and January last, as having caused to be returned the said Poll Book to the Returning Officer knowing that it contained such names, and in otherwise being privy to the falsification of the said Poll Book.

Mr. *Dufresne* moved in Amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Cimon*, That all the words after “ *Lotbinière*,” where it first occurs, to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words, “ having been threatened by a mob, suffering also under the influence of a disease caused by medicine administered to him by *John O'Farrell*, one of the candidates, with a view of disabling him, and putting the fate of the Election under the control of *James McCullough*, the Poll Clerk; and having had just reason to fear for his life, was excusable for having signed the Poll Book of *St. Sylvestre*, and this House doth exonerate him for having done so,” inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the amendment, the House divided, and it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Resolved, That *George Côté*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, has been guilty of a gross fraud and of a breach of the privileges of this House, in being privy to the fraudulent registration on the Poll Book of the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, of a number of names of persons having no right to vote, and of fictitious names, as those of persons having a right to vote at the Election of a Member to represent the County of *Lotbinière*, held in the months of December and January last, and as having caused to be returned the said Poll Book to the Returning Officer, knowing that it contained such names, and in otherwise being privy to the falsification of the said Poll Book.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, and the Question being put, that the said *George Côté* be committed to the Common Gaol of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*, during the pleasure of this House, and that Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant accordingly:

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Arclambeault,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>	<i>68. Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>19. Turcotte.</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That *James McCullough*, Poll Clerk for the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, is guilty of a gross fraud, and of a breach of the privileges of this House, in being privy to the fraudulent registration in the Poll Book of the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre* of a number of names of persons having no right to vote, and fictitious names, as those of persons having a right to vote at the Election of a Member to represent the County of *Lotbinière*, held in the months of December and January last, and as having caused to be returned the said Poll Book to the Returning Officer, knowing that it contained such names, and in otherwise being privy to the falsification of the said Poll Book.

Ordered, That the said *James McCullough* be committed to the Common Gaol of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*, during the pleasure of this House, and that Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant accordingly.

Mr. *Dorion* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hogan*, and the question being put, That this House do now adjourn.

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

YEAS..

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>Sturton,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>42. Wright.</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Powell, Wm. F.</i>	<i>35. Webb.</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House adjourned accordingly.

Tuesday, 11th May, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House,—Statement of the affairs of the *De Salaberry* Navigation Company of *Montreal*, for the year 1857.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (No. 10.)

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House reported, that in obedience to Mr. Speaker's Warrants, he had lodged the bodies of *George Côté* and *James McCullough* in the common gaol of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *François Renaud*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. Ferréol*.

By Mr. *Carling*.—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *London*; and the Petition of *James Preston* and others, of the City of *London*.

By Mr. *McGee*,—The Petition of *William Ketcher* and others, of the Village of *Fergus* and vicinity.

By Mr. *Bureau*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute of *Napierville*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—The Petition of Messieurs *Gillyatt, Robinson, and Hall*, and others, Leather Merchants, Tanners, and Boot and Shoe manufacturers, of the City of *Toronto*; the Petition of Messieurs *Hugh Thompson* and Son, and others, Leather Merchants, Tanners, and Boot and Shoe Manufacturers, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the Harbor Commissioners of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Dionne*,—Two Petitions of the Reverend *Julien Rioux* and others, of the Parish of *St. Eloi*, County of *Temiscouata*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Eloi*, County of *Temiscouata*.

By Mr. *Cimon*,—The Petition of *George Côté*, at present confined in the Common Gaol of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*.

On motion of Mr. *Cimon*, seconded by Mr. *Dufresne*,

Ordered, That the Petition of *George Côté*, at present confined in the Common Gaol of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*, be now received and read; and the Rules of this House suspended, as regards the same.

And the said Petition was received and read, setting forth: That your Petitioner, after having given the testimony at the Bar of the Legislative Assembly, on which he has been found guilty of a Breach of the Privileges of your Honorable House, had no opportunity allowed him of being heard in justification of his conduct, a privilege which he deems himself entitled to, from the fact that he did not consider himself put upon his trial, and that he could not, in giving that evidence, so thoroughly exculpate himself, in the opinion of your Honorable House, as he could if direct questions had been put to him: Your Petitioner, without calling in question the judgment of your Honorable House, respectfully submits, that he is entitled to be heard in explanation of his conduct, and therefore humbly prays that your Honorable House would be pleased to allow him to appear at the Bar of the House to make the said explanations.

Mr. *Turcotte*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Tenth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:

Your Committee have examined the following Petition, and find the notices sufficient, viz:—Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the City of *Quebec*, for certain amendments to their act of incorporation.

On the Petition of *Edouard G. Paradis* and others, of the Townships of *Hali-fax* and *Chester*, County of *Arthabaska*, for a division of *Chester* into two Townships, &c., Your Committee find that no notice was given; but it has been proved to their satisfaction that the application is known and approved throughout the locality in question, and they therefore beg to recommend a suspension of the 62nd Rule.

The following Petitions are not, in the opinion of Your Committee, of such a nature as to require the publication of notice, viz:—Of the Provisional Directors of the *St. Clair, Chatham, and Rondeau* Ship Canal Company, for an increase of capital, and an extension of the time for commencing the work; and of the *Canadian* Inland Steam Navigation Company, for removal of doubts as to the validity of the proceedings at their last annual meeting, &c.

The Honorable Mr. *Terrill* reported, from the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without any amendment.

Mr. *Cimon*, from the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Ordinance to prescribe and regulate the registering of Titles to Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, real or immovable Estates, and of Charges and Incumbrances on the same, and for the alteration and improvement of the Law in certain particulars, in relation to the alienation or hypothecation of Real Estates, and the Rights and interest acquired therein, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That Mr. *Langevin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act passed in the 18th year of Her Majesty's reign, cap. 159, intituled, "An Act to amend and consolidate the provisions contained in the Ordinances to incorporate the city and Town of *Quebec*, and to vest more ample powers in the Corporation of the said City and Town."

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Notman* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 13 and 14, *Vic.* cap. 32, intituled, "An Act for incorporating certain Charitable, Philanthropic, and Provident Associations."

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 Thursday next.

Mr. *Turcotte* rose in his place and informed the House, that he was desired by Mr. *Coutlée*, to state, that being himself sick, he was obliged to visit his family, one of the members of which was seriously indisposed; when he set out he did not know that he was a member of an Election Committee for the contested Election of the County of *L'Islet*, that he received telegrams informing him of that circumstance, but he was too unwell to be able to return to *Toronto* before this day; and Mr. *Coutlée* having verified the same upon oath;

Resolved, That the said statement be considered a sufficient excuse.

Ordered, That the Order of the seventh instant, directing Mr. *Coutlée* to be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, be discharged.

Ordered, That Mr. *Walker Powell* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars.

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 Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Cimon*, seconded by Mr. *Dufresne*,

Ordered, That *George Côté*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, at the last General Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, now imprisoned in the Common Gaol of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*, under the order of this House of the 10th of May instant, be liberated from the said Gaol, to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. *Burwell* have leave to bring in a Bill, for the protection of the owners of Saw Logs and other Timber, and to afford them summary relief in certain cases.

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 To-morrow.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,

Resolved, That when this House doth adjourn, To-morrow, it do adjourn until Friday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *John Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill, to confirm the survey of part of the 7th Concession of the Township of *Hope*, in the County of *Durham*, as made by the late *John Hewston*.

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 Monday next.

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

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, “An Act to provide for the Registration of Debentures issued by Municipal and other Corporate Bodies,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty’s Executive Council, presented pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 19th ultimo, for a Statement of proceedings in the Vice-Admiralty Court.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 44.)

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, also laid before the House by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Minister of Agriculture for 1857.

For the said Report, see Appendix (No. 45.)

Ordered, That the Annual Report of the Commissioner of Public Works, for 1857, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Archambeault* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bearbien*, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, to amend the Act of incorporation of the College of *L’Assomption*;

Mr. *Dorion* proposed the following Question of Order;

Whether the motion to introduce the Bill be in Order, inasmuch as no motion to suspend the 62nd Rule of this House, in relation thereto, has been made.

Mr. Speaker decided that the motion was in Order.

And an appeal being made from Mr. Speaker’s decision; the House divided.

For Mr. Speaker’s decision,—52.

Against Mr. Speaker’s decision,—16.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being again proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, to amend the Act of incorporation of the College of *L’Assomption*;

Mr. *Galt* moved in Amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Patrick*, That all the words after “That,” to the end of the Question be left out, and the words “the Petition praying for a Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the College of *L’Assomption*,” be referred back to the Standing Committee on “Standing Orders, with an instruction to report to the House, that this Bill is a “private Bill,” inserted instead thereof.

And the question being put on the Amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Nolman,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Larberge,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>	<i>34. Wright.</i>
<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty-Gen.</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>T'hibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>56. Webb.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main question being put, the House divided, and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Archambeault* accordingly brought in a Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the College of *L'Assomption*, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Sherwood*, seconded by Mr. *Carling*,

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to provide for the registration of Debentures issued by Municipal and other Corporate bodies," be now read for the first time.

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cayley* have leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Village of *Southampton*.

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.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cayley* have leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Village of *Renfrew*.

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.

Ordered, That the Honorable *Sidney Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company to issue Preferential Bonds, and for other purposes.

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.

Ordered, That Mr. *Robinson* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the separation of the County of *Durham* from the County of *Northumberland*.

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 Monday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill further to amend the Judicature Acts of *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

Ordered, That the Resolutions of this House of the thirtieth of April last, respecting the more efficient administration of Justice in the County of *Chicoutimi*, be referred to the said Committee.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*,

Ordered, That *George Burton*, Poll Clerk for the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, at the last Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the interest of money, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mattice* 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.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Law in relation to the Jurisdiction and procedure of the several Surrogate Courts in *Upper Canada*, and to simplify and expedite the proceedings in such Courts; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Hogan* 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.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the twentieth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act to extend the right of Appeal in Criminal cases in *Upper Canada*," being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to define the Elective Franchise, to provide for the Registration of Voters, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Friday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enable Foreign Executors and Administrators to sue and be sued in *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Friday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,
The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 12th May, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—Four Petitions of *J. Dunn* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marguerite de Blairfindie*, County of *St. Johns*.

By Mr. *Stirton*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Guelph*.

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of *J. Musson* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Panct*,—The Petition of *William Corregan*, Mayor, and others, of the Townships of *Stoneham* and *Tewkesbury*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*.

By Mr. *Allan*,—The Petition of the Trustees of the *Elora* County Grammar School.

By Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the College *Masson*.

By Mr. *Price*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Hudson*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *Notre Dame de Hébertville*.

By Mr. *Sherwood*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Oxford*.

By Mr. *McMicken*,—The Petition of *Thomas Burgar* and others, of the Township of *Crowland*.

By Mr. *John Cameron*,—The Petition of *Albert Lee* and others, of the Township of *Esquesing*, County of *Halton*; the Petition of *David Starret* and others, of the Township of *Esquesing*; and the Petition of *W. H. Boulton* and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Sincennes*,—The Petition of *Thomas Boyd*, Ship Builder, of the Parish of *Sorel*.

By Mr. *Mowat*,—The Petition of *Henry Allen*, of the Town of *Niagara*, Barrister at Law, and heretofore Judge of the *London* District; and the Petition of *Michael Brown* and others, Booksellers, of *Brantford*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *Joseph Normandin* and others, of *St. Philippe*, County of *Laprairie*; praying that the annual grant for Schools may be increased to £150,000.

Of *Joseph Normandin* and others, of *St. Philippe*, County of *Laprairie*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Law of *Lower Canada*.

Of *Joseph Normandin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Philippe*, County of *Laprairie*; praying for the abolition of Tithes.

Of *D. Tremblay* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joachim*; of the Reverend *C. Z. Rousseau*, Curé, and others, of *Ste. Monique*; and of *M. McLaren* and others, of *St. Fidèle*; praying that the legal rate of interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of *W. H. Boulton* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; praying for an Act of incorporation under the name of "The North-west Transportation and Land Company," for the purpose of carrying on Trade with the *Red River* and North Western Territories, and establishing communications within the limits of *Canada* by rail and water.

Of the Reverend *O. Paradis, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Edward*, of *Frampton*; praying that the said Parish may be separated from the District of *Beauce*, and annexed to the District of *Quebec* for judicial purposes.

Of the Reverend *L. T. Bernard* and others, of *Ste. Claire* and other Parishes, County of *Dorchester*; praying aid for roads.

Of *Edward Storr* and others, of the Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington*; and of *G. W. Madole* and others, Reeves and Deputy Reeves, of the County of *Lennox*; praying that the Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington* may be separated from the County of *Frontenac*, to be formed into a United County for Judicial purposes.

Of *John Heenan* and others, of *Thorold*; of *Valentine Byrnes* and others, of the Gore of *Toronto*; of *James Dwyre* and others, of *Albion*, County of *Peel*; and of the Reverend *P. Bédard, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Rémi*, County of *Napierville*; praying that the Loyal Orange Association of *British North America* may not be incorporated.

Of the Mechanics' Institute and Scientific Association of the Village of *Vankleeckhill*; praying for aid.

Of *John Purvis*, Reeve of the Township of *Kinloss*, and others; of *George Strong*, Reeve of the Township of *Howick*, and others; of *John Valentine*, Reeve of the Township of *Greenock*, and others; and of *William McCague*, Reeve of the Township of *Culross*, and others; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the *Canada North-west Railway*.

Of the Reverend *D. H. Fletcher* and others, of the Township of *Carrick*, County of *Bruce*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the *Cookshere Library Association*; praying for aid.

Of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*; praying for aid.

Mr. *Benjamin*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House the Eighth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the documents, referred to in the following motions for Printing, viz.:—

By Mr. *Bureau*,—Return to an Address for statement of all sums apportioned to Municipalities in Upper Canada, from Clergy Reserves appropriation Fund; as also from what Municipality the appropriation was retained, owing to their indebtedness to the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund, to the present time; also, “Return to an Address for statement shewing the whole amount of Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund Debentures, issued to 21st January last, under 16th *Vic.* cap. 22, and 18 *Vic.*, cap. 13.” Your Committee recommend that these Returns should be printed.

By Honorable Mr. *J. S. Macdonald*,—“Return to an Address for statement of Vessels which have passed under the Great Western Draw Bridge over the *Desjardins Canal* since its construction.” Your Committee recommend that only a Summary of this Return should be printed.

By Mr. *White*,—“Return to an Address for Report of Chief Superintendent of Education for *Upper Canada*, on the subject of Separate Schools.” Your Committee recommend that this Report be printed, under the superintendence of the Superintendent; and the same number as of his Annual Report of the last year.

By Mr. *Robinson*,—“Petition of *Alexander Morison*, News Agent of the City of *Toronto*, complaining of certain grievances; and praying that a Committee may be appointed to inquire into the same.” Your Committee recommend that this Petition be not printed.

By Honorable Mr. *Loranger*,—“Return to an Address for copies of all instructions given by any Departments of the Government, to any persons employed in

the exploration of the Country between Lake *Superior* and the *Red River*; and Reports made by exploring parties, engaged in the service." Your Committee recommend that five thousand copies be printed.

Mr. *Benjamin* reported, from the General Committee of Elections, the names of the Members of the new Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Ottawa*, 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:—

Henry Wellesley McCann, Esquire; *Louis Siméon Morin*, Esquire; *Louis Archambeault*, Esquire; *Francis H. Burton*, Esquire; Chairman, *Joseph Edouard Turcotte*, Esquire.

Mr. *Benjamin* reported, from the General Committee of Elections, the names of the Members of the new Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *L'Islet*, 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:—

Pierre Labelle, Esquire; *John Meagher*, Esquire; *Walker Powell*, Esquire; *Louis Honoré Gauvreau*, Esquire; Chairman, *Skeffington Connor*, Esquire.

Mr. *Benjamin* 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 County of *Renfrew*, 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:—

John LeBoutillier, Esquire; *Noël Hébert*, Esquire; *George Macbeth*, Esquire; *Gilbert McMicken*, Esquire; Chairman, *Eugène Urgel Piché*, Esquire.

Ordered, That the Return to an Address for statements of all sums apportioned to Municipalities in *Upper Canada* from Clergy Reserves Appropriation Fund; as also from what Municipality the Appropriation was retained, owing to their indebtedness to the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund to the present time;—Return to an Address for Copies of all instructions given by any Department of the Government to any persons employed in the exploration of the country between *Lake Superior* and the *Red River*, and Reports made by exploring parties engaged in that service;—and the Petition of Messieurs *Thompson* and Company, and others, (as recommended in the Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on Printing,) be severally printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ross* have leave to bring in a Bill the better to secure the freedom of Election for Members to serve in the Legislative Council and Assembly of this Province, by providing for the registration of qualified voters, and enabling them to vote by Ballot, and for other purposes.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ross* have leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for the relief of Insolvent Traders, and for the administration and distribution of their estates.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was receiv-

ed and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Galt*, seconded by Mr. *Pope*,

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee for the purpose of passing a Resolution to authorize the International Bridge Company to levy tolls.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Burwell* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Gould*, seconded by Mr. *Wright*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before the House, A Statement in detail of all the Fees and Emoluments of the several Sheriffs in *Upper Canada*, for the last two years, ending 31st December last,—and to direct the Treasurers of the several Counties in *Upper Canada*, to furnish a statement in detail of all the Jury expenses in their respective Counties, designating the number of miles travelled, &c., for the same period, as shewn by their Pay Lists.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House, as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dunkin* have leave to bring in a Bill to dis-unite the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, for the purposes of representation in the Provincial Parliament.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Webb* have leave to bring in a Bill to dis-unite the Counties of *Richmond* and *Wolfe*, for the purposes of Representation in the Provincial Parliament.

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 Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Jobin*, seconded by Mr. *Bureau*,

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider of certain Resolutions on the propriety of amending the *Montreal* Trinity House Acts.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Playfair* 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 Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 19th ultimo, for a Statement relative to Militia Companies.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (No. 27.)

Mr. *Ouimet*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Lotbinière*, informed the House, That *M. Guillaume Baby*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee this day.

On motion of Mr. *Ouimet*, seconded by Mr. *Turcotte*,

Ordered. That *M. Guillaume Baby*, Esquire, do attend in his place in this House, at the next sitting thereof.

The Order of the tenth instant for the attendance of *John O'Farrell*, Esquire, sitting member for the County of *Lotbinière*, in his place in this House this day, being read ;

And Mr. *O'Farrell* not attending in his place ;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, and the question being put, That *John O'Farrell*, Esquire, a member of this House, having unlawfully aided, counselled, and assisted, in taking by violence, from *George Côté*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, in the County of *Lotbinière*, the Poll Book used for that Parish at the last Election held for such County, the said *Côté* then having lawful custody of such Poll Book ; and the said *John O'Farrell* having aided, counselled, and assisted in the injuring and falsifying of the said Poll Book, and the said *John O'Farrell* having also failed to obey the Order of this House, that he should attend in his place this day, be expelled this House.

It was resolved in the Affirmative. *Nemine contradicente*.

And the names of the Members present being called for, they were taken down as follow :—

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Darwin,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scotte,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Sturton,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Crayley,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Curuchon,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Wright.</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>	

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,

Ordered, That *James Read*, Esquire, M.D., be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

The Order of the 21st ultimo being read, for the attendance of *C. Turcot*, Poll Clerk for the Parish of *St. Ours*, at the late Election for the County of *Richelieu*, to be examined touching the irregularities appearing on the Poll Book of the said Parish.

And the House being informed that *Mr. Turcot* was in attendance, he was called in, and at the Bar examined as followeth:—

By *Mr. Dufresne*.

42.—Why did you enter the name of the Concession in the Poll Book in preference to the name of the Parish? Why did you not enter in the same manner the name of the Concession in which each voter belonging to the Parish of *St. Ours* resided, and not the name of the Parish?—I made the entries as directed by the Deputy Returning Officer.

43.—What do the people of the Concession of *Grand St. Ours* do in relation to legal documents? Do they style themselves of the Parish of *St. Ours*, or how?—I know nothing about it.

44.—Is it to your knowledge that *Jean Baptiste Guévremont*, one of the Candidates at the said Election, made opposition to the votes of the people of *Grand St. Ours*? Why were they admitted?—*Mr. Guévremont* opposed the admission of the votes of those people at the said Election. The Deputy Returning Officer told me to enter their names.

45.—Is it to your knowledge that the said *Jean Baptiste Guévremont* demanded that the Proprietor's Oath should be administered to each of the people from the Concession of *Grand St. Ours*, and that he objected to their votes? Did he not require the description of their property to be entered in the Poll Book? Why did you not make that entry?—The Proprietor's Oath was exacted by *Mr. Guévremont*, and the number of the Oath is entered opposite to the names of those from whom it was required. He did not, to my knowledge, require a description of their property in the Poll Book.

46.—Were there many bad votes entered at the *St. Ours* Poll? About how many, and for whom?—I believe that bad votes were entered. I do not know the number. As far as I can recollect the greater number were for *Mr. Sincennes*.

47.—Did you vote at the last Election for the County of *Richelieu*, at the *St. Ours* Poll; if so, who entered your vote? why did you vote?—I voted for *Mr. Sincennes*. I myself entered my vote, with the permission of the Deputy Returning Officer.

By *Mr. Sincennes*.

48.—Did you not enter in the Poll Book the residences of all the voters, whether they resided in the Village of *St. Ours* or in the different Concessions?—The Village of *St. Ours* was entered under the name of the First Concession, on the South side of the River; the other side was entered under the name of the First Concession on the North side of the River; the other Concessions were entered under their names, except the *Grand St. Ours*, which was placed in the column of residences.

49.—Did *Mr. Guévremont* object to the registration of votes from *Grand St. Ours*, when they were given in his favor?—On the first day, he objected to the registration of these votes; on the second day he made no objection, to my knowledge, excepting to those whose qualifications as voters were doubtful.

By *Mr. Desaulniers*.

50.—How many Concessions are there in the Parish of *St. Ours*; on each side of the River, North and South, the *Ruisseau Laprade* and *Côte St. Jean*; on the *Grand St. Ours*, admitting it to form part of the Parish of *St. Ours*?—To the South of the *Chambly* River there are two Concessions, bearing respectively

the name of *Labasse*; the *Ruisseau Laplante*, the *Rang St. Pierre*, *Jarasteau*, part of the third and part of the fourth range.

51.—Why have you not entered the concession of *Grand St. Ours* in the same way as you have entered the others?—In that I followed the directions of the Deputy Returning Officer.

The Witness was then directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That *C. Turcot* be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Dufresne*, seconded by Mr. *Labelle*,

Ordered, That *Pierre Arpin*, and *Ambroise Morin*, do appear at the Bar of this House, to be examined touching the irregularities apparent on the said Poll Book.

And the House being informed that they were severally in attendance.

Pierre Arpin was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Dufresne*.

52.—What is your name, age, place of residence, and profession?—My name is *Pierre Arpin*; I am forty years of age; I live at *St. Ours*, and am a farmer.

53.—Were you at the Poll in the Parish of *St. Ours* during the last Election; did you see *Jean B. Guévremont*, one of the candidates, and *Jean B. Maranda*, the Deputy Returning Officer there; did you also see a great number of persons there, of the Parish of *Contrecoeur*, voting at the said Poll for Mr. *Sincennes*; say if you know who decided that these persons from *Contrecoeur* had a right to vote at *St. Ours*; whether Mr. *Guévremont* was opposed to it; and relate what then passed between the latter and the Deputy Returning Officer?—I was at the Poll in the Parish of *St. Ours* during the last Election; I saw Mr. *Guévremont* and Mr. *J. B. Maranda*, there; I also saw a great number of persons from the Parish of *Contrecoeur* vote for Mr. *Sincennes*; Mr. *Maranda*, the Returning Officer, decided that they had a right to vote at *St. Ours*; Mr. *Guévremont* opposed it as much as he could, and Mr. *Maranda* always decided that they had a right to vote. Mr. *Guévremont* put them on their oath and made them describe their property.

54.—Do you know the concession of *Grand St. Ours*; in what Parish and in what County it is?—In the Parish of *Contrecoeur*, and County of *Verchères*.

55.—Do you know whether persons residing in *Grand St. Ours* are called to vote at *St. Ours* at the Election of School Commissioners, and at Municipal Elections, or do they more frequently vote at *Contrecoeur*?—They vote at *Contrecoeur*.

56.—Do you know whether the persons residing in *Grand St. Ours* pay the school tax and Municipal taxes at *St. Ours* or at *Contrecoeur*; say, if you know, where these persons register their acts of hypothecation; is it in the County of *Richelieu*, or in the County of *Verchères*?—These persons pay the school and Municipal taxes at *Contrecoeur*; I think they register their acts of hypothecation in the County of *Verchères*.

57.—Say, if it is known to you, whether these persons, residing in the concession of *Grand St. Ours*, voted in the County of *Verchères* at the last Election of a Member to represent the latter County in Parliament?—Yes; they voted at *Contrecoeur* for the County of *Verchères* Election.

58.—Were you present at the door of the church at *St. Ours* on a Sunday some time before the Election, when Mr. *J. B. Maranda*, Notary, who was Deputy Returning Officer at *St. Ours* at the late Election, ascended the hustings, and spoke with reference to the coming Election; did he speak in favor of any one of the candidates and of which of them?—I was present at the door of the church some days before the Election; Mr. *Maranda* ascended the hustings, and

spoke in public about the candidates; he appeared to favor Mr. *Sincennes*, and said that he was to be preferred to Mr. *Guévremont*.

By Mr. *Thibaudeau*.

59.—Did the Deputy Returning Officer for *St. Ours* at the late Election appear to favor one of the candidates, and which?—Before the Election, I could see that Mr. *Maranda* seemed to favor Mr. *Sincennes*, and spoke against Mr. *Guévremont's* Parliamentary course; during the voting I perceived nothing of that kind in Mr. *Maranda's* conduct.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

60.—Do you know whether *le Grand St. Ours* was formerly a part of the Parish of *St. Ours*, as legally erected, and do you know whether *le Grand St. Ours* was by civil or canonical decree annexed to the Parish of *Contrecoeur*?—From my youth upwards, I have always considered that to go to *le Grand St. Ours* was to go to *Contrecoeur*. I do not know whether *le Grand St. Ours* has been annexed under the canon or civil law to the Parish of *Contrecoeur*.

61.—Do you know whether *le Grand St. Ours* was or was not part of the Parish of *Contrecoeur* as originally constituted?—I do not know.

62.—Do you know whether the electors residing in *le Grand St. Ours* voted at the village of *St. Ours* in the Election which took place in 1854, and state who the candidates were at that Election?—I do not well remember what took place. I know that Mr. *Dorion* was one of the candidates. I do not remember the others.

By Mr. *Sincennes*.

63.—You stated that the electors from *Grand St. Ours* who voted at *St. Ours* at the late Election, also voted at the last Election for *Verchères*, how do you know that?—I heard it from themselves, and it is a well known fact.

64.—Can you give the names of any of the voters who told you that they had voted at *Verchères*?—*Oliver Mandeville, François Leclerc, Augustin Dussault*, and several others whose names I do not remember. We had several conversations, and they stated the fact openly.

65.—Is it not true that the electors belonging to *Grand St. Ours* had always voted at *St. Ours* in former Elections?—Yes, I remember having seen them vote sometimes. I saw some of them vote in 1854, and their votes were objected to.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That *Pierre Arpin* be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

Ambroise Morin was then called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Dufresne*.

66.—State your name, age, place of residence, and profession?—My name is *Ambroise Morin*; I am 24 years of age; a farmer, and reside at the Village of *St. Ours*.

67.—Were you at the Poll for the Parish of *St. Ours* during the late Election? Did you see Mr. *J. B. Guévremont*, one of the Candidates, there, and also Mr. *Jean B. Maranda*, the Deputy Returning Officer; did you also see a great number of persons from the Parish of *Contrecoeur* vote at the said Poll for Mr. *Sincennes*; state, if you are aware of it, who it was that decided that those persons should vote at *St. Ours*; state whether Mr. *Guévremont* opposed it, and state also what occurred at that time between the latter and the Deputy Returning Officer?—I was at the *St. Ours* Poll during the late Election; I saw Mr. *Guévremont* and Mr. *Maranda* there; I saw a large number of people belonging to the Parish of *Contrecoeur* vote for Mr. *Sincennes*; Mr. *Maranda* decided that they should vote at *St. Ours*; Mr. *Guévremont* opposed it, and demanded that the oath should be administered, and that the property description should be given.

68.—Do you know whether the persons from *Grand St. Ours* pay local assessments or municipal taxes at *St. Ours* or at *Contrecoeur*; and do you know whether they have their deeds registered in the County of *Richelieu* or in the County of *Verchères*?—They pay their school rates and taxes at *Contrecoeur*. I do not know myself where they get their deeds registered, but I think it is in the County of *Verchères*.

69.—Do you know whether these people from *Grand St. Ours* are called to vote at *St. Ours* at the Elections of School Commissioners or Municipal Councilors? State if you know whether they do not vote at *Contrecoeur* at these Elections?—They are not called upon to vote at *St. Ours* at these Elections. I do not know whether they vote at *Contrecoeur*.

70.—State, if you know, whether these persons from *Grand St. Ours* voted at *Contrecoeur*, in the County of *Verchères*, at the last election of a member to represent that County in Parliament?—These persons told me they voted at *Contrecoeur*.

71.—Were you at the Church door at *St. Ours* one Sunday a short time before the election, when Mr. *Jean Baptiste Maranda*, Notary, who was Deputy Returning Officer at *St. Ours* during the last election, went on the hustings and spoke of the elections then approaching? Did he speak in favour of either of the candidates, and of whom? Do you know if he had then been appointed Deputy Returning Officer?—I was present. He spoke in favor of Mr. *Sincennes*. I do not know if he had then been appointed Deputy Returning Officer.

72.—Do you think that by causing the people of *Grand St. Ours*, one of the concessions of *Contrecoeur*, to vote at the *St. Ours* poll, either of the candidates was favored, and which of them?—Mr. *Sincennes* would be favored by so doing.

73.—Did the proceedings of the Deputy Returning Officer for *St. Ours* at the last election appear to favour either of the candidates, and which of them?—At the election he seemed to favor Mr. *Sincennes*.

74.—Do you know whether a great many bad votes were entered at the *St. Ours* poll during the last Election; about how many, and for whom?—I thought there were a great many bad votes; I did not note the number; these votes were for Mr. *Sincennes*.

75.—Do you know the concession of *Grand St. Ours*; in what Parish and County is it?—It is in the Parish of *Contrecoeur*, in the County of *Verchères*.

By Mr. *Sincennes*.

76.—What are the names of the persons who told you that they had voted at *Contrecoeur*?—*Augustin Dussault*, *Pierre Augé*, and some others, whose names I do not recollect.

77.—You have stated that the Deputy Returning Officer appeared to favor Mr. *Sincennes*; upon what occasion, and what did he do, to make you say so?—He went on the hustings, and spoke against the Parliamentary conduct of Mr. *Guévremont*; this took place, to the best of my knowledge, on the Sunday before the Election.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*.

78.—Do you know whether persons from *Grand St. Ours* voted at the Village of *St. Ours* at the Election which took place in 1854?—I do not recollect.

79.—Who were the Candidates at that Election?—I only remember that Mr. *Dorion* was one.

80.—Do you know whether *Grand St. Ours* forms part of the Parish of *St. Ours* as originally erected?—I do not know.

81.—Do you know whether the *Grand St. Ours* has been annexed to the Parish of *Contrecoeur* by canonical and civil decree?—No.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That *Ambroise Morin* be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the twentieth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, 'An Act to extend the right of appeal in Criminal cases in *Upper Canada*,'" was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath passed the same, without any amendment.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate "*Know's College, Toronto*," being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Ordered, That the 72nd Rule of this House be suspended as regards the said Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to legalize certain proceedings of the Agricultural Societies of *Lower Canada* ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Caron* 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 Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be reprinted.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the laws relating to admission to the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada* ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Ouimet* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Friday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the South *Quebec* Warehouse Company ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Morin* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Friday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to authorize the community of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of *Montreal*, called *Sœurs Grises*, to sell or alienate their Fiefs and Seignories, and other property therein mentioned ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Gawvreau* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Mr. *Turcotte* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ouimet*, and the Question being put, that the House do now adjourn.

The House divided, Yeas, 35 ; Nays, 29.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House adjourned accordingly until Friday next.

Friday, 14th May, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House,—Report of *L'Union St. Joseph de Montréal*, for the year 1857.

For the said Report, see Appendix (No. 46.)

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

By Mr. *Bureau*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. De Villers* and others, of the Parish of *Stc. Gertrude*, and of the Township of *Maddington*, County of *Arthabaska*.

By Mr. *Panet*,—The Petition of the Municipality of *St. Gabriel* of *Valcartier*, County of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Essex*; and the Petition of *Joseph Mercer*, Warden, and others, of the County of *Essex*.

By Mr. *Meagher*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Port Daniel*, County of *Bonaventure*; and two Petitions of the Municipality of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Bonaventure*.

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—The Petition of *Joseph Doré* and others, of the Parish of *St. Isidore*, County of *Laprairie*; the Petition of *Paul Gervais* and others, of *St. Isidore*; and the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *St. Johns*.

By Mr. *McKellar*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Raleigh*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—The Petition of the *Irish National and Literary Association* of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Stirton*,—The Petition of the President and Provisional Directors of the *Canada North-west Railway Company*.

By Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the Board of Trade of the City of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *Charles Way*, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Roblin*,—The Petition of *John Thompson* and others, of the Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington*.

By Mr. *LeBoutillier*,—The Petition of *Bernard Conly* and others, of *Douglas Town*, County of *Gaspé*.

By Mr. *Richard W. Scott*,—The Petition of *John Coates*, of the City of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Mowat*,—The Petition of *George Herrick* and others, Physicians and Surgeons, of *Canada*; and two Petitions of *William Heron* and others, of *Ashburn* and vicinity.

By the Honorable Mr. *Loranger*,—The Petition of the Literary Society of the Village of *Laprairie*.

By Mr. *Dorion*,—The Petition of *L'Union St. Joseph de Montréal*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *François Renaud*, Mayor and others, of the Parish of *St. Ferréol*; praying for aid to open a Road from *St Ferréol* to *St. Urbain*.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *London*; praying that a certain tract of land in the said City may be granted to them for School purposes.

Of *James Preston* and others, of the City of *London*; praying for the abolition of Sunday labor in the Post Office Department and on the Canals.

Of *William Kelcher* and others, of the Village of *Fergus* and vicinity; praying that the Loyal Orange Association of *British North America* may not be incorporated.

Of the Mechanics' Institute of *Napierville*; praying for aid.

Of Messieurs *Gillyatt*, *Robinson*, and *Hall*, and others, Leather Merchants, Tanners, and Boot and Shoe Manufacturers, of the City of *Toronto*; and of

Hugh Thompson & Son and others, Leather Merchants, Tanners, and Boot and Shoe Manufacturers, of the City of *Montreal*; praying that a Bill to provide for the inspection of Leather in this Province may be passed.

Of the Harbor Commissioners of *Montreal*; praying that the Bill now before the House for regulating the measuring of Coal, and other purposes, may not become Law.

Of the Reverend *Julien Rioux* and others, of the Parish of *St. Eloi*, County of *Temiscouata*; representing that for some years past, and more especially at the last General Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, numerous frauds and acts of violence have been committed,—and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent a recurrence of the same.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Eloi*, County of *Temiscouata*; praying aid for a Road.

Of *J. Dunn* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marguerite de Blairfindie*, County of *St. Johns*; praying for the abolition of Tithes.

Of the Reverend *Julien Rioux* and others, of the Parish of *St. Eloi*, County of *Temiscouata*; and of *J. Dunn* and others of the Parish of *Ste. Marguerite de Blairfindie*, County of *St. Johns*; praying that the Legal Interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of *J. Dunn* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marguerite de Blairfindie*, County of *St. Johns*; praying that the annual grant for Schools may be increased to £150,000.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Guelph*; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the *Canada North-west Railway*.

Of *J. Musson* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying that no Bill may be passed for the regulation of the studies of Apothecaries, Chemists and Druggists, and the sale of Poisons.

Of *William Corregan*, Mayor, and others, of the Townships of *Stoneham* and *Tewkesbury*; praying that the *Quebec Turnpike Trustees* may be authorized to macadamize the road from *Charlesbourg* to the land of *François Lafrance*; and thence four miles and a half towards *Stoneham*.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*; and of *J. Dunn* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marguerite de Blairfindie*, County of *St. Johns*; praying for amendments to the Municipal Law of *Lower Canada*.

Of the Trustees of the *Elora County Grammar School*; praying that the Grammar Schools of *Upper Canada* may receive additional Legislative aid.

Of the Reverend *J. Hudon, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *Notre Dame de Hébertville*; praying that a road may be opened from *Quebec* to Lake *St. Johns*.

Of the Corporation of the College of *Masson*; praying for aid.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Oxford*; praying for certain amendments to the Act 19, *Vic.*, cap. 99, incorporating the Village of *Kemptville*.

Of *Thomas Burgar* and others, of the Township of *Crowland*; praying for the passing of an Act to annul a survey made by *Edmund DeCew*, Esquire, of part of the said Township.

Of *Albert Lee* and others, of the Township of *Esquesing*, County of *Halton*; of *David Starret* and others, of the Township of *Esquesing*; and of *W. H. Boulton* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; praying that the prayer of the Petition of *James Pearson*, of the City of *Toronto*, may be granted.

Of *Michael Brown* and others, Booksellers, of *Brantford*; praying that an inquiry may be made into the operations of the Educational Depository, in all its branches.

Of *Thomas Boyd*, Ship Builder, of the Parish of *Sorel*; complaining of certain grievances, and praying for an inquiry into the same.

Of *Henry Allen*, of the Town of *Niagara*, Barrister-at-Law, and heretofore Judge of the *London* District; praying that an investigation may be made into the cause of his dismissal from office as such Judge.

Mr. *Turcotte*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Eleventh Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find the Notices sufficient:—Of the *Stanstead, Shefford* and *Chambly* Railroad Company; of *Caleb Coatsworth* and others, of the Counties of *Essex* and *Kent*, for Incorporation of the *Two Creeks* and *River St. Clair* Ship Canal Company; and of *W. H. Boulton* and others, of the City of *Toronto*, for Incorporation of the North-West Transportation and Land Company.

On the Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *Ste Marguerite de Blainfardie*, County of *St. Johns*, for power to open a Road through a certain property in the said Parish, your Committee find that the requisite local Notices were fully given, in both languages, but no Notice was published in the *Canada Gazette*. In a matter so purely local, your Committee beg to recommend that the Notice be considered sufficient.

With respect to the Petition of *Alexander McLean* (Deputy Reeve) and others, of the Township of *Puslinch*, for an extension of the time for the commencement of the *Canada* North-West Railway, your Committee beg leave to recommend a suspension of the 62nd Rule, as the application is not of a nature to affect the rights of other parties.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bourassa* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Municipality of the Parish of *Ste. Marguerite de Blainfardie*, to open a road between the range of *La Carrière* and the Range of the *Seigniorial* line in the said Parish.

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 Monday next.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Duncan Bruce*, of *Paspébiac*, now residing in the City of *Toronto*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*, Mr. *Campbell*, the Honorable Mr. *Harwood*, Mr. *Playfair*, Mr. *Hartman*, and Mr. *Christie*, to examine the contents thereof, in so far as relates to his Fertilizer, and the Artificial Manure, and the advantages to be derived therefrom; and to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Robinson* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *St. George's* Society of *Toronto*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill further to amend the Act incorporating the *Stanstead, Shefford*, and *Chambly* Railroad Company.

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 Monday next.

Mr. *Ouimet*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the

County of *Lotbinière*, informed the House that *Michel Guillaume Baby*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

On motion of Mr. *Ouimet*, seconded by Mr. *Beaubien*,
Ordered, That *Michel Guillaume Baby*, Esquire, do attend in his place in this House on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 19th ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House a copy of the resignation of the Inspector of Model and Elementary Schools for the Counties of *Saguenay* and *Tadoussac*, with a copy of the postmarks which appear on the envelope containing the said resignation; and also the correspondence which has taken place on the subject of that resignation, and the correspondence between the resigning Inspector and the Provincial Secretary; also the names of all those Members now elected who held, or still hold, paid situations under the Government; the correspondence with respect to the resignation of any Members now elected, which took place between them and the Government with reference to the offices or situations filled by such Members, and also a statement showing the date of the days of voting at their elections, and the date of the day of their proclamation.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 47.)

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger* also laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Council of University College, for the year 1857, in terms of the 37th section of 16th *Vic.*, cap. 89.

For the said Report, see Appendix (No. 12.)

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Rose* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the inspection of Leather.

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 Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Rose* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 19 & 20 *Vic.* cap. 87, relating to the inspection of Flour and Meal.

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 Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Foley*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Montmorency* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until Tuesday the twenty-fifth instant, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, in consequence of neither the Sitting Member nor the Petitioner being present, in person or by Attorney, at the meeting of the Committee this day.

A Bill to amend the Laws relating to admission to the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the South *Quebec* Warehouse Company, was, according to Order, read the third time.

On motion of Mr. *Dubord*, seconded by Mr. *Simard*, an amendment was made to the Bill by leaving out the word "South," in the eighth line of the first clause.

Resolved, That the Bill, as amended, do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Quebec* Warehouse Company."

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to consolidate the Laws relating to the inspection of Fish in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House for Tuesday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *St. James* Club of *Montreal*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Mountain *Boulevard* Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to legalize certain By-laws and Debentures of the Town Council of *Cobourg*, and for other purposes, being read;

The Honorable *Sidney Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*, and the Question being put, that the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided, and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Henry Wellesley McCann, Esquire; *Louis Siméon Morin*, Esquire; *Louis Archambeault*, Esquire; *Francis H. Burton*, Esquire; Chairman, *Joseph Edouard Turcotte*, Esquire, being the new Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Ottawa*, their names were called over; and being come to the table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the City of *Ottawa*, be referred to the new Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that City.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet this Evening, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of five minutes past six o'clock.

Pierre Labelle, Esquire; *John Meagher*, Esquire; *Walker Powell*, Esquire; *Louis Honoré Gauvreau*, Esquire; Chairman, *Sheffington Connor*, Esquire; being the new Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *L'Islet*, their names were called over; and being come to the table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the County of *L'Islet* be referred to the new Select Committee appointed to try and deter-

mine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet this Evening, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of five minutes past six o'clock.

John LeBoutillier, Esquire; *Noël Hébert*, Esquire; *George Macbeth*, Esquire; *Gilbert McMicken*, Esquire; Chairman, *Eugène Urgel Piché*, Esquire; being the new Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Renfrew*; their names were called over; and being come to the table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the County of *Renfrew*, be referred to the new Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet to-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Morin*,

Resolved, That when Mr. Speaker leaves the Chair at Six o'clock, this House will adjourn until half past Seven o'clock, this day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate the proof, in *Lower Canada*, of certain Instruments executed without the Province, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

The Order of the day, for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law relating to Emigrants, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Alley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.

And a Debate arising thereupon.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,

The House adjourned.

Half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was this day proposed, that the Bill (to amend the Law relating to Emigrants) be now read a second time.

And the Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Connor*, seconded by Mr. *Mowat*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *L'Islet* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until Wednesday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the convenience of the parties concerned.

On motion of Mr. *Connor*, seconded by Mr. *Mowat*,
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn for the space of five minutes.

Ten o'clock P. M.

William McDougall, Esquire, having presented the Indenture of his Election for the North Riding of the County of *Oxford*, and having previously taken the oath according to law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

On motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Foley*,
Resolved, That in admitting *William McDougall*, Esquire, elected to represent the North Riding of the County of *Oxford*, to take his seat on the production of the duplicate Indenture only, and without the Return of the Indenture to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and the Certificate of the latter Officer, this House still recommends a strict adherence to the practice of requiring the production of the usual Certificate.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:—

Edmund Head.

The Governor General transmits to the Legislative Assembly, a Statement of the probable Revenue and Expenditure of the Province, during the year ending 31st December, 1858, together with Estimates of the Sums required for the service of the same year; and in conformity with the provisions of the 57th section of the Union Act, he recommends these Estimates to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

Toronto, 14th May, 1858.

E. H.

For the Statement and Estimates accompanying the said Message, see Appendix (No. 4.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee, to consider of the expediency of imposing an uniform tax on Passengers and Emigrants; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Walker Powell* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill further to amend the Judicature Acts of *Lower Canada*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Chapais* 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 Tuesday next.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Bymal*, the House adjourned until Monday next.

Monday, 17th May, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House,—Statement of Real and Personal Estate of the Mechanics' Institute, *Montreal*, 10th May, 1858.
For the said Statement, see Appendix (No. 8.)

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

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of *Edward Webster* and others, of *Nottawasaga* and other Townships; the Petition of the Municipality of *St. Vincent*, County of *Grey*; the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Barris*, County of *Simcoe*; and the Petition of Messieurs *Moffat*, *Murray* and Company, Merchants, and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Christie*,—The Petition of *James Campbell* and others, Booksellers and Publishers, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Richard W. Scott*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of *Ottawa*; the Petition of *Walter Wood*, of the City of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *Robert Wager Taylor*, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Dionne*,—The Petition of *Simon Talbot* and others, School Commissioners, of the Parish of *St. George de Kakouna*.

By Mr. *Meagher*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Coa*, County of *Bonaventure*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Bonaventure*.

By Mr. *Macbeth*,—The Petition of *Levi Fowler* and others, of the Town of *St. Thomas*, County of *Elgin*.

By Mr. *Simon*,—The Petition of the Reverend *F. E. Beaulieu* and others, of *St. Hilarion*, County of *Charlevoix*.

By Mr. *Mowat*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Whitby*.

By Mr. *D. A. Macdonald*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas*, and *Glengarry*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Harwood*,—Three Petitions of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Michel de Vandrevuil*.

By Mr. *Walker Powell*,—The Petition of *John Gooch*, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Dunkin*,—The Petition of *A. Stein* and others, of the Village of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*.

By Mr. *Sherwood*,—The Petition of the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Rowland Burr*, of the City of *Toronto*; and the Petition of the Kirk Session of the *Brock Street* Presbyterian Church, *Kings-ton*.

By Mr. *Daly*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Mornington*, County of *Perth*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,—The Petition of the Great Western Railway Company of *Canada*; The Petition of the Trust and Loan Company of *Upper Canada*; and the Petition of *James Williamson* and others, of the City of *Kingston*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Reverend *P. De Villers* and others, of the Parish of *St. Gertrude*, and of the Township of *Maddington*, County of *Arthabaska*; praying that the Village of *Princeville* may be made the chief place of the Judicial District of *Arthabaska*.

Of the Municipality of *St. Gabriel*, of *Valcartier*, County of *Quebec*; praying aid to construct a Bridge over the *Jacques Cartier* River.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Essex*; praying for amendments to the Fishery Act.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Port Daniel*, County of *Bonaventure*; praying for aid to open out roads in the said Township.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Bonaventure*; praying for aid to construct a Bridge over the great *Bonaventure* River.

Of *Joseph Doré* and others, of the Parish of *St. Isidore*, County of *Laprairie*; praying for the abolition of tithes.

Of *Paul Gervais* and others, of *St. Isidore*; praying that the legal rate of interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *St. Johns*; praying for an Act of incorporation.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Raleigh*; praying that no Townships may be detached from the County of *Kent* to form part of any new County.

Of the Irish National and Literary Association of *Montreal*; praying for aid.

Of the President and Provisional Directors of the *Canada* North-West Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the commencement and completion of the said Railway.

Of *Charles Way*, of the City of *Toronto*; and of *John Coates*, of the City of *Ottawa*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Courts of Law and Equity in *Upper Canada* to admit them to practise as Attorneys and Solicitors therein respectively.

Of *Joseph Thompson* and others, of the Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington*; praying that the said Counties may be separated from the County of *Frontenac*, and formed into a United County for judicial purposes.

Of *Bernard Conly* and others, of *Douglastown*, County of *Gaspé*; representing that for some years past, and more especially at the last general election of members for the Legislative Assembly, numerous frauds and acts of violence have been committed, and praying that measures may be adopted to prevent a recurrence of the same.

Of *William Heron* and others, of *Ashburn* and vicinity; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of Spirituous Liquors in this Province.

Of *William Heron* and others, of *Ashburn* and vicinity; praying for the abolition of Sunday labor in the Post Office Department and on the Canals.

Of the Literary Society of the Village of *Laprairie*; praying for aid.

Of *L'Union St. Joseph de Montréal*; praying for aid.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Bonaventure*; praying that the lands of the *Gaspé* Fishery and Coal Mining Company may be purchased and replaced under the control of the Crown Land Department.

Of the Board of Trade, of the City of *Toronto*; praying that £50,000 of Government Debentures may be issued to the "North-Western Steam Navigation Company of *Canada*."

Of *George Herrick* and others, Physicians and Surgeons, of *Canada West*; praying that the medical profession of *Canada West* may be incorporated.

Of *Joseph Mercer*, Warden, and others, of the County of *Essex*; praying that an inquiry may be made into the conduct of the Deputy Returning Officers for the Town of *Amherstburgh*, and the Township of *Colchester*, at the last election for the County of *Essex*.

On motion of Mr. *Turcotte*, seconded by Mr. *Morin*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee, on the City of *Ottawa* Election Petition, have leave to adjourn until Monday, the thirty-first instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the counsel for the Petitioner and the sitting Member having given their consent thereto.

Mr. *Ouimet*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Lotbinière*, presented to the House the final Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Resolutions as their final determination:—

1. *Resolved*, That it appears from the proof adduced by the Petitioners before the Honorable *W. C. Meredith*, Commissioner for taking evidence regarding the Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, on the 29th and 30th days of December last, and from the face of the Poll Books, that the electors were by force and violence, at various Polling-places, prevented from recording their votes freely, while on the other part many names of persons having no right to vote at the said Election were inscribed in the said Poll Books for one or other of the Candidates.

2. *Resolved*, That the Committee are therefore of opinion that the Election and Return of *John O'Farrell*, Esquire, as representative of the County of *Lotbinière*, is illegal, null and void, and that a new writ should issue for the Election of a Member for the said County.

3. *Resolved*, That it appears to the Committee that the Petitions of *Edouard Noël de Tilly*, and *Zéphérin Beland*, Esquires, complaining of the undue Election and Return of the said *John O'Farrell*, Esquire, are not frivolous or vexatious.

4. *Resolved*, That the Committee is further of opinion that the defence of the said *John O'Farrell* is frivolous and vexatious.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dunkin* have leave to bring in a Bill to divide the Township of *Chester* into two separate Municipalities.

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 Wednesday next.

Mr. *Piché*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Renfrew*, presented to the House the final Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

1. *Resolved*, That the Honorable *William Cayley* is duly elected a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of *Renfrew*.

2. *Resolved*, That the Petition of *Robert R. Smith* and others is not frivolous and vexatious.

3. *Resolved*, That the defence of the sitting Member is not frivolous and vexatious.

On motion of Mr. *Notman*, seconded by Mr. *Christie*,

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to define the liability of persons practising as Conveyancers," be now read for the first time.

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, and the Question being put, That the Orders of the day be now read:

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	60. <i>Webb.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	18. <i>White.</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment, which was, on Wednesday the seventeenth of March last, proposed to be made to the Question:—That in the opinion of this House, any attempt at Legislation which would affect one section of the Province in opposition to the votes of the majority of the Representatives of that section, would produce consequences which would be detrimental to the welfare of the Province, and give rise to great injustice; and which amendment was, that all the words after “That” to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words “The Imperial Parliament, by enacting in the 12th section of the Act 3 and 4 *Vic.*, cap. 35, that the parts of the Province of *Canada*, then constituting *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, should be represented in the Legislative Assembly by an equal number of Representatives, whatever might be the respective populations of these two Provinces, asserted the federal principle in the Union; that the Parliament of *Canada* admitted and sanctioned the same principle, when in increasing the number of those Representatives, by the Act of 16 *Vic.*, cap. 152, after the census of 1851, it maintained a numerical equality between the two former Provinces; that the Canadian Parliament gave it a yet more decided and expressive sanction by extending it to the Legislative Council, by the provision in the Act 19 and 20 *Vic.*, cap. 140, viz.:—That the members elected should be forty-eight in number, twenty-four for *Upper Canada* and twenty-four for *Lower Canada*; that Her Majesty’s Representatives in selecting their Executive Councillors, as a rule, in equal numbers from *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, have also acknowledged this principle of the Union, and sanctioned in the Administration the federal character of the Constitutional Act of 1840; but that the acknowledgment of this principle in the Administration can only be substantial so long as the Executive Councillors, taken from either section of the Province, possess the confidence of that section expressed by the majority of its Representatives,” inserted instead thereof.

Ordered, That the said Order be postponed until Wednesday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day being read for the attendance of *Michel Guillaume Baby*, Esquire, in his place in this House, this day;

On motion of Mr. *Galt*, seconded by Mr. *John Cameron*,

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Select Committee, appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Lotbinière*, have this day reported their final determination to the House, Mr. *Baby* be excused for his non-attendance at the meetings of the said Committee on the 12th and 14th days of May, instant.

Mr. *Burwell*, from the Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of passing a Resolution to authorize the International Bridge Company to levy Tolls, reported a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That, in order to enable the International Bridge Company to construct a Bridge across the *Niagara* River, at or near the Village of *Waterloo*; which Bridge shall be accessible to, and safe and commodious for the passage of railway trains, carriage and foot passengers, and to keep the same in repair: it is expedient, that so soon as the said Bridge shall be completed for either of the purposes aforesaid, the Directors of the said Company shall have full power and authority to ask for, demand, and levy tolls, as hereinafter provided, that is to say:—It shall be lawful for the Directors of the said Company to ask, demand, and receive from all Railway Companies, and from all owners of carriages, horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs, and from all foot passengers, for entering upon or using the said Bridge, tolls, dues and duties, according to or not exceeding the rates following, that is to say: for each foot passenger, twenty-five cents; for each horse and rider, fifty cents; for each horse and single carriage, sixty cents, and an addition of eighteen cents and three-fourths of a cent for each passenger actually travelling in such carriage; for each other passenger, the sum of twenty-five cents; for each double carriage and two horses, one dollar, and eighteen cents and three-fourths of a cent for each passenger actually travelling therein, and twenty-five cents for each additional horse attached to such carriage; for sheep, one and a half cents per head; for swine, two cents each; for neat cattle, six cents per head; for each horse, in droves or in cars, twelve and a half cents.

The said Resolution being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. *Gauvreau* reported the Bill to authorize the community of the Sisters of Charity, of the General Hospital of *Montreal*, called *Sœurs Grises*, to sell or alienate their Fiefs and Seignories, and other property therein mentioned; and the amendment was read.

Mr. *Dorion* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bureau*, and the Question being proposed, That the said Amendment be now read a second time;

Mr. *Brown* moved in Amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Mowat*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words, "the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, to amend the same, by providing that the Corporation shall not have power to re-invest the funds obtained from the sale of their property in real estate, for purposes of endowment, but only for the use and occupation of the Institution," inserted instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Bell,
Benjamin,
Brown,
Buchanan,

Clark,
Connor,
Cook,
Daly,

Macbeth,
Macdonald, Donald A. Patrick,
Mackenzie,
MacLeod

Notman,
Patrick, William F.
Powell, William F.
Scott, William

<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Tett.</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	35. <i>White.</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	54. <i>Webb.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the said Amendment be now read a second time ;

Mr. *Hartman* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Clarke*, That all the words after "that," to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words "the Bill be now re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, with "an instruction to amend the same by providing that the said Corporation shall "not have power to invest any funds in real estate for purposes of revenue in "Upper Canada," inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, the House divided ; and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Notman,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	35. <i>White.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>

<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Ouimet</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Coulée,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dauust,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	54. <i>Webb.</i>
<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put, the House divided, and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Amendment was accordingly read a second time, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* Tradesmen's Colonization Society; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Cimon* 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 Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mattice* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Mr. *Galt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Webb*, and the Question being put, that the Bill be read the third time To-morrow;

The House divided, and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Ordinance to prescribe and regulate the registering of titles to lands, tenements, and hereditaments, real or immoveable estates, and of charges and incumbrances on the same, and for the alteration and improvement of the Law in certain particulars in relation to the alienation or hypothecation of real estates, and the rights and interest acquired therein; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Coutlés* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to increase the representation of the people of this Province in Parliament, in so far as it relates to the Township of *Armagh*," being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Beaubien*, Mr. *Tassé*, Mr. *Archambeault*, Mr. *Fortier*, Mr. *Desaulniers*, Mr. *Dorion*, Mr. *Jobin*, and Mr. *Ross*, to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law relative to Dower, being read;

Ordered, That the said order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to allow Verdicts on Trials by Jury in civil causes to be returned, although the Jury may not be unanimous," being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill to amend and consolidate the Jury Laws of *Upper Canada*.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to make *Durham* the *chef lieu* of the District of *Beauharnois*, being read ;

Mr. *Somerville* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bell*, and the Question being proposed, that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. *Ouimet* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, that the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months," added at the end thereof.

And the Question being put on the amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>60. Turcotte.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>36. Wright.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then, the main Question, so amended, being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill providing for the repeal of the several Acts, and parts of Acts, authorizing the establishment and maintenance of Separate or Sectarian Schools in *Upper Canada*, being read ;

Mr. *Ferguson* moved, seconded by Mr. *John Cameron*, and the Question being proposed, that the Bill be now read a second time ;

Mr. *Richard W. Scott* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *McCann*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof.

And the Question being proposed on the Amendment ;

And a Debate arising thereupon,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

Then, on motion of Mr. *William Frederick Powell*, seconded by Mr. *Patrick*,
The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 18th May, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House—Schedule of the distribution of the
Statutes of the 20th *Victoria*, 1857 :—

Schedule of the Distribution of the Statutes of the 20th *Vic.*, 1857.

	English.	French.	
Government Departments	209	140	
Judges in Lower Canada	48	48	
Judges in Upper Canada.....	19	....
Clerks of Appeal and Prothonotaries.....	18	18	
Clerks of Crown and the Peace	30	30	
Clerks of Circuit Courts.....	46	46	English Distribu-
Sheriffs and Coroners.....	23	23	ted..... 10931
High Constables and Registrars	7	7	Copies on Hand. 769
Clerk Small Cause Courts.....	255	275	
County Registrars.....	54	54	Total, Printed. 11700
Collectors of Revenue	34	26	
Revenue Inspectors	8	8	
Police and Magistrates.....	755	814	
Libraries in Lower Canada	32	32	French Distribu-
Municipalities, Lower Canada.....	280	483	ted..... 4612
Catholic Church	35	365	Copies on Hand.. 788
Church of England and Scotland	116	...	
Methodists and Baptists.....	43	....	Total, Printed 5400
Congregationalists.....	20	....
Other Denominations	4	....
Militia and other Officers	178	291	
*Magistrates, in Upper Canada	79	....
County Clerks, in Upper Canada	1700	....
(Distributed in cases)	4875	....
Clerks of Peace, in Upper Canada	510	510	
Members, Legislative Council	1320	1320	
Members, Legislative Assembly	233	97	
Supplementary Distribution .....	.....	25	
County of Essex.....			
Total	10931	4612	

* Newly appointed.

Desbarats & Derbishire.

Office of Queen's Printer,
Toronto, 10th May, 1858.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table :—
By Mr. *Bourassa*,—Two Petitions of the Municipality of the Parish of *L'Assomption*; and four Petitions of *Z. Bourdeau*, Mayor, and others, of *St. Jacques le Mineur*, County of *Laprairie*.

By Mr. *Tassé*,—The Petition of *H. Paquin* and others, of *St. Raphaël*.

By Mr. *Baby*,—The Petition of *Jonathan Noble*, senior.

By Mr. *Holmes*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Bruce*, County of *Bruce*; and the Petition of *W. Gunn* and others, County of *Bruce*.

By Mr. *Gill*,—The Petition of *James McCullough*, of the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, now confined in the Common Gaol of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*.

By Mr. *Dawson*,—The Petition of *A. Larue*, and others, of the City of *Three Rivers*.

By the Honorable *Sidney Smith*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Cobourg*.

By the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*,—The Petition of the Joint Board of Grammar and Common School Trustees of the Town of *Sarnia*; and two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Essex*.

By Mr. *Notman*,—The Petition of *John Ennis* and others, of the Township of *Beverley*, County of *Wentworth*; two Petitions of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*; and the Petition of *Thomas Stinson* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *William Scott*,—The Petition of *Morris C. Lutz*, Mayor of *Galt*, and others.

By Mr. *Bell*,—The Petition of the Presbytery of *Bathurst*, in connection with the Church of *Scotland*; and the Petition of the Kirk Session of *St. Andrew's* Church, *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of the *Quebec* Board of Trade.

By Mr. *Aikins*,—The Petition of *Francis Foster*, of the Township of the Gore of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *John Cameron*,—The Petition of *William Wallace* and others, of the Town of *Simcoe*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,—The Petition of *R. Sinclair* and others, of the Town of *Cobourg*.

By Mr. *Wallbridge*,—The Petition of *Charles Way*, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Connor*,—The Petition of the Honorable *William Henry Draper*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Reverend *John McLachlan* and others, of *Acton*.

By Mr. *Dorion*,—The Petition of *Joseph Donegani* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Alley*,—The Petition of Mrs. *M. T. Bradshaw* and other ladies, of the City of *Quebec*.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Elderslie*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Holmes*, the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*, Mr. *Daly*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Ferguson*, and Mr. *William Scott*, to examine the contents thereof; and to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That all Petitions relating to the County Town of the County of *Bruce*, be referred to the said Committee.

Mr. *Langevin* reported, from the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Act to provide for the formation of Joint Stock Companies for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical or Chemical purposes; that the Committee had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Somerville* reported, from the Select Committee on the Bill to change the tenure of the Indian Lands in the Township of *Dumdee*, in the County of *Huntingdon*, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That Mr. *Galt* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 20 *Vic.* cap. 37, relating to Land Surveyors.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bourassa* have leave to bring in a Bill to make more ample provision for the Incorporation of the Town of *St. Johns*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stirton* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the "*Canada North-West Railway Company*," by extending the time for commencing and completing the said Railway.

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 Thursday next.

On motion of the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*, seconded by Mr. *William Frederick Powell*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend this House Tomorrow, with the Poll Books of the last Election for the County of *Essex*.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to authorize the community of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of *Montreal*, called *Sœurs Grises*, to sell or alienate their Fiefs and Seigniories, and other property therein mentioned, being read;

Mr. *Dorion* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bureau*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn</i> ,	<i>Dionne</i> ,	<i>Lacoste</i> ,	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Archambeault</i> ,	<i>Dorion</i> ,	<i>Langevin</i> ,	<i>Price</i> ,
<i>Baby</i> ,	<i>Dubord</i> ,	<i>Laporte</i> ,	<i>Robinson</i> ,
<i>Beaubien</i> ,	<i>Dufresne</i> ,	<i>LeBoutillier</i> ,	<i>Roblin</i> ,
<i>Bourassa</i> ,	<i>Dunkin</i> ,	<i>Lemieux</i> ,	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bureau</i> ,	<i>Fellows</i> ,	<i>Loranger</i> ,	<i>Ross</i> ,
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Fortier</i> ,	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Caron</i> ,	<i>Gaudet</i> ,	<i>McCann</i> ,	<i>Sherwood</i> ,
<i>Cayley</i> ,	<i>Gauvreau</i> ,	<i>McGee</i> ,	<i>Sicotte</i> ,
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gill</i> ,	<i>Meagher</i> ,	<i>Simard</i> ,
<i>Chapais</i> ,	<i>Harwood</i> ,	<i>Morrin</i> ,	<i>Simpson</i> ,
<i>Cimon</i> ,	<i>Heath</i> ,	<i>Morrison</i> ,	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Coutlée</i> ,	<i>Hébert</i> ,	<i>Ouimet</i> ,	<i>Tassé</i> ,

Daoust,
Dawson,
Desaulniers,

Jobin,
Labelle,

Panet,
Piché,

Thibaudeau,
61. Webb,

NAYS.

Messieurs

Aikins,
Allan,
Bell,
Benjamin,
Biggar,
Brown,
Buchanan,
Burton,
Burwell,
Cameron, John
Carling,
Christie,

Clark,
Connor,
Daly,
Dorland,
Ferguson,
Ferres,
Foley,
Galt,
Gould,
Hartman,
Hogan,

Holmes,
Howland,
Macbeth,
Macdonald, Donald A. Scott, William
Macdonald, John S. Somerville,
Mackenzie,
Mattice,
McDougall,
McKellar,
Mowat,
Munro,

Notman,
Patrick,
Rymal,
Scott, William
Somerville,
Stirton,
Talbot,
Tett,
Wallbridge,
White,
45. Wright.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by the Honorable John Sandfield Macdonald, and the Question being put, That the following Clause be added to the Bill, and do form part thereof:—

“ Provided always, That the said Corporation shall not have power to re-invest the funds obtained from the sale of their property in Real Estate, for purposes of Endowment, but only for the use and occupation of the institution.”

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

Aikins,
Allan,
Bell,
Bellingham,
Benjamin,
Biggar,
Brown,
Buchanan,
Burton,
Burwell,
Cameron, John
Cameron, Malcolm

Carling,
Christie,
Connor,
Daly,
Dorland,
Ferguson,
Ferres,
Galt,
Gould,
Hartman,
Hogan,
Holmes,

Howland,
Macbeth,
Macdonald, Donald A. Scott, William
Macdonald, John S. Smith, Sidney
Mackenzie,
Mattice,
McKellar,
Mowat,
Munro,
Notman,
Patrick,
Powell, William F.

Roblin,
Rymal,
Scott, William
Somerville,
Stirton,
Talbot,
Tett,
Wallbridge,
White,
47. Wright.

NAYS.

Messieurs

Alleyn,
Archambeault,
Baby,
Beaubien,
Bourassa,
Bureau,
Caron,
Cayley,
Cartier, Atty. Gen.
Chapais,
Cimon,
Coutlée,
Daoust,
Dawson,

Desaulniers,
Dionne,
Dorion,
Dubord,
Dufresne,
Dunkin,
Fellowes,
Fortier,
Gaudet,
Gawvreau,
Gill,
Harwood,
Heath,
Hébert,

Jobin,
Labelle,
Lacoste,
Langevin,
Le Boutillier,
Lemieux,
Loranger,
Macdonald, Atty. Gen. Sherwood,
McCann,
McGee,
Meagher,
Morin,
Morrison,
Ouimet,

Panet,
Piché,
Price,
Robinson,
Rose, Sol. Gen.
Ross,
Scott, Richard W.
Scotte,
Simard,
Simpson,
Tassé,
Thibaudeau,
56. Webb.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Hartman* moved, seconded by Mr. *Aikins*, and the Question being put, That the words "in *Lower Canada*," be inserted after the word "time," in the third line of the third Clause.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorron,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>52. Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>53. Webb.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>			

So it was passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and and the Title be, "An Act to authorize the Community of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of *Montreal*, known as the Grey Nuns, to sell or alienate their Fiefs and Seigniories and other property therein mentioned."

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Mr. *Galt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dunkin*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province."

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Alleyne,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mardonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mardonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Sturton,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Coulée,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>88. Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>	<i>10. Wallbridge.</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to extend the Ordinance to prescribe and regulate the registering of Titles to Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Real or Immoveable Estates, and of charges and incumbrances on the same; and for the alteration and improvement of the Law in certain particulars in relation to the alienation and hypothecation of Real Estate, and the Rights and Interest acquired therein, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to make better provision for the registration of Deeds in the Counties of *Charlevoix* and *Saguenay*."

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. *Walker Powell*, from the Committee of the whole House, to consider of the expediency of imposing an uniform Tax on Passengers and Emigrants, reported a Resolution, which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That after the first of January next, the rate or duty for passengers or emigrants, imposed by the Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act to amend and consolidate the laws relative to Emigrants and Quarantine," on passengers or emigrants between the ages of one and fourteen years, be altered from three shillings and nine pence, to five shillings.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be referred to the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend the Law relating to Emigrants.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Law relating to Emigrants; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Playfair* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Friday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill, to authorize *Henry Ruttan* to surrender certain grants of Letters Patent, and to take a substitutional grant, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the improvement and management of the Harbour of *Quebec*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Village of *Southampton*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill, to incorporate the Village of *Renfrew*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Gould*, seconded by Mr. *Stirton*,
The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 19th May, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—The Petition of *Pierre Colin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Valentine*, County of *St. Johns*; the Petition of *P. A. Z. Girardin*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. Valentine*, County of *St. Johns*; the Petition of *J. Bissonnette* and others, of the Parish of *St. Valentine*, County of *St. Johns*; and three Petitions of *Noël Darche*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *Chambly*.

By Mr. *Short*,—The Petition of *Thomas Humphries* and others, of the Township of *Otonabee*, County of *Peterborough*.

By Mr. *Walker Powell*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Simcoe*; and the Petition of *Andrew Thompson* and others, of the Township of *Woodhouse*, County of *Norfolk*.

By Mr. *Buchanan*,—The Petition of the *Welland Railway Company*; and the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Connor*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *South Norwich*; and the Petition of *Robert Muir* and others, of the Township of *Grimsby*, County of *Lincoln*.

By Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *T. G. Hurd* and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Varennnes*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Municipality of *St. Vincent*, County of *Grey*; and of the Town Council of the Town of *Barrie*, County of *Simcoe*; praying that the *Ontario, Simcoe, and Huron* Railroad Company may be placed upon the same footing as the Grand Trunk Railway, in so far as relates to the Government Lien.

Of Messieurs *Moffat, Murray* and Company, Merchants, and others, of the City of *Toronto*; praying that £50,000 of Government debentures may be issued to the North-Western Steam Navigation Company of *Canada*.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Ottawa*; praying that measures may be adopted for the immediate enlargement of the *Grenville* and *Carillon* Canals; the construction of the *Chaudière* and *Chats* Canals; and also the completion of the Survey of the *Ottawa* River.

Of *Walter Wood*, of the City of *Toronto*; and of *Robert Wager Tayler*, of the City of *Toronto*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Courts of Law and Equity in *Upper Canada* to admit them to practice as Attorneys and Solicitors therein respectively.

Of *Simon Talbot* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. George de Kakouna*; praying aid for a Model School in the said Parish.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Bonaventure*; praying for aid to enable them to remove a jamb in the Great *Bonaventure* River.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Cox*, County of *Bonaventure*; praying aids for roads.

Of *Levi Fowler* and others, of the Town of *St. Thomas*, County of *Elgin*; praying that the Bill to amend the Acts of incorporation of the Great Western Railway Company, may not become Law.

Of the Reverend *T. E. Beaulieu* and others, of *St. Hilarion*, County of *Charlevoix*; praying that the legal rate of Interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Whitby*; praying for Amendments to the Bill, respecting the Municipal Institutions of *Upper Canada*.

Of the Municipal Council of the Counties of *Stormont, Dundas* and *Glengarry*; praying that the expenses of the administration of Criminal Justice in *Upper Canada* may be wholly paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Michel de Vaudrevil*; praying for Amendments to the Municipal Law of *Lower Canada*.

Of *A. Stein* and others, of the Village of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*; praying that the said Village may be incorporated under the name of *Arthabaskaville*.

Of the Kirk Session of *Brock* Street Presbyterian Church, *Kingston*; praying for the abolishment of Sunday labor in the Post Office Department, and on the Canals.

Of the Trust and Loan Company of *Upper Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable the said Company to increase their Capital Stock, and for other purposes.

Of *James Williamson* and others, of the City of *Kingston*; praying aid for the *Kingston* Observatory.

Of *John Gooch*, of the City of *Toronto*; setting forth certain grievances, and praying for an inquiry into the same.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Michel de Vaudrevil*; praying that

the Law of Evidence may be so amended as to place the Agricultural class on the same footing as the Mercantile community.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *Vaudrevuil*; praying for Amendments to the Judicature Acts of *Lower Canada*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Mornington*, County of *Perth*; praying that a rateable amount of the payment from the Clergy Reserve Townships may be returned to them for public improvements.

Of *Rowland Burr*, of the City of *Toronto*; praying that the time may be extended for the commencement of the *Georgian Bay Canal*.

Of the *Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company*; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the completion of the said road, and also for a grant of the Crown Lands along the said line of road.

Of the Great Western Railway Company of *Canada*; praying for certain Amendments to the Act for the better prevention of accidents on Railways.

Of *James Campbell* and others, Booksellers and Publishers of the City of *Toronto*; representing that much advantage to the public is derived from the Educational Depository of Dr. *Ryerson*, Chief Superintendent of Education in *Upper Canada*, and praying that no change may be made in regard to the same, until the correctness of the complaints contained in the various petitions against it shall have been inquired into.

Mr. *Foley*, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the resignation of *Henry Van Allan Rapelje*, Esquire, late Sheriff of *Norfolk*, and the alleged disposal of the said Office by the said *Rapelje* to *Lawrence W. Mercer*, Esquire, and the appointment of the said *Mercer* to the said Office, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was read.

For the said Report, see Appendix (No. 24.)

Mr. *Benjamin* 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 County of *Quebec*, 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:—*Marcus Talbot*, Esquire, *William Scott*, Esquire, *John Henry Pope*, Esquire, *Amos Wright*, Esquire; Chairman, *Eugène Urgel Piché*, Esquire.

Mr. *White*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the twelfth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find the notice sufficient, viz:—Of the Town Council of the Town of *St. Johns*, for an Act of Incorporation; of *Thomas Burgar* and others, of the Township of *Crowland*, for an Act to amend Mr. *DeCew's* Survey of part of that Township; of *W. N. Rutledge*, and others, of the Village of *Streetsville*, for an Act to confirm an Order in Council and Proclamation for the incorporation of the said Village; and of *George Herrick* and others, Physicians and Surgeons of *Canada West*, for an Act to incorporate the Medical Profession in *Canada West*.

On the Petition of the Board of Directors of the *London and Port Stanley Railway Company*, for power to sell certain lands, and also to incorporate with their Dépôt Grounds, a surplus of 33 feet on *Bathurst Street*, in the City of *London*, in front of their own property; your Committee find that no notice was published in the *Canada Gazette*, and the local notice also was deficient, having been published for five weeks only, and having included only that part of the application which refers to the acquisition of a portion of *Bathurst Street* in the

Town of *London*, yet your Committee have satisfied themselves, that all parties whose interests might be affected by the matter in question, have been sufficiently notified; they therefore beg to recommend a suspension of the 62nd Rule.

On the Petitions of *Charles Way*, of the City of *Toronto*, and of *John Coates* of the City of *Ottawa*, praying respectively for power to the Courts in *Upper Canada*, to admit them to practice as Attorneys and Solicitors therein, your Committee find that no notice was given.

Mr. *Beaubien* reported, from the Select Committee, on the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to increase the representation of the people of this Province in Parliament," in so far as relates to the Township of *Armagh*, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Mr. *Hébert* reported, from the Select Committee, on the Bill to remove doubts as to the rights of parties who have settled on lands in *Lower Canada*, without knowing the Proprietors thereof, to the improvements they have made thereon, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill as amended, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Gooch* of the City of *Toronto*, be referred to the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipality of the Parish of *St Michel de Vandrevuil*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to consider what Amendments it may be necessary to make in the *Lower Canada* Municipal Road Act of 1855.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cimon* have leave to bring in a Bill, to amend the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855, and the Acts amending the same.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That the 62nd Rule of this House be suspended, as regards a Bill to vest certain portions of *Bathurst* Street, in the City of *London*, in the *London* and *Port Stanley* Railway Company, and to facilitate the said Company in the disposal of certain of their Real Estate.

Ordered, That Mr. *Macbeth* have leave to bring in a Bill to vest certain portions of *Bathurst* Street, in the City of *London*, in the *London* and *Port Stanley* Railway Company, and to facilitate the said Company in the disposal of certain of their Real Estate.

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.

Ordered, That Mr. *Papineau* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws regulating the registration of hypothecs in *Lower Canada*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morin* have leave to bring in a Bill to remove certain restrictions in the sale and cession of portions of Estate.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Papineau* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize partitions and licitations of the property of Minors, and substituted property, in certain cases.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dufresne* have leave to bring in a Bill to establish a Landed Credit Institution in *Lower Canada*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*, be referred to the Select Committee on the Bill respecting the Municipal Institutions of *Upper Canada*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Benjamin* have leave to bring in a Bill for the protection of Hotel keepers from liability in certain cases.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *MacLeod* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the River *St. Clair* and *Two Creeks* Ship Canal Company.

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 To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Petition of Messieurs *Thompson* and Company, and others, Booksellers, of *Canada*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Mowat*, Mr. *Simpson*, Mr. *John Cameron*, Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Benjamin*, and Mr. *Dunkin*, to examine the contents thereof, and inquire as to the propriety of the continuance of the traffic in books carried on by the *Upper Canada* Educational Department; to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That all Petitions relating to the traffic in books carried on by the *Upper Canada* Educational Department, be referred to the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dunkin* have leave to bring in a Bill for the quieting of titles to land in the Townships of *Lower Canada*.

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 To-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Final Report of the Commissioners in the *Corrigan* affair, with reference to *L. Faquet*, Esquire, late Justice of the Peace.

For the said Final Report, see Appendix (No. 48.)

The Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery attended, in obedience to the Order of yesterday, and laid on the table of the House, the Poll Books of the last Election for the County of *Essex*.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment which was, on Wednesday the seventeenth of March last, proposed to be made to the Question, That in the opinion of this House any attempt at legislation which would affect one section of the Province in opposition to the votes of the majority of the Representatives of that section, would produce consequences which would be detrimental to the welfare of the Province, and give rise to great injustice," and which amendment was, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words, "the Imperial Parliament, by enacting in the 12th Section of the Act 3 and 4 *Vic.*, cap. 35, that the parts of the Province of *Canada*, then constituting *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, should be represented in the Legislative Assembly by an equal number of representatives, whatever might be the respective populations of these two Provinces, asserted the federal principle in the Union; that the Parliament of *Canada* admitted and sanctioned the same principle, when in increasing the number of those representatives, by the Act 16 *Vic.*, cap. 152, after the census of 1851, it maintained a numerical equality between the two former Provinces; that the *Canadian* Parliament gave it a yet more decided and expressive sanction by extending it to the Legislative Council, by the provision in the Act 19 and 20 *Vic.*, cap. 140, viz.: that the Members elected should be forty-eight in number, twenty-four for *Upper Canada* and twenty-four for *Lower Canada*; that Her Majesty's Representatives in selecting their Executive Councillors, as a rule, in equal numbers from *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, have also acknowledged this principle of the Union, and sanctioned in the administration the federal character of the Constitutional Act of 1840; but that the acknowledgment of this principle in the Administration can only be substantial so long as the Executive Councillors taken from either section of the Province possess the confidence of that section expressed by the majority of its Representatives," inserted instead thereof.

And the Question on the Amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. *Langevin* moved, in Amendment to the said proposed Amendment, seconded by Mr. *Caron*, That the words, "the Imperial Parliament, by enacting in the 12th Section of the Act 3 and 4 *Vic.*, cap. 35, that the parts of the Province of *Canada*, then constituting *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, should be represented in the Legislative Assembly by an equal number of Representatives, whatever might be the respective populations of these two Provinces, asserted the federal principle in the Union; that the Parliament of *Canada* admitted and sanctioned the same principle, when in increasing the number of those Representatives, by the Act 16 *Vic.*, cap. 152, after the census of 1851, it maintained a numerical equality between the two former Provinces; that the *Canadian* Parliament gave it a yet more decided and expressive sanction by extending it to the Legislative Council, by the provision in the Act 19 and 20 *Vic.*, cap. 140, viz.: that the Members elected should be forty-eight in number, twenty-four for *Upper Canada* and twenty-four for *Lower Canada*; that Her Majesty's Representatives in selecting their Executive Councillors, as a rule, in equal numbers from *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, have also acknowledged this principle of the Union and sanctioned in the Administration the federal character of the Constitutional Act of 1840; but that the acknowledgment of this principle in the Administration can only be substantial so long as the Executive Councillors taken from either section of the Province possess the confidence of that section expressed by the majority of its Representatives," be left out, and the words, "this House

“is of opinion that the principle of the double majority which has been recognized and adopted in the Government and Legislature of this Province since 1848, ought to continue to be so recognized and adopted to the manifest advantage of the two sections of the Province,” inserted instead thereof.

Mr. *Patrick* moved, seconded by Mr. *White*, and the Question being put, that this House do now adjourn.

The House divided, Yeas, 37; Nays, 51.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being proposed on the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment; and a Debate arising thereupon.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Piché*, seconded by Mr. *Bureau*,

The House adjourned.

Thursday, 20th May, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—The Petition of *Noël Boudreau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Cyprien*, County of *Napierville*; the Petition of *J. Hébert* and others, of the Parish of *St. Cyprien*, County of *Napierville*; the Petition of *Olivier Courteau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Sulpice*, County of *L'Assomption*; and two Petitions of *J. B. Perrault* and others, of the Parish of *St. Sulpice*, County of *L'Assomption*.

By Mr. *Langevin*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Panet*,—The Petition of *Pierre Lebasque* and others, of the Township of *Stoneham*, County of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Simpson*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Louth*.

By Mr. *Walker Powell*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Woodhouse*, County of *Norfolk*.

By Mr. *Foley*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Waterloo*; and the Petition of *Daniel Matthews* and others, of the Township of *Windham*, County of *Norfolk*.

By Mr. *Connor*,—The Petition of *John Shepherd* and others, of the Township of *South Norwich*.

By Mr. *Mowat*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Whitby*.

By Mr. *Daly*,—The Petition of *J. M. Daly* and others, of the Town of *Stratford*.

By Mr. *McDougall*,—The Petition of *Nelson Bendyshe* and others, of the Town of *Woodstock*, County of *Oxford*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Alley*,—The Petition of *George Hall* and others, Merchants and Traders and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Biggar*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Peter D. Muir* and others, of *Brantford*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *L'Assomption*; of *Z. Bourdeau*, Mayor, and others, of *St. Jacques le Mineur*, County of *Laprairie*; and of *H. Paquin* and others, of *St. Raphaël*; praying that the legal rate of interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of the Municipality of the Parish of *L'Assomption*; and of *Z. Bourdeau*, Mayor, and others, of *St. Jacques le Mineur*, County of *Laprairie*; praying that the annual grant for Schools may be increased to £150,000.

Of *Z. Bourdeau*, Mayor, and others, of *St. Jacques le Mineur*, County of *Laprairie*; praying for the abolition of tithes.

Of *Z. Bourdeau*, Mayor, and others, of *St. Jacques le Mineur*, County of *Laprairie*; praying for amendments to the Municipal Law of *Lower Canada*.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Cobourg*; praying that the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham* may not be separated for judicial purposes.

Of the Joint Board of Grammar and Common School Trustees of the Town of *Sarnia*; praying that the Grammar Schools of *Upper Canada* may receive additional Legislative aid.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Essex*; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the payment to all jurors in *Upper Canada* of the same amount for their attendance and travelling expenses as in *Lower Canada*, to be paid from and out of the Revenues of the Province.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Essex*; praying that the expenses of the Administration of Criminal Justice in *Upper Canada* may be wholly paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*; praying that the annual grant towards the maintenance of a Public Hospital, in the said City, may be increased.

Of *Thomas Stinson* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; and of *William Wallace* and others, of the Town of *Simcoe*; praying that the Bill to amend the Acts of Incorporation of the Great Western Railway Company may not become law.

Of the Presbytery of *Bathurst* in connection with the Church of *Scotland*; of the Kirk Session of *St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa*; and of the Reverend *John McLachlan* and others, of *Acton*; praying for the abolishment of Sunday labor in the Post Office Department and on the Canals.

Of the *Quebec* Board of Trade; praying that the Bill to explain and remove doubts as to the construction of the Act authorizing parties to sue and defend causes in *forma pauperis* before the Courts of Law in *Lower Canada*, may not become law.

Of *R. Sinclair* and others, of the Town of *Cobourg*; praying for the passing of an Act to legalize certain By-laws made by the Town Council of the Town of *Cobourg*, and also for amendments to the Act 13 and 14 *Vic. cap. 83*, to vest the Harbour at *Cobourg* in the Municipality of that Town.

Of *Joseph Donegani* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying that the Bill to confirm a Resolution or By-law of the Corporation of the City of *Montreal*, and to empower the Harbour Commissioners of *Montreal* to erect a Gallery across *Capital Street* in *Montreal*, may not become law.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Bruce*, County of *Bruce*; and of *W. Gunn* and others, of the County of *Bruce*; praying for the passing of an Act revoking the Proclamation of the Governor General appointing *Walkerton* as the County Town for the County of *Bruce*.

Of *Jonathan Noble*, senior; praying for arrears of pay due him for taking charge of the Depôt at *Les Fourches*, on the *Kempt Road*.

Of *James McCullough*, of the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, now confined in the Common Gaol of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*; praying to be liberated from Gaol.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*; praying that the Great Western Railway Company be required to construct a permanent Bridge across the *Desjardins Canal*.

Of *Morris C. Lutz*, Mayor of *Galt*, and others; praying that an Asylum may be established for Idiots.

Of *Francis Foster*, of the Township of the Gore of *Toronto*; praying that the Fund for Superannuated School Teachers may be increased.

Of the Honorable *William Henry Draper*; setting forth that he is a holder of Debentures of the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company, and praying that his interests may be protected before the said Company be allowed to issue £50,000 of preferential stock.

Of Mrs. *M. T. Bradshaw* and other ladies of the City of *Quebec*; praying that the Ladies' Protestant Relief Society of *Quebec* may be incorporated.

Of *A. Larue* and others, of the City of *Three Rivers*; representing that they have suffered a large loss by the sale of the debentures issued by the Government in their behalf, after the disastrous fire of 1856, and praying that they may be allowed to reimburse the capital at the rate of two per cent. per annum, without interest, the first payment to be made after the completion of the *Arthabaska* and *St. Maurice* Railways.

Of *Charles Way*, of the City of *Toronto*; praying to be admitted to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor in the Courts of Law and Equity in *Upper Canada*, notwithstanding his having omitted to file the Affidavit required by 20 *Vic.*, cap. 63.

Of *John Ennis* and others, of the Township of *Beverly*, County of *Wentworth*; complaining that there is a deficiency in the lands held by them in the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th Concessions, Township of *Beverly*, and praying that the same may be made good to them.

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

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate *Know College, Toronto*, and have agreed to report the same with certain Amendments, which they beg to submit for the consideration of your Honorable House.

With respect to the Bill to provide for the improvement and management of the Harbour of *Quebec*, which has been referred to them, your Committee would respectfully beg leave to call the attention of your Honorable House to the fact, that the Bill is not a private Bill, being for the regulation of a Government trust, and therefore should not have been referred to them.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Alley*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*,

Ordered, That the Order of Tuesday last, referring the Bill to provide for the improvement and management of the Harbour of *Quebec*, be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of *R. Sinclair* and others, of the Town of *Cobourg*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mowat* have leave to bring in a Bill respecting the trial of issues of fact by a Judge in certain cases.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Daly* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the selection of a County Town for the County of *Bruce*.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Connor* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act to encourage the establishment of certain Societies, commonly called Building Societies, in that part of the Province of *Canada*, formerly constituting *Upper Canada*.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Aikins* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Representation Act, by providing that the County of *Peel* shall be entitled to elect two Members to serve in the next Parliament.

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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dawson* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the North-West Transportation and Land Company.

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 Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Caron* have leave to bring in a Bill to make *L'Islet* the *chef lieu* of the District of *Montmagny*.

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 Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Dorion*, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*,

Ordered, That the time for receiving Private and Local Bills be extended to the first of June next; and for receiving Reports on Private and Local Bills, to the fifteenth of June next.

On motion of Mr. *Ross*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Wellington* Election Petition have leave to adjourn from To-morrow until Tuesday next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, for the convenience of the members of the Committee, and of the parties, and their Counsel.

On motion of Mr. *Connor*, seconded by Mr. *Mowat*,

Resolved, That when Mr. Speaker leaves the Chair at six o'clock, this House will adjourn until half-past seven o'clock this day.

Marcus Talbot, Esquire, *William Scott*, Esquire, *John Henry Pope*, Esquire, *Amos Wright*, Esquire; Chairman, *Eugène Urgel Piché*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Quebec*; their names were called over, and the Chairman, *Eugène Urgel Piché*, Esquire, and *John Henry Pope*, Esquire, not appearing within one hour after four of the clock;

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Chapais*,
Ordered, That the 74th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851" be now read.

And the same being read ;

Ordered, That *Eugene Urgel Piché*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Berthier*, and *John Henry Pope*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Compton*, having been appointed to serve as Members to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Quebec*, and not having attended in their places within one hour after four of the clock this day, being the day appointed for the swearing of the said Committee, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms, attending this House.

On motion of Mr. *Connor*, seconded by Mr. *Gill*,
 The House adjourned.

Half-past Seven o'clock, P. M.

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

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Railway Clauses Consolidation Act," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. *McGee* rose in his place and informed the House, that he was desired by Mr. *Piché* to state that he was too unwell to attend in his place to-day, at the time fixed for the swearing of the Committee appointed to inquire into the subject matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Quebec* ; and Mr. *Piché* having verified the same upon oath ;

Resolved, That the said statement be considered a sufficient excuse.

Ordered, That the Order of this day, for taking Mr. *Piché* into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms, be discharged.

On motion of Mr. *Benjamin*, seconded by Mr. *Chapais*,

Ordered, That the 75th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851" be now read.

And the same being read ;

And *John Henry Pope*, Esquire, not having been brought into the House within three hours after four of the clock, the swearing of the Committee to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Quebec*, was adjourned until the next meeting of the House.

Mr. *Morrison*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, informed the House, that at the instance of the Petitioner, the Committee had granted a Commission for the taking of evidence, and have, by the consent of both parties, appointed the Honorable *Jean Casimer Bruneau*, one of the Judges of Her Majesty's Superior Courts, in and for that part of the Province formerly called *Lower Canada*, to be the Commissioner to examine witnesses touching the allegations contained in the Petition.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Argenteuil* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until such time as the Speaker of this House shall, by his War-

rant, to be issued in the manner provided by "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," direct the said Committee to re-assemble, and take the proceedings of the said Commissioner into consideration.

The Honorable *Malcolm Cameron* moved, seconded by Mr. *William F. Powell*, and the Question being proposed, that *Robert Thompson*, *Thomas Hawkins*, and *John Ferris*, all of *Colchester*; *George Murray*, *Solomon Smith*, and *Henry McKinney*, all of the Township of *Amherstburg*; do attend at the Bar of this House, to answer charges preferred against them in the Petition of *Joseph Mercer*, Esquire, Warden of the County of *Essex*, and others, for having altered, or permitted to be altered, the Poll Books for the last Election of the said County, and for having added a large number of names thereto after the close of the said Election.

Mr. *Foley* moved in Amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Dorion*, That all the words after "that" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words, "the further consideration of the Question be postponed, and the Petition of *Joseph Mercer*, Warden, and others, of the County of *Essex*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *William F. Powell*, Mr. *D. A. Macdonald*, Mr. *Aikins*, and the mover, to examine the contents thereof for the purpose of inquiring into the circumstances under which, and the parties by whom the signatures thereto were annexed, and also into the facts alleged therein, as to criminal proceedings having been adopted against the parties therein complained of; to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records," inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Question be postponed.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Joseph Mercer*, Warden, and others, of the County of *Essex*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Foley*, the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*, Mr. *William F. Powell*, Mr. *D. A. Macdonald*, and Mr. *Aikins*, to examine the contents thereof for the purpose of inquiring into the circumstances under which, and the parties by whom the signatures thereto were annexed; and also into the facts alleged therein as to criminal proceedings having been adopted against the parties therein complained of; to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 19th ultimo, for Statement of expenses for support of Major *Johnston's* Police Force, for each of the years 1855, 1856, and 1857.

By Command.

T. J. J. Loranger,
Secretary.

Secretary's Office,
Toronto, 20th May, 1858.

Return of Detail, shewing the amount expended for maintaining that part of the Police Force of *Lower Canada*, under the control and supervision of Major *R. B. Johnston*, Police Magistrate, for each of the years 1855, 1856, and 1857; the same being furnished in compliance to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated 19th April, 1858 :—

NATURE OF SERVICE.	1855.		1856.		1857.	
	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
R. B. Johnston, Salary as Stipendiary Magistrate, and Allowance, at \$7½ per day.....	2737	50	2745	00	2737	50
2 Chief Constables, at \$1 50cts.....	1095	00	1098	00	1095	00
15 Sub-constables, at \$1.....	5475	00	5490	00	5475	00
1 Detective Police, at \$1 50cts.....	127	50	504	00	364	50
Travelling Expenses of the same.....			110	20	120	60
Contingent Disbursements.....	979	06	404	80	354	28
For Board, Lodging, Light, and Fuel, of the Police billeted at various houses.....			7332	72	3338	40
For Transport of Police to and from different places.....			989	00	143	20
For Provisions furnished.....			162	40		
Gratuities to Constable Wild, \$100; and \$150 each to B. Fitzpatrick and P. Ford.....			400	00		
Paid J. Grant for Special Train, on occasion of the St. Sylvestre Murder, for conveyance of Troops.....					805	10
Total.....\$	10414	06	19237	12	14433	58

RECAPITULATION.

The Expenses in 1855.....	\$	cts.
The Expenses in 1856.....	10414	06
The Expenses in 1857.....	19237	12
	14433	58
	\$	44084
		76

Charged as follows, in the Public Accounts :—

1854.....	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
1855.....	600	00		
1856.....	9749	50		
1857.....	16088	80		
And paid in 1858.....	16075	76		
	1570	70	44084	76

(Signed,) *W. Dickinson,*
Acting D. I. G.

Inspector General's Office,
Toronto, 20th May, 1858.

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 19th ultimo, for Statement of all moneys paid to Jurors in *Lower Canada*, according to the 1st and 2nd sections of the Act 18 *Vic.* cap. 98.

By Command.

T. J. J. Loranger,
Secretary.

Secretary's Office,
Toronto, 20th May, 1858.

Return of all moneys advanced out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province, towards the payment of Jurors in *Lower Canada*, according to the 1st and 2nd sections of the Act 18 *Vic.* cap. 98; the same being furnished in compliance to an Address of the Honorable Legislative Assembly, dated 19th April, 1858.

The amount paid the various Sheriffs of *Lower Canada*, on account of the above service, up to 31st December, 1857, is £4,777 10s.; equal to \$19,110 00.

William Dickinson,
Acting D. I. G.

Inspector General's Office,
Toronto, 20th May, 1858.

The Order of the day being read for resuming the Adjourned Debate upon the Amendment which was yesterday proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment to the Question, "That in the opinion of this House, any attempt at Legislation which would affect one section of the Province in opposition to the votes of the majority of the Representatives of that section, would produce consequences which would be detrimental to the welfare of the Province, and give rise to great injustice."

And which proposed Amendment was that all the words after "That" to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words, "The Imperial Parliament, by enacting in the 12th section of the Act 3 and 4 *Vic.*, cap. 35, that the parts of the Province of *Canada*, then constituting *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, should be represented in the Legislative Assembly by an equal number of Representatives, whatever might be the respective populations of these two Provinces, asserted the federal principle in the Union; that the Parliament of *Canada* admitted and sanctioned the same principle, when in increasing the number of those Representatives, by the Act 16 *Vic.*, cap. 152, after the census of 1851, it maintained a numerical equality between the two former Provinces; that the Canadian Parliament gave it a yet more decided and expressive sanction by extending it to the Legislative Council, by the provision in the Act 19 and 20 *Vic.*, cap. 140, viz:—That the Members elected should be forty-eight in number, twenty-four for *Upper Canada* and twenty-four for *Lower Canada*; that Her Majesty's Representatives in selecting their Executive Councillors, as a rule, in equal numbers from *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, have also acknowledged this principle of the Union, and sanctioned in the administration the federal character of the Constitutional Act of 1840; but that the acknowledgment of this principle in the administration can only be substantial so long as the Executive Councillors taken from either section of the Province possess the confidence of that section expressed by the majority of its representatives," inserted instead thereof;

And which Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, that the words, "The Imperial Parliament, by enacting in the 12th section of the Act 3 and 4 *Vic.*, cap. 35, that the parts of the Province of *Canada*, then constituting *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, should be represented in the Legislative Assembly by an equal number of Representatives, whatever might be the respective

“populations of these two Provinces, asserted the federal principle in the Union; that the Parliament of *Canada* admitted and sanctioned the same principle, when, in increasing the number of those Representatives, by the Act 16 *Vic.*, cap. 152, after the census of 1851, it maintained a numerical equality between the two former Provinces; that the Canadian Parliament gave it a yet more decided and expressive sanction by extending it to the Legislative Council, by the provision in the Act 19 and 20 *Vic.*, cap. 140, viz:—That the Members elected should be forty-eight in number, twenty-four for *Upper Canada* and twenty-four for *Lower Canada*; that Her Majesty's Representatives in selecting their Executive Councillors, as a rule, in equal numbers from *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, have also acknowledged this principle of the Union and sanctioned in the Administration the federal character of the Constitutional Act of 1840; but that the acknowledgment of this principle in the Administration can only be substantial so long as the Executive Councillors, taken from either section of the Province, possess the confidence of that section expressed by the majority of its Representatives,” be left out, and the words, “This House is of opinion that the principle of the double majority which has been recognized and adopted in the Government and Legislature of this Province since 1848, ought to continue to be so recognized and adopted to the manifest advantage of the two sections of the Province,” inserted instead thereof.

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate;

And the Question being again proposed on the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment;

And a further Debate arising thereupon.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Dufresne*, seconded by Mr. *Connor*,
The House adjourned.

Friday, 21st May, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Buchanan*,—The Petition of *John Ryckman* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the *Canada Life Assurance Company*.

By Mr. *Caron*,—The Petition of *J. B. Bouffard* and others, of the Parish of *L'Assomption*, County of *Berthier*; and the Petition of *F. X. Gendron* and others, of the Parish of *St. François, Rivière du Sud*.

By Mr. *Archambeault*,—The Petition of *B. Moreau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Paul L'Ermite*, County of *L'Assomption*; and the Petition of *N. Hénault*, of the Parish of *St. Outhbert*, County of *Berthier*, Seigneur of the *Fief Chicot du Pads*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *Charles Joseph Napoléon de Montigny*, and *François Xavier de Montigny*, Editors and Proprietors of the “*Agricultural and Farmers' Journal*,” of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—Three Petitions of the Municipality of the Parish of *Repentigny*, County of *L'Assomption*.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of *Alexander McMorran*, of the Township of *Greenock*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Drummond*,—The Petition of *N. Forsyth* and others, of the County of *Welland*.

By Mr. *Biggar*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Thomas L. Davidson* and others, of the Town of *Brantford*.

By Mr. *Campbell*,—The Petition of *W. H. Chaffers* and others, of the Parish of *St. Césaire*, County of *Rouville*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—The Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Reverend *John W. Smith* and others, of *Haldimand*; the Petition of the Reverend *Donald MacLeod* and others, Members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church at *Cobourg*; the Petition of the *Kingston* Sabbath Reformation Society; and the Petition of the Reverend *James Findlay* and others, of the Village of *Mitchell* and vicinity.

By Mr. *Connor*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *North Norwich*, County of *Oxford*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Robert Wallace* and others, of *Ingersoll* and vicinity.

By Mr. *Allan*,—The Petition of the Reverend *James Middlemiss* and others, of *Elora* and vicinity.

By Mr. *Carling*,—The Petition of *W. B. Leather* and others, Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors.

By Mr. *Hébert*,—The Petition of *T. Sheridan* and others, of the Township of *South Halifax*, County of *Megantic*; and the Petition of the *South Megantic* Library Association and Mechanics' Institute.

By Mr. *Gould*,—The Petition of *John McTavish* and others, of *Thorah* and *Maru*.

By Mr. *Dufresne*,—The Petition of *James McCullough*, of the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, now confined in the Common Gaol of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *Pierre Colin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Valentin*, County of *St. Johns*; and of *Noël Darche*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *Chambly*; praying that the annual grant for Schools may be increased to £150,000.

Of *P. A. Z. Girardin*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. Valentin*, County of *St. Johns*; and of *Noël Darche*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *Chambly*; praying for the abolition of Tithes.

Of *J. Bissonnette* and others, of the Parish of *St. Valentin*, County of *St. Johns*; and of *Noël Darche*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *Chambly*; praying that the legal rate of interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of *Thomas Humphries* and others, of the Township of *Otonabee*, County of *Peterborough*; praying for amendments to the Municipal Laws of *Upper Canada*.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Simcoe*; of *Andrew Thompson* and others, of the Township of *Woodhouse*, County of *Norfolk*; and of the Municipality of the Township of *South Norwich*; praying that the Bill to amend the Acts of incorporation of the Great Western Railway Company may not become law.

Of *T. G. Hurd* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; praying for certain amendments to the amended Act of the *Galt* and *Guelph* Railroad Company, so as to secure their rights as holders of bonds issued by the said Company, previous to the mortgage to the Great Western Railway Company.

Of the *Welland* Railway Company; praying that no Act may be passed which will deprive the said Company of their right to cross the Great Western or any other line of Railway.

Of the Municipality of the Village of *Varennes*; praying that the prayer of the Petition of *Felix Lussier* and others, of the Village of *Varennes*, may not be granted.

Mr. *Playfair*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Thirteenth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find the notices sufficient :—Of the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company ; of the Town Council of *Collingwood* ; and of *Walter Sheridan* and others, of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*, for Incorporation of the *Peterborough* and *Georgian Bay* Railway Company.

On the Petitions of *Walter Wood*, of the City of *Toronto*, and of *Robert Wager Tayler*, of the City of *Toronto* ; praying, respectively, to be admitted to practice as Attorneys, &c., your Committee find that no notice was given.

On the Petition of *Charles Way*, of the City of *Toronto*, praying to be admitted to practice as an Attorney and Solicitor, notwithstanding his having omitted to file the affidavit required by 20 *Vic.*, cap. 63, your Committee find that no notice was given, but the Petitioner having duly served under articles, as required by that Act, the omission referred to is one of technical nature merely, and they therefore beg to recommend a suspension of the 62nd Rule in his case.

The Petition of Mrs. *M. T. Bradshaw* and other ladies, of the City of *Quebec*, for Incorporation of the Ladies' Protestant Relief Society of *Quebec*, is not, in the opinion of your Committee, of a nature to require the publication of notice.

Mr. *Benjamin*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House the Ninth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee recommend that the following documents be printed for the use of Members :—

By Mr. *Foley*,—Report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the circumstances connected with the resignation of *Henry Van Allan Rapelje*, Esquire, late Sheriff of *Norfolk*, and the alleged disposal of the said Office by the said *Rapelje*, to *Lawrence W. Mercer*, Esquire, and the appointment of the said *Mercer* to the said Office, with the evidence taken before the said Committee.

By the Honorable Mr. *Loranger*,—Report of the Minister of Agriculture, for the year 1857.

Your Committee recommend that the following Petitions be not printed :—

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—Of *Robert Simpson* and others, of the County of *Argenteuil* ; praying for the passage of a Bill to secure the freedom of Elections.

By Mr. *Dawson*,—Of *W. H. Boulton*, Esquire, Mayor of *Toronto*, and others ; praying for an Act of Incorporation for the "North-West Land and Transportation Company."

By Mr. *Munro*,—Of *Robert F. Gourlay* ; praying to be heard in his own defence, at the Bar of the House.

Ordered, That the Report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and Report upon the circumstances connected with the resignation of *Henry Van Allan Rapelje*, Esquire, late Sheriff of *Norfolk*, be printed, as recommended by the Standing Committee on Printing ; and the Report of the Minister of Agriculture, for 1857, be also printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Charter of the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company, and for other purposes.

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 Wednesday next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*,

Resolved, That when this House doth adjourn this day, it will adjourn until Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dawson* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the General Hospital of the District of *Three Rivers*.

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 Wednesday next.

Mr. *Munro* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gould*, and the Question being put, That *Robert F. Gourlay*, Esquire, be heard at the Bar of this House on Wednesday the second day of June next, on the subject of certain grievances set forth in his Petition, received by the House, on Thursday the fifteenth day of April last;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>41. Wright.</i>
<i>Clark,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Coullée,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>38. Webb.</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Pope* rose in his place and stated, That he had been absent on urgent private business, and that he was on his way to *Toronto* on the day on which the Report of the General Committee of Elections, appointing him a Member of the Select Committee on the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Quebec*, was made to the House; and on the day on which the swearing of the said Committee ought to have taken place.

And Mr. *Pope* having verified the same upon oath;

Resolved, That the said statement be considered a sufficient excuse.

Ordered, That the Order of yesterday, for taking Mr. *Pope* into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms, be discharged.

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

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws relating to admission to the Notarial profession in *Lower Canada*," without any amendment.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. *Connor*, seconded by Mr. *Mowat*,

Resolved, That when Mr. Speaker leaves the Chair at six o'clock, the House will adjourn until half-past seven o'clock this day.

Marcus Talbot, Esquire; *William Scott*, Esquire; *John Henry Pope*, Esquire; *Amos Wright*, Esquire; Chairman, *Eugène Urgel Piché*, Esquire; being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Quebec*, their names were called over; and being come to the table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the County of *Quebec*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of this House, at the hour of eleven in the forenoon.

Mr. *Galt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Pope*, and the Question being proposed, That the Private Bills relating to Railways and other incorporated Companies take precedence, as far as the second reading is concerned, of other Orders of the day; and that the said Private Bills be called in the order in which they stand.

Objection being made to the said motion, inasmuch as it did not appear on the notice paper this day;

Mr. Speaker decided that as two days' notice had been given, the motion was in order; the Member not being precluded from moving, although the notice did not appear on the paper of this day; the arrangement under which Private measures did not appear on the paper on Government days was only made as a matter of economy, and it had been understood in making such arrangement, that notices which appeared on the notice paper on the day preceding Government days could, nevertheless, be taken up on such days.

And an appeal being made from Mr. Speaker's decision, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Darvson,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Canon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lubelle,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>59. Webb.</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Thibaudreau,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>37. Wright.</i>
<i>Cook,</i>			

So the decision of Mr. Speaker was confirmed.

The motion was then, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *Connor*, seconded by Mr. *Mowat*,
The House adjourned.

Half-past Seven o'clock, P. M.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*,

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of certain proposed Resolutions relating to *Rupert's Land*, the Indian Territory, and the affairs of the *Hudson's Bay* Company.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of certain proposed Resolutions relating to Gratuities to Judges of Probate and Surrogate Courts.

The Honorable Mr. *Sicotte* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of certain proposed Resolutions respecting the Fisheries.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, then acquainted the House, that His Excellency, having been informed of the subject matter of this motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of certain proposed Resolutions relating to the Inspection of Fish and Oil.

Mr. *Playfair* reported the Bill to amend the Law relating to Emigrants, and the Amendment was read.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, and the Question being proposed, That the said Amendment be now read a second time;

Mr. *McGee* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Bureau*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "the Bill be now re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, with an instruction to amend the same, by leaving out the first clause, by which the

“Tax on Emigrants from the age of one to fourteen years, is raised from three shillings and nine pence to five shillings, and to leave the Tax as it exists under the Act 16 *Vic.* cap. 86,” inserted instead thereof.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A. Patrick,</i>	
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S. Piché,</i>	
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Burvell,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>42. Wright.</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen. Sherwood,</i>	
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gawvreau,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Powell, Wm. F. 58. Webb.</i>	
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the said Amendment be now read a second time.

The Amendment was accordingly read a second time, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of Recorders, Inspectors, and Superintendents of Police, Police Magistrates, and other officers in criminal matters, being read;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. *Dorion* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, That the word “now” be left out, and the words “this day six months,” added at the end thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A. Notman,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S. Patrick,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
		<i>Short,</i>
		<i>Wallbridge,</i>
		<i>27. Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Scotte,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>67. Webb.</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Then, the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House for Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Connor*, seconded by Mr. *Mowat*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *L'Islet* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until Tuesday, the first of June next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, inasmuch as they require further evidence, which cannot be obtained until then.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*, seconded by Mr. *Dufresne*,
The House adjourned until Tuesday next.

Tuesday, 25th May, 1858.

THE Honorable *William Hamilton Merritt*, Member for the County of *Lincoln*, having previously taken the oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

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

By Mr. *Gauvreau*,—The Petition of *A. Remillard* and others, School Commissioners, and others, of the Parish of *St. Didace*; and the Petition of the Municipality of *Ste. Ursule*, County of *Maskinongé*.

By Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *Alfred Dredge*, of the City of *Toronto*, Bookbinder.

By Mr. *Archambeault*,—The Petition of *A. E. Deschamps* and others, of the Parish of *Repentigny*, County of *L'Assomption*.

By Mr. *Wallbridge*,—The Petition of the Reverend *William F. White* and others, of *Belleville*.

By Mr. *Hébert*,—The Petition of *Noël Hébert* and others, of *North Halifax*, County of *Megantic*.

By Mr. *Notman*,—The Petition of the Reverend *W. Y. Stark* and others, of the Town of *Dundas*, County of *Wentworth*.

By Mr. *Walker Powell*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Norfolk*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,—The Petition of the City of *Kingston* Horticultural Society; and the Petition of the Reverend *P. Gray* and others, of the City of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of *J. R. Brown* and others, of *Dunnville*; the Petition of *A. M. Kinnear* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; the Petition of *Thomas Johnston* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; and the Petition of *Michael Martin* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*.

By the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,—The Petition of *Allan Macdonell*, late of *Lake Superior*.

By Mr. *McKellar*,—The Petition of *John McMichael* and others; the Petition of *Charles Grant* and others, of the Village of *Ridgetown*, County of *Kent*; and the Petition of the Trustees of the *Chatham* County Grammar School.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Rose*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Ouimet*,—The Petition of the Library Association of the Parish of *St. Timothée*.

By *Mowat*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Thomas Lowry* and others, of the Town of *Whitby* and vicinity; the Petition of *H. J. Rutten* and others, Bondholders of the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company; and the Petition of *L. Fairbanks* and others, Bailiffs of Division Court (No. 1.) of the County of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Dunkin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. H. Suzor* and others, of the Townships of *Bulstrode* and *Arthabaska*; and the Petition of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of the Village of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*.

By Mr. *Connor*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Ingersoll*.

By Mr. *Ferres*,—The Petition of *Henry A. Church* and others, of the Township of *Durham*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *Noël Boudreau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Cyprien*, County of *Napierville*; praying for the abolition of tithes.

Of *T. Hébert* and others, of the Parish of *St. Cyprien*, County of *Napierville*; of *J. B. Perreault* and others, of the Parish of *St. Sulpice*, County of *L'Assomption*; and of the Municipality of the Parish of *Repentigny*, County of *L'Assomption*; praying that the annual grant for Schools may be increased to £150,000.

Of *Olivier Courteau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Sulpice*, County of *L'Assomption*; and of the Municipality of the Parish of *Repentigny*, County of *L'Assomption*; praying that the legal rate of Interest may be fixed at six per cent.

Of *J. B. Perreault* and others, of the Parish of *St. Sulpice*, County of *L'Assomption*; and of the Municipality of the Parish of *Repentigny*, County of *L'Assomption*; praying for Amendments to the Municipal Law of *Lower Canada*.

Of the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of *Quebec*; praying that in the Bill for the improvement and management of the Harbour of *Quebec*, provision may be made, that the Mayor of the said City shall be *ex-officio*, one of the Commission.

Of *Pierre Lebasque* and others, of the Township of *Stoneham*, County of *Quebec*; praying aid for the *Stoneham* road.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Woodhouse*, County of *Norfolk*; of *Daniel Matthews* and others, of the Township of *Windham*, County of *Norfolk*; of *John Shepherd* and others, of the Township of *South Norwich*; of *Nelson Bendyshe* and others, of the Town of *Woodstock*, County of *Oxford*; of *John Ryckman* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; and of the Municipality of the Township of *North Norwich*, County of *Oxford*; praying that the Bill to Amend the Acts of incorporation of the Great Western Railway Company may not become Law.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Louth*; praying for Amendments to the new Municipal Bill.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Waterloo*; praying that the expenses of the administration of Criminal Justice, in *Upper Canada*, may be wholly paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Whitby*; praying for Amendments to the Municipal and Assessment Acts of *Upper Canada*.

Of *J. M. Daly* and others, of the Town of *Stratford*; of the Reverend *Peter D. Muir* and others, of *Brantford*; of the Reverend *Thomas L. Davidson* and others, of the Town of *Brantford*; of the Reverend *John W. Smith* and others, of *Haldimand*; of the Reverend *Donald MacLeod* and others, Members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church of *Cobourg*; of the *Kingston* Sabbath Reformation Society; of the Reverend *James Findlay* and others, of the Village of *Mitchell* and vicinity; of the Reverend *Robert Wallace* and others, of *Ingersoll* and vicinity; of the Reverend *James Middlemiss* and others, of *Elora* and vicinity; and of *John MacTavish* and others, of *Thorah* and *Mara*; praying for the abolishment of Sunday labor in the Post Office Department, and on the Canals.

Of *George Hall* and others, Merchants and Traders and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to provide for the attachment of the Salaries of persons in the employ of the Government, either in whole or in part.

Of *J. B. Bouffard* and others, of the Parish of *L'Assomption*, County of *Berthier*; praying that the Parish of *Berthier* may be annexed to the District of *Quebec*, for judicial purposes.

Of *F. X. Gendron* and others of the Parish of *St. François, Rivière du Sud*; praying that the said Parish may be annexed to the District of *Quebec* for judicial purposes.

Of *B. Moreau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Paul l'Ermite*, County of *L'Assomption*; praying that the said Parish may be annexed to the District of *Montreal* for judicial purposes.

Of *James McCullough*, of the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, now confined in the Common Gaol of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*; praying to be liberated from Gaol.

Of *W. H. Chaffers* and others, of the Parish of *St. Césaire*, County of *Rouville*; praying for aid to improve the navigation of the River *Yamaska*.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade; praying that the Bill to make better provision for regulating the measurement of Coal, and for other purposes therein mentioned, may not become Law.

Of *W. B. Leather* and others, Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors; praying that the Acts relating to Land Surveyors may be repealed.

Of the *South Megantic* Library Association and Mechanics' Institute; praying for an additional aid.

Of *Charles Joseph Napoléon de Montigny* and *François Xavier de Montigny*, Editors and Proprietors of the Agricultural and Farmers' Journal, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for aid to enable them to continue the publication of the said Journal.

Of *Alexander McMorran*, of the Township of *Greenock*; setting forth that he has been in possession of Lot 51, Concession A, of the Township of *Greenock*, since 1854, and praying that he may not be unjustly deprived of the same.

Of *N. Forsyth* and others, of the County of *Welland*; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to erect a Suspension Bridge, for carriages and foot passengers, across the *Niagara* River.

Of *T. Sheridan* and others, of the Township of *South Halifax*, County of *Megantic*; praying that the School Assessment Roll of the said Township, for the years 1856, 1857, and 1858, may not be legalized.

Of the *Canada* Life Assurance Company; praying for the passing of an Act providing for the regular registration of specific returns by all Insurance Companies established or having agencies in the Province.

Of *N. Hécault*, of the Parish of *St. Cuthbert*, County of *Berthier*, Seigneur of the *Fief Chicot du Pads*; praying that his rights as such Seigneur may be protected in the Bill to revive and amend the Act to regulate the Common of *Isle du Pads*, County of *Berthier*.

Mr. *Foley*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Montmorency*, informed the House that *Herbert Biggar*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee this day.

On motion of Mr. *Foley*, seconded by Mr. *Wallbridge*,

Ordered, That *Herbert Biggar*, Esquire, do attend in his place in this House To-morrow.

Mr. *Playfair*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Fourteenth Report of the said Committee, which was read as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the *Quebec* Bank, and find the notice sufficient.

With respect to the Petition of *T. G. Hurd* and others, of the City of *Toronto*, praying for certain amendments to the amended Act of the *Galt* and *Guelph* Railroad Company, so as to secure their rights as holders of bonds issued by the said Company previous to the Mortgage to the Great Western Railway Company. Your Committee would beg to remark that on the 20th of April last they reported upon a former Petition from the same parties, that the notice published by them was insufficient, inasmuch as it did not definitely specify the nature of the proposed amendments. Since that Report the publication of the notice has been

continued, with an additional paragraph explaining the object of the proposed amendment, and although such amended notice has only appeared for three weeks, your Committee have no doubt that the parties whose interests would be affected are sufficiently notified of the application, and they therefore recommend a suspension of the 62nd Rule in this case.

Ordered, That Mr. *Simard* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Acts forming the Charter of the *Quebec Bank*, and for other purposes.

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 To-morrow.

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

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the *St. James Club of Montreal*, and have agreed to certain amendments, which they beg to submit for the consideration of your Honorable House.

Mr. *Sherwood*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Lincoln*, informed the House that *William Notman*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee this day.

On motion of Mr. *Sherwood*, seconded by Mr. *Dubord*,

Ordered, That *William Notman*, Esquire, do attend in his place in this House To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Robinson*, seconded by Mr. *White*,

Ordered, That the 62nd Rule of this House be suspended, as regards the Petition of *T. G. Hurd* and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, and the Question being proposed, That on every Monday during the remainder of the Session, after Routine business and until six o'clock, Private Bills on the Orders of the Day be first called in their order of precedence, and after that hour the Orders of the Day shall in like manner be called; that on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Motions and Measures in charge of Members of the Government have precedence over other Motions and Measures; and that on Wednesdays Notices of Motions shall be gone through with before the Orders of the Day are called.

Mr. *Brown* moved in Amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Foley*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words "a large portion of the time usually devoted to Measures in the hands of Private Members having up to this time been occupied by inquiries at the Bar as to alleged frauds committed at the last general Election, and the Private Notice Paper being still loaded with important subjects of public interest, waiting discussion, it is inexpedient to make any change in the Order of business at present, further than to appropriate one day in the week specially for Bills in the hands of Private Members," inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A. Papineau,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S. Patrick,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>		41. <i>Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, William.</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Fellows,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	64. <i>Webb.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That on every Monday during the remainder of the Session, after Routine business, and until six o'clock, Private Bills on the Orders of the Day be first called in their order of precedence, and after that hour the Orders of the Day shall in like manner be called; That on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Motions and Measures in charge of Members of the Government have precedence over other Motions and Measures; and that on Wednesdays, Notices of Motions shall be gone through with before the Orders of the Day are called.

The Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bureau*, and the Question being put, That the further consideration of the Question be postponed until Tuesday, the eighth of June next,

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A. Papineau,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S. Patrick,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>
		<i>Powell, Walker</i>
		<i>Ross,</i>
		<i>Rymal,</i>
		<i>Short,</i>

<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	40. <i>Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Le Boutillier,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	63. <i>Webb.</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that the Clerk of this House had received from the Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, the following Certificate:—

Province of *Canada*.

This is to certify that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the 19th day of April last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and addressed to the High Sheriff of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*, *Adiel Sherwood*, Esquire, Returning Officer *ex officio* for the North Riding of the said Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*, for the election of a Member to represent the said North Riding of the Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province in the present Parliament, in the room of the late *Basil Morrison Church*, Esquire, deceased, *Ogle Robert Gowan*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the return to the said Writ of Election dated the twenty-first day of May instant, which is now lodged of record in this office.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,

Toronto, 25th May, 1858.

L. R. Fortier,

Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

To *William B. Lindsay*, Esquire,
Clerk, Legislative Assembly,
Toronto.

Ogle Robert Gowan, Esquire, Member for the North Riding of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed, before the Commissioners, the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

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

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of *John McLean*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And also, The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act to

“amend the Law relating to petty trespasses in *Upper Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

And the Question being again proposed, That on every Monday during the remainder of the Session after Routine Business, and until six o'clock, Private Bills on the Orders of the Day be first called in their order of precedence, and after that hour the Orders of the Day shall in like manner be called; that on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, Motions and Measures in charge of Members of the Government have precedence over other Motions and Measures; and that on Wednesdays, Notices of Motions shall be gone through with before the Orders of the Day are called.

Mr. *Foley* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Hogan*, That all the words after “That” to the end of the Question be left out, and the words, “Tuesday and Friday be devoted to Motions and Measures in charge of Members of the Government: that the whole of Wednesday, and from three to six o'clock on Thursday, be devoted to Bills on the Orders of the Day, in charge of private Members; and that the whole of Monday, and after the recess on Thursday, be devoted to Notices of Motions,” inserted instead thereof.

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dorion*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A. Papineau,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S. Patrick,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>
		<i>Powell, Walker</i>
		<i>Rymal,</i>
		<i>Short,</i>
		<i>Stirton,</i>
		<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
		<i>Wallbridge,</i>
		<i>White,</i>
		40. <i>Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen. Sherwood,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Panel,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	64. <i>Webb.</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	39. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty Gen.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Carlins,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tassé.</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Coullée,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Powell, Wm. F.</i>	65. <i>Webb.</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That on every Monday during the remainder of the Session after Routine Business, and until six o'clock, Private Bills on the Orders of the Day be first called in their order of precedence, and after that hour the Orders of the Day shall in like manner be called; that on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Motions and Measures in charge of Members of the Government have precedence over other Motions and Measures; and that on Wednesdays, Notices of Motions shall be gone through with before the Orders of the Day are called.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Notman*, and the Question being put, That the further consideration of the Question be postponed until Friday the Fourth of June next;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	28. <i>Wright,</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn.</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>54. Webb.</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *William F. Powell* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fellowes*, and the previous Question being proposed, That that Question be now put:

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Notman*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>27. Wright.</i>
<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Powell, Wm. F.</i>	<i>55. Webb.</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the House having continued to sit until after twelve of the clock, on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 26th May, 1858 :

AND the Previous Question being again proposed ;

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by Mr. *D. A. Macdonald*, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be adjourned.

Mr. *Gould* moved, seconded by Mr. *Wright*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>25. Wright.</i>
<i>Foley,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simons,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lucoste,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>49. Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Ross*, from 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 *Wellington*, informed the House that *Thomas Short*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee yesterday.

On motion of Mr. *Ross*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*,

Ordered, That *Thomas Short*, Esquire, do attend in his place in this House To-morrow.

Mr. *Benjamin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Robinson*, and the Question being proposed, That the Select Committee on the Election Petitions for the Counties of *Montmorency*, and *Quebec*, and the North Riding of the County of *Wellington*, be further adjourned until To-morrow, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

And objections being made to this motion, on the ground that it could not be put, inasmuch as the said Committee had not asked for leave to adjourn, Mr. Speaker decided, that under the 78th Section of the Election Petitions Act of 1851, the House may adjourn the sittings of the said Committee for such time as shall be fixed by the House.

And an Appeal being made from Mr. Speaker's decision, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>57. Webb.</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>21. Wright.</i>
<i>Christie,</i>			

So the decision of Mr. Speaker was confirmed.

And the Question being put, That the Select Committees on the Election Petitions for the Counties of *Montmorency*, and *Quebec*, and the North Riding of the County of *Wellington*, be further adjourned until To-morrow, at ten o'clock in the forenoon ;

The House divided : and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *William F. Powell* moved, seconded by Mr. *Talbot*, and the Question being proposed ;

That the Select Committee on the *Lincoln* Election Petition be further adjourned until To-morrow, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bell*, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>21. Wright.</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>

<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scotte,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Grill,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	58. <i>Webb.</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the Select Committee on the *Lincoln* Election Petition be further adjourned until To-morrow, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon;

The House divided: and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the debate upon the previous Question, which was yesterday proposed, That the Question (That on every Monday during the remainder of the Session after Routine Business and until six o'clock, Private Bills on the Orders of the Day be first called in their order of precedence, and after that hour the Orders of the Day shall in like manner be called; that on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, Motions and Measures in charge of Members of the Government have precedence over other Motions and Measures; and that on Wednesdays, Notices of Motions shall be gone through with before the Orders of the Day are called) be now put; be adjourned.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that being indisposed, he would, in accordance with the Act 19 *Vic.* cap. 41, call upon Mr. *Galt*, Member for the Town of *Sherbrooke*, to take the Chair of the House, during his temporary absence.

Mr. *Galt* accordingly took the Chair of the House.

And the Question being put, That the Debate upon the previous Question, which was yesterday proposed, That the Question (That on every Monday during the remainder of the Session after Routine Business and until six o'clock, Private Bills on the Orders of the Day be first called in their order of precedence, and after that hour the Orders of the Day shall in like manner be called; that on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, Motions and Measures in charge of Members of the Government have precedence over other Motions and Measures; and that on Wednesdays, Notices of Motions shall be gone through with before the Orders of the Day are called) be now put; be adjourned;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	28. <i>Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>53. Webb.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Speaker then resumed the Chair of the House.

Mr. *Hogan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Foley*, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.

It being then three o'clock, P.M., and objection being made, that a new sitting of the House should commence, and that the Orders of the Day, of this day, should be proceeded with :

Mr. Speaker decided that the Orders of the Day of yesterday must be proceeded with, there having been no adjournment since yesterday, and there not having been a new meeting of the House this day, under the first Rule.

And an appeal having been made from Mr. Speaker's decision, the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Powell, Wm. F.</i>	<i>60. Webb.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Burvell,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>34. Wright.</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>		

So the decision of Mr. Speaker was confirmed.

Then the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn ;

The House divided : and it passed in the Negative.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate, upon the previous Question, which was yesterday proposed, That the Question,

That on every Monday during the remainder of the Session after Routine business and until six o'clock, Private Bills on the Orders of the Day be first called in their order of precedence, and after that hour the Orders of the Day shall in like manner be called ; that on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, Motions and Measures in charge of Members of the Government have precedence over other Motions and Measures ; and that on Wednesdays, Notices of Motions shall be gone through with before the Orders of the Day are called, be now put.

And the previous Question being put ; the House divided : and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question being put, the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley, n</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cazley,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Powell, Wm. F.</i>	<i>62. Webb.</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hovland,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>37. Wright.</i>
<i>Christie,</i>			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

A Bill to amend the Law relating to Emigrants, was, according to Order, read the third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Alley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Law relating to Emigrants."

The House divided : and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill further to amend the Judicature Acts of *Lower Canada*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Chapais* 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 To-morrow.

Mr. *William F. Powell* moved, seconded by Mr. *Howland*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Archangeault,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>42. Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>	<i>14. Talbot.</i>
<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House adjourned accordingly.

Thursday, 27th May, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER acquainted the House that the Clerk of this House had received, from the Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, the following Certificate:—

Province of *Canada*.

This is to certify that, in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the twentieth day of April last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and addressed to the High Sheriff of the County of *Oxford*, (*James Carroll*, Esquire,) Returning Officer, ex-officio, for the North Riding of the said County of *Oxford*, for the Election of a Member to represent the said North Riding of the County of *Oxford* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the present Parliament, in the room of *George Brown*, Esquire, who, since his Election as the Representative of the said North Riding, and of the City of *Toronto*, had made his Election to serve for the said City of *Toronto*, *William McDougall*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the return to the said Writ of

Election dated the fourteenth day of May instant, which is now lodged of record in this office.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Toronto, 26th May, 1858.

L. R. Fortier,

Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

To W. B. Lindsay, Esquire,
Clerk, Legislative Assembly, Toronto.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Statement of the affairs of the *Toronto Savings Bank*, from 30th June, 1856, to 30th April, 1858.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (No. 8.)

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

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of *Robert Little*, junior, and others, of *Esquesing* and *Trafalgar*; and the Petition of *James Mitchell* and others, of *Esquesing* and *Trafalgar*.

By the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*,—The Petition of *Hiram French* and others; the Petition of Mrs. *Sarah F. Sherrill*, and others; and the Petition of *George Gott*, and others, of the County of *Essex*.

By Mr. *Connor*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Dereham*; the Petition of *George Tillson* and others, of the Village of *Tillsonburgh*, County of *Oxford*; and the Petition of *John McDonald* and others.

By Mr. *Archambeault*,—The Petition of *J. Pangman* and others, of the Parish of *St. Henri Mascouche*, County of *L'Assomption*; and the Petition of the Reverend *E. Normandin*, Curé, and others, of the Parish of *St. Charles de Lachenaie*.

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Dorion*,—The Petition of *H. B. Smith* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Simpson*,—The Petition of *Samuel Proctor* and others, of the Town of *Niagara*.

By the Honorable *Sidney Smith*,—The Petition of the Board of the University of *Victoria College*.

By Mr. *Morrison*,—Three Petitions of the Town Council of the Town of *Collingwood*; and the Petition of the Township of *Medonte*.

By Mr. *John Cameron*,—The Petition of *John Hunter* and others, of the County of *Victoria*; the Petition of *G. Sanderson* and others, of the County of *Victoria*; the Petition of *James Wallis* and others, of the Townships of *Fenelon* and *Bexley*, County of *Victoria*; and the Petition of *G. M. Roche* and others, of the County of *Victoria*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Drummond*,—The Petition of *Louis Blanchette* and others, of the Township of *Milton*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Alley*,—The Petition of *M. Bilodeau* and others, owners of Vessels, Pilots, and Mariners; and the Petition of *James Gibb* and others, Merchants and others, interested in the Trade and Navigation of the River *St. Lawrence*.

By Mr. *Carling*,—The Petition of the Board of Trade of the City of *London*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *A. E. Deschamps* and others, of the Parish of *Repentigny*, County of *L'Assomption*; praying that the said Parish may be annexed to the District of *Montreal* for Judicial purposes.

Of the Reverend *William F. White* and others, of *Belleville*; of the Reverend *M. Y. Stark* and others, of the Town of *Dundas*, County of *Wentworth*; of the Reverend *P. Gray* and others, of the City of *Kingston*; of the Reverend *Thomas Lowry* and others, of the Town of *Whitby* and vicinity; and of *J. R. Brown* and others, of *Dunnville*; praying for the abolishment of Sunday labor in the Post Office Department and on the Canals.

Of *Noël Hébert* and others, of *North Halifax*, County of *Megantic*; praying that the said North part of the Township of *Halifax* may be annexed to the Parish of *Ste. Sophie d'Halifax* for all civil purposes.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Norfolk*; praying that whatever sums are paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the administration of Justice in *Lower Canada*, all similar charges incurred in *Upper Canada* be paid from the same Fund.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Norfolk*; praying that the qualification established by Law for Municipal Elections may be the basis of qualification for the electors to vote for Members of the two branches of the Legislature.

Of the City of *Kingston* Horticultural Society; praying that each Horticultural Society now incorporated, or hereafter to be incorporated in *Upper Canada*, may receive aid equivalent to the amount subscribed by the members of each said Society.

Of *John McMichael* and others; and of *Charles Grant* and others, of the Village of *Ridgetown*, County of *Kent*; praying that the Bill to increase the capital of the Great Western Railway Company may not become Law.

Of the Trustees of the *Chatham* County Grammar School; praying that the Grammar Schools of *Upper Canada* may receive additional Legislative aid.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for the passing of an Act to repeal the Act 18 Vic., cap. 162, relative to the incorporation of the said City, and for other purposes.

Of the Library Association of the Parish of *St. Timothée*; praying for aid.

Of *L. Fairbanks* and others, Bailiffs of Division Court No. 1, of the County of *Ontario*; praying that the Tariff of Fees allowed them may be increased.

Of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of the Village of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*; praying for aid.

Of *Thomas Johnston* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; of *Michael Martin* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; and of *A. M. Kinnear* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; praying that power may not be granted to the Great Western Railway Company to increase their capital stock further than may be required for the re-payment of their debt to the Province.

Of the Municipality of the Village of *Ingersoll*; praying for the passing of an Act to legalize a certain By-law passed by the said Municipality.

Of the Reverend *P. R. Suzor* and others, of the Townships of *Bulstrode* and *Arthabaska*; praying aid for a road.

Of the Municipality of *Ste. Ursule*, County of *Maskinongé*; praying for amendments to the Bill to amend and consolidate the Judicature Acts of *Lower Canada*.

Of *Henry A. Church* and others, of the Township of *Dunham*; praying for the passing of an Act to define the limits of the *chef lieu* of the District of *Bedford*, and for other purposes.

Of *Allan MacDonell*, late of *Lake Superior*; praying that the Bill intituled, "The Fishery Act," may not become law, so far as the same affects the Northern shores of Lakes *Huron* and *Superior*.

Of *Henry Rémillard* and others, School Commissioners and others, of the Parish of *St. Didace*; praying that the office of School Inspector in *Lower Canada* may be abolished, and that the salaries now paid to the said Inspectors be added to the yearly grant in behalf of the same.

Of *H. J. Ruttan* and others, Bondholders of the *Cobourg and Peterborough Railway Company*; praying that their rights may be protected as such Bondholders of the said Railway Company.

Of *Alfred Dredge*, of the City of *Toronto*, Bookbinder; representing that he is the contractor for the binding of the House, and as such, has incurred a large outlay to enable him to perform his contract efficiently and expeditiously; that the Report of the Standing Committee on Printing, recommending a very large reduction in the Printing and Binding of the Documents of the House, will occasion his ruin by depriving him of the small profits on the low charges on which he based his calculations at the time of entering into the said contract with this House, and praying relief in the premises.

Mr. *Sherwood*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Lincoln*, presented to the House the Final Report of the said Committee, which was read as followeth:—

Your Committee beg leave to report the following Resolutions, as their final determination:—

1. *Resolved*, That having heard the Petitioners, the Sitting Member, their Counsel, and Evidence in the case of the contested Election for the County of *Lincoln*, the Committee are of opinion that the Honorable *William Hamilton Merritt* was duly elected to represent the said County in the present Parliament.

2. *Resolved*, That the Petition of *William Fitch* and others, against the Election and Return of the Honorable *William Hamilton Merritt*, to represent the County of *Lincoln*, is not frivolous and vexatious.

3. *Resolved*, That the defence of the Honorable *William Hamilton Merritt* to the Petition of *William Fitch* and others, is not frivolous and vexatious.

Your Committee also Report, in accordance with the 89th section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," That the first Resolution was decided upon the following division:—

Yeas.—Messieurs *Notman*, *Somerville*, and *Tassé*.—3.

Nays.—Messieurs *Sherwood*, and *Playfair*.—2.

Mr. *Foley*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Montmorency*, presented to the House the Final Report of the said Committee, which was read as followeth:—

1. *Resolved*, That the Honorable *Joseph Cauchon* is duly elected a Member to serve in this present Parliament, for the County of *Montmorency*.

2. *Resolved*, That the Petition of *Louis Octave Bernier*, is frivolous and vexatious.

3. *Resolved*, That the defence of the sitting Member, is not frivolous or vexatious.

Mr. *Ross*, from 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 *Wellington*, informed the House, That the parties, by their Counsel, having been heard, and the case closed, and inasmuch as the evidence is voluminous, the Committee have agreed to adjourn till to-morrow, the Twenty-eighth instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and then by leave of the House, to adjourn further, until Friday the Eleventh day of June next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to afford the Committee full time for deliberation.

On motion of Mr. *Ross*, seconded by Mr. *White*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the Election Petition for the North

Riding of the County of *Wellington*, have leave to adjourn from to-morrow, until Friday the Eleventh day of June next, at the hour of eleven in the forenoon.

The Honorable *Sidney Smith* reported, from the Select Committee on the Bill to amend and consolidate the Jury Laws of *Upper Canada*, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Your Committee have examined the following Bills, and have agreed to certain Amendments to each, which they have the honor to submit for the consideration of your Honorable House.

Bill to incorporate the Village of *Southampton*.

Bill to incorporate the Village of *Renfrew*.

Bill to legalize certain By-laws and Debentures of the Town Council of *Cobourg*, and for other purposes.

They have also examined the Bill to authorize *Henry Ruttan* to surrender certain grants of Letters Patent, and to take a substitutional grant, and have agreed to report the same without amendment.

On motion of Mr. *Macbeth*, seconded by Mr. *Sherwood*,

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act," be now read for the first time;

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

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

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province," without any Amendment.

And then he withdrew.

The Honorable *Malcolm Cameron* presented to the House the Petition of *Joseph Mercer*, Esquire, Warden of the County of *Essex*, and others.

Ordered, That the said Petition be now received and read, and the Rules of this House suspended, as regards the same.

And the said Petition was received and read, setting forth :—That at the last Assizes holden for the said County of *Essex*, at the Town of *Sandwich*, on the twenty-third day of April last, Indictments were laid, and true Bills found against *George Murray*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Town of *Amherstburg*, and *Thomas Hawkins*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Colchester*, at the last Election of a Member to represent the said County in your Honorable House, for having caused, or permitted to be added on the Poll Books for the said Town and Township respectively, false Petitions and fraudulent votes after the final close of the Poll at the said Election. That the Honorable Sir *John Beverley Robinson*, Baronet, Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench, assigned to take the said Assizes, declined to try the said Deputy Returning Officers, on the ground that the offence with which they were charged, was an outrage against the privileges of Your Honorable House, with which he, the said Chief Justice, could not constitutionally interfere, and that Your Honorable House was the tribunal before which they, as officers of Your Honorable House, ought to be made answerable for their conduct.

That the irregularities on the face of the Poll Books for the said Town and Township are in themselves sufficient to show the frauds which have been practised by the above named Deputy Returning Officers. Your Petitioners therefore respectfully pray that Your Honorable House will be pleased to order the said *George Murray*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Town of *Amherstburgh* as aforesaid, and *Thomas Hawkins*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Colchester* as aforesaid, with their respective Poll Clerks, *Solomon White* and *Robert Thompson*, to appear at the Bar of Your Honorable House, at such time as may be appointed, then and there to be examined touching the offence with which they stand charged, and to be otherwise dealt with as to Your Honorable House may seem meet.

The Honorable *Malcolm Cameron* moved, seconded by Mr. *William F. Powell*, and the Question being proposed,

That *John McEwan*, Returning Officer for the County of *Essex* at the last Election, *Thomas Hawkins*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Colchester*, and *George Murray*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Town of *Amherstburgh*, be summoned to attend at the Bar of this House on Monday next, to be examined in relation to certain alleged irregularities said to have taken place at the late Election for the County of *Essex*; and that *Robert Thompson* and *John Ferres*, of *Colchester*, *Solomon White*, *Henry McKinney*, and *Charles McLeod*, of *Amherstburgh*, *Edward Devlin*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Maidstone* at the said Election, and *Patrick McGuire*, Poll Clerk, *John Murray*, and *Andrew Patilo*, of *Maidstone*, *William D. Baby*, of *Sandwich*, and *Albert Prince*, of *Toronto*, be summoned to attend and give evidence in relation thereto.

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Dorion*, That the word "Monday" be left out, and the word "Tuesday" inserted instead thereof.

Mr. *William F. Powell* moved in amendment to the said proposed Amendment, seconded by the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*, That the word "Tuesday" be left out, and the word "Saturday" inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment, the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley</i> ,	<i>Desaulniers</i> ,	<i>LeBoutillier</i> ,	<i>Roblin</i> .
<i>Baby</i> ,	<i>Dionne</i> ,	<i>Loranger</i> ,	<i>Rose</i> , Sol. Gen.
<i>Benjamin</i> ,	<i>Dubord</i> ,	<i>Macbeth</i> ,	<i>Scott</i> , <i>Richard W.</i>
<i>Buchanan</i> ,	<i>Dunkin</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Sherwood</i> ,
<i>Cameron</i> , <i>John</i>	<i>Ferguson</i> ,	<i>MacLeod</i> ,	<i>Sicotte</i> ,
<i>Cameron</i> , <i>Malcolm</i>	<i>Ferres</i> ,	<i>McCann</i> ,	<i>Simard</i> ,
<i>Carling</i> ,	<i>Galt</i> ,	<i>Morrison</i> ,	<i>Simpson</i> ,
<i>Caron</i> ,	<i>Gauvreau</i> ,	<i>Panet</i> ,	<i>Smith</i> , <i>Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley</i> ,	<i>Gill</i> ,	<i>Playfair</i> ,	<i>Talbot</i> ,
<i>Cartier</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Heath</i> ,	<i>Pope</i> ,	<i>Tassé</i> ,
<i>Chapais</i> ,	<i>Holmes</i> ,	<i>Powell</i> , <i>William F.</i>	<i>Tett</i> ,
<i>Coullée</i> ,	<i>Labelle</i> ,	<i>Price</i> ,	<i>Thibaudeau</i> ,
<i>Daly</i> ,	<i>Lacoste</i> ,	<i>Robinson</i> ,	<i>54. Webb</i> .
<i>Daoust</i> ,	<i>Laporte</i> ,		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Atkins</i> ,	<i>Cimon</i> ,	<i>Hogan</i> ,	<i>Morvat</i> ,
<i>Allan</i> ,	<i>Clark</i> ,	<i>Howland</i> ,	<i>Munro</i> ,
<i>Archambeault</i> ,	<i>Dawson</i> ,	<i>Jobin</i> ,	<i>Noiman</i> ,
<i>Bell</i> ,	<i>Dorion</i> ,	<i>Laframboise</i> ,	<i>Papineau</i> ,

<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A. Powell, Walker</i>	
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>49. Wright.</i>
<i>Christie,</i>			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being again proposed on the said proposed Amendment, so amended,

Mr. *William F. Powell* moved in amendment thereto, seconded by the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*, That the words "and that this House do meet on Saturday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon," be added at the end thereof.

Objection being made, that the said motion was out of Order, inasmuch as no notice thereof had been given;

Mr. Speaker decided, that as it was an amendment to a motion then before the Chair, and not a substantive motion, it did not come within the Rule of the House, which requires two days' notice to be given.

And an Appeal being made from Mr. Speaker's decision, the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>T'habardeau,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>65. Webb,</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorton,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>38. Wright.</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>		

So the decision of Mr. Speaker was confirmed.

And the Question being put on the Amendment to the proposed Amendment,

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Labille,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Duikin,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sirotte,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Curon,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Tolbot,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Powell, Wm. F.</i>	<i>56. Webb.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Darvon,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>50. Wright.</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being again proposed on the said proposed Amendment, as further amended;

Mr. *Ross* moved in amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. *Donald A. Macdonald*, That the words “and that the examination of the said parties be proceeded with in the usual course from day to day, until it be closed,” be added at the end thereof.

And the Question being put, that those words be added to the said proposed Amendment, as amended:

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>

Cauchon,
Christie,
Clark,

Howland,
Jobin,
Laframboise,

Notman,
Papineau,

White,
46. Wright.

NAYS.

Messieurs

Alley, n,
Archambeault,
Baby,
Benjamin,
Buchanan,
Cameron, John
Cameron, Malcolm
Campbell,
Carling,
Caron,
Cayley,
Cartier, Atty. Gen.
Chapais,
Coulée,
Daly,

Daoust,
Dawson,
Desaulniers,
Dionne,
Drummond,
Dubord,
Dunkin,
Ferguson,
Ferres,
Fortier,
Galt,
Gill,
Gowan,
Heath,
Labelle,

Lacoste,
Laporte,
LeBoutillier,
Loranger,
Macbeth,
Macdonald, Atty. Gen.
MacLeod,
McCann,
McMicken,
Morrison,
Panet,
Playfair,
Pope,
Powell, Wm. F.
Price,

Robinson,
Roblin,
Rose, Sol. Gen.
Scott, Richard W.
Scott, William
Sherwood,
Scottie,
Simard,
Simpson,
Smith, Sidney
Tulbot,
Tassé,
Tett,
59. Webb.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the said proposed Amendment, as amended, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main motion, so amended, being put,

Ordered, That *John McEwan*, Returning Officer for the County of *Essex* at the last Election, *Thomas Hawkins*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Colchester*, and *George Murray*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Town of *Amherstburg*, be summoned to attend at the Bar of this House on Saturday next, to be examined in relation to certain alleged irregularities said to have taken place at the late Election for the County of *Essex*; and that *Robert Thompson*, and *John Ferres*, of *Colchester*, *Solomon White*, *Henry McKinney*, and *Charles McLeod*, of *Amherstburg*, *Edward Devlin*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Maidstone* at the said Election, and *Patrick McGuire*, Poll Clerk, *John Murray* and *Andrew Patilo*, of *Maidstone*, *Wm. D. Baby*, of *Sandwich*, and *Albert Prince*, of *Toronto*, be summoned to attend and give evidence in relation thereto; and that this House do meet on Saturday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

On motion of Mr. *Patrick*, seconded by Mr. *White*,

Ordered, That *George B. L. Fellowes*, Esquire, sitting Member for the County of *Russell*, do attend in his place in this House on Tuesday next.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, and the Question being proposed, That the Orders of the day be now read;

Mr. *Dorion* moved, in Amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "a Petition of *William Bristow*, Esquire, and others, was duly presented to this House and received on the 10th of March, complaining that at the late Election for the City of *Montreal*, *John Rose*, Esquire, obtained his Election by 'bribery and corruption,' by 'intimidation,' by 'keeping open houses,' and by 'the hiring of persons to take possession of the several Polling places;' that the said Petition of the said *William Bristow*, and others, set forth that if the Petitioners had an opportunity they would fully establish these allegations, and they tendered recognizances for the payment of any costs that might be incurred by

the investigation of their allegations; that when said recognizances were submitted to Mr. Speaker for his approval, he rejected them: firstly, on the ground that the jurat to the recognizance was in the words 'Taken and acknowledged before me, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District of *Montreal*, at the day and place aforesaid,' whereas, in the opinion of Mr. Speaker, it should have run, 'Taken and acknowledged before me, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District of *Montreal*, at the said City of *Montreal* on the day aforesaid;' and secondly, on the ground that the party to the recognizance, in his affidavit of sufficiency, swore that 'he was possessed of the necessary property above what would satisfy all his just debts,' while, in Mr. Speaker's opinion, he should have said 'above what would satisfy and discharge all his just debts;' that in consequence of these technical objections to the bond for the payment of costs, the said Petition of *William Bristow* and others was dismissed, and no inquiry into the grave allegations as to the *Montreal* Election has been made; and that, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to refer the said Petition and recognizances to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, with instructions to report some mode of remedying the disability under which the said Petitioners have been placed, and to afford them an opportunity of establishing their allegations."

Objection being made to this motion;

Mr. Speaker decided that the motion was not in order, inasmuch as no Amendment could be made to the Question, "That the Orders of the day be now read."

And an appeal being made from Mr. Speaker's decision, the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>57. Webb.</i>
<i>Daly,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Goold,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>35. Wright.</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	

So the decision of Mr. Speaker was confirmed.

Then the main Question being put.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be now read.

Mr. *Campbell* moved, seconded by Mr. *Galt*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn ;

The House divided : and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House adjourned accordingly.

Friday, 28th May, 1858.

MR. SPEAKER reported to the House, that in pursuance of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," he had, in the matter of the Petition of *John Boyd*, of the Town of *Simcoe*, Ironfounder ; and *John A. Axford*, of the Township of *Woodhouse*, Farmer ; complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Walker Powell*, Esquire, for the County of *Norfolk*, taxed the cost and expenses incurred by the sitting Member opposing the said Petition, at One hundred and fifty-nine dollars and ten cents, to be paid by the said Petitioners, or either of them, to the said *Walker Powell*, Esquire, the sitting Member.

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

By Mr. *Benjamin*,—The Petition of the Western *Canada* Loan Company.

By Mr. *Allan*,—The Petition of *Robert Johnston* and others, of the Village of *Fergus*.

By Mr. *McMicken*,—The Petition of the *Zimmerman* Bank.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,—The Petition of *A. Cameron* and others, Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the County of *Frontenac*.

By Mr. *Buchanan*,—The Petition of *G. B. Rousseau* and others ; the Petition of *John Dickie* and others ; the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, of the City of *Hamilton* ; and the Petition of *Robert McKinstry* and others, of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Hogan*,—The Petition of *James Struthers* and others ; the Petition of *Jacob Cummer* and others ; the Petition of *Robert Wiseman* and others ; the Petition of *James Findlay* and others ; the Petition of *Jacob Heise* and others ; the Petition of *Joseph Sheppard* and others ; the Petition of *Samuel Lemon* and others ; the Petition of *William Cook* and others ; the Petition of *John Brunskill* and others ; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Collingwood*, County of *Grey*.

By Mr. *Hébert*,—The Petition of *Thomas Sheridan* and others, of *St. Ferdinand de Halifax* ; and the Petition of *Etienne Roberge* and others, of the Township of *North Arthabaska*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Harwood*,—The Petition of *J. B. Mongenais* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Magdelaine de Rigaud*, County of *Vandrevil*.

By Mr. *McDougall*,—The Petition of *James Sutherland* and others, of *West Zorra*, County of *Oxford*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Reverend *R. Whitney* and others, of the Town of *Port Hope*.

By the Honorable *Sidney Smith*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Alnwick*.

By Mr. *R. W. Scott*,—The Petition of the Very Reverend Father *P. Point* and others, of the Town and Township of *Sandwich*, County of *Essex* ; and the Petition of *H. O. Burrett* and others, of the City of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Doucet* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Hélène*, County of *Kamouraska*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,—The Petition of the "*Institut Canadien François de Montréal*."

By Mr. *Piché*,—The Petition of *Joseph Désorcy* and others, of the Parish of *L'Isle du Pads*, County of *Berthier*; the Petition of *T. D. Latour* and others, of the Parish of *Lanoraie*, County of *Berthier*; the Petition of *J. Pellant*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. Barthélemi*, County of *Berthier*; the Petition of *J. E. Mousseau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de Lavaltrie*, County of *Berthier*; the Petition of *A. H. Paquet*, m. d., and others, of the Parish of *St. Cuthbert*, County of *Berthier*; the Petition of *J. B. Denis* and others, of the Parish of *St. Norbert*, County of *Berthier*; and the Petition of *F. X. Marchand*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. Gabriel de Brandon*, County of *Berthier*.

Mr. *Jobin*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the Ninth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee beg leave to recommend, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to issue his Warrant in favor of *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, Clerk of this House, for the further sum of Forty thousand dollars, towards defraying the Contingent Expenses of this House.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to issue his Warrant in favor of *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, the Clerk of this House, for the sum of Forty thousand dollars, towards defraying the Contingent Expenses of this House, and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the same.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House, as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Mr. *Short*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Fifteenth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*, and of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*, for Amendments to their Acts of incorporation, and find the notices sufficient.

With respect to the Petition of *Noël Hébert* and others, of *North Halifax* County of *Megantic*; praying that the North part of *Halifax* may be attached to the Parish of *Ste. Sophie*, for all civil purposes, your Committee find that no notice was given, but the parties, whose interest would be affected by the proposed change, are the Petitioners only, and they therefore beg to recommend a suspension of the 62nd Rule in this case.

Mr. *Piché*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Quebec*, informed the House, that the Committee have, upon the application of the Petitioner, granted a Commission for the taking of evidence, and by the consent of the Agent for the Petitioner, and the sitting Member, they have appointed the Honorable *W. C. Meredith*, one of the Judges of the Superior Court for *Lower Canada*, to be the Commissioner, to examine witnesses touching certain allegations contained in the Petition.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the County of *Quebec* Election Petition, have leave to adjourn, until such time as the Speaker of this House shall, by his Warrant to be issued in the manner provided by "the Election Petitions Act of 1851," direct the said Committee to re-assemble and take the proceedings of the said Commissioner into consideration.

On motion of Mr. *Piché*, seconded by Mr. *McKellar*,
Resolved, That when Mr. Speaker leaves the Chair at six o'clock, this House will adjourn until half-past seven o'clock this day.

Mr. *Benjamin*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House the Tenth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have fully considered the following documents for Printing:—

By Mr. *Langevin*,—Return in relation to Volunteer Militia Companies, which is not included in the Report of the Adjutant General of Militia. Your Committee recommend that this document be printed.

By Dr. *Connor*,—Petition of the Honorable *William Henry Draper*, praying that his interests may be protected, as a holder of debentures of the *Cobourg and Peterborough Railway Company*, before the said Company be allowed to issue £50,000 of preferential stock. Your Committee recommend that this document be printed.

Mr. *Benjamin*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House the Eleventh Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have had brought under their consideration the annexed Account of Messrs. *Lelièvre and Angers*, for the expenses incurred in the printing and publishing the Seigniorial Commission Reports, ordered by the House to be printed during the second Session of the last Parliament.

Your Committee find these accounts fully reported upon during the last Session:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Then shewing a Balance due of.....				3047	15	8
To this add Côté's Account, April, 1857.....				323	15	2
do do do				156	15	4
Making now due.....			£	3528	6	2
From which deduct Payments to last Session.....	1808	19	8			
1857.—Paid by Government, July 28th, Lelièvre & Angers,						
Duvernay's Account.....	686	16	0			
September 10th.— do per Côté.....	323	15	2			
				2819	10	10
Leaving an unpaid balance of			£	708	15	4

Your Committee have carefully examined these accounts and beg to recommend as due the above balance of Seven hundred and eight pounds fifteen shillings and four pence, which sum they respectfully conceive should not be paid from the Contingencies of your Honorable House, as the Reports in question have never been furnished for the use of Members, in accordance with the Order, but should be included in the Estimates for the present year, and paid accordingly.

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, in Account with *Lelièvre & Angers*, for Publication of Seigniorial Reports.

Dr.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	July 11, 1856.	£	s.	d.
PRINTER'S BILL, No. 1.										
February, 1856. To Cash paid Duverney, and Brothers, 600 copies of <i>Loranger's Factum</i>	34	15	0				By Cash	935	13	0
April, do To do Senecal and Daniel, 600 copies Re- publication	14	5	0							
June, do To do Duverney and Brothers, 2000 copies French, A. Lafontaine, pp. 434	287	3	0							
do To do A. Côté, 2000 copies French, vol. A, Judgments, &c., 148 pp.	157	12	5							
To do A. Côté, 1000 copies English, vol. A, Judgments, &c., 148 pp.	89	12	5							
To do A. Côté, 200 copies French, vol. A, Titles and Tables	4	5	2	587	13	0				
EDITOR'S BILL, No. 1.										
To editing, compiling, translating and pub- lishing the Seigniorial Reports, vol. A, 1st and 2nd series French, and vol. A, 1st series English, 580 pages, at the rate of £300 for each 500 pages, £348, paid as follows, to wit:—										
To Cash paid Boucher	25	10	0							
To do Gleason	5	0	0							
To do A. Garneau	12	10	0							
To do Gravelly	12	0	0							
To do Beaudry	5	0	0							
To do Lelièvre and Angers	288	0	0	348	0	0				
PRINTER'S BILL, No. 2.										
August do To Cash paid A. Côté 2000 copies French, vol. B, series 1, 3 and 7, 104 pages	110	15	2							
To do A. Côté, 1000 copies English, vol. B, series 1, 3, and 7, 104 pages	65	16	2							

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	September 17, 1857.	£	s.	d.
PRINTER'S BILL, No. 3.										
To Cash paid A. Côté, 1000 copies English, vol. B, series 1, 3 and 7, Reprint, 104 pp.	65	16	2	242	7	6	By Cash	367	3	6
EDITOR'S BILL, No. 2.										
To Cash paid Lelièvre and Angers for editing &c., series Nos. 3, and 7, English and French, 209 pages	124	10	0	124	16	0				
PRINTER'S BILL, No. 3.										
December, 1856. To Cash paid A. Côté, 2000 copies vol. B, series 4, 8, 9 and 10, 304 pages	323	15	2	323	15	2				
EDITOR'S BILL, No. 3.										
To Editing &c. &c., vol. B, 4, 8, 9, and 10 series, 304 pages, £182 8s. paid as follows, to wit:—										
To Cash paid Gravelly	7	10	0							
To do Gravelly	3	10	0							
To do Gravelly	2	2	6							
To do Garneau, F. X.	10	0	0							
To do Remillard	5	0	0							
To do A. Garneau	5	0	0							
To do F. X. Garneau	28	8	9							
To do Planondon	22	10	0							
To do Lelièvre and Angers	98	6	9	182	8	0	February 11, 1857. By Cash	536	3	2
PRINTER'S BILL, No. 4.										
To Cash Paid Duverney & Brothers, 2,000 Copies English, Vol. A, La Fontaine, 456, pp.										
To do Duverney & Brothers, 4,000 copies English and French, Vol. B, Day, 145 pp.										
To do Duverney & Brothers, 2,000 copies English and French, Vol. B, Smith, 270 pp.										
To do Duverney & Brothers, 2,000 copies English and French, Vol. B, Aylwin, 50 pp.	611	16	0	611	16	0	Carried over	1808	19	8

Dr.

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, in Account with *Lelièvre & Angers, &c.*—(Continued.)

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1857.	£	s.	d.
PRINTER'S BILL, NO 4.—(Continued.)										
<i>Brought over</i>	611	16	0	1808	19	8	August	1808	19	8
Cash paid Duvernay & Brothers, Extra.....	75	0	0	686	16	0		686	16	0
EDITOR'S BILL, No. 4.										
To Editing, &c. &c., Vol. A., LaFontaine, English.....										
To do Day, English & French, 455 pp.....										
To do Smith, do 270 pp.....										
To do Aylwin, do 50 pp.....										
£552 Paid as follows, to wit:—										
To Beaudry.....	70	19	1							
To Maciver.....	88	2	6							
To Balance due Lelièvre & Anger.....	392	18	5	552	0	0				
April.....										
PRINTER'S BILL, No. 5.										
To Cash Paid A. Côté, 2,000 Copies French, Vol. B., series 4, 8, 9 and 10—304 pp.....	323	15	2	323	15	2	October	323	15	2
EDITOR'S BILL, No. 5.										
To Editing, &c. &c., Vol. B., 4, 8, 9 and 10 series, French, 304 pp.....	182	8	0	182	8	0				
September 10.										
BINDER'S BILL.										
To Cash Paid E. N. Proulx, for Binding Senatorial Reports.....				27	11	6		27	11	6
To Cash Paid A. Côté, for Re-printing 1,000 Copies, series 1st, English, 148 pages.....	89	12	5	89	12	5	December	89	12	5
Total.....				3671	2	9		734	8	0
To Balance Due Lelièvre & Angers.....				734	8	0		3671	2	9
								Total.....		
								£		

To Balance Due Lelièvre & Angers.....

QUEBEC, 1858.

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Mr. *Jobin*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the Tenth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee recommend that, inasmuch as the Eighth Report now before the House, relating to the Salaries of the Officers, has not yet been adopted, the payment for the present month be continued on the scale of last year's Salaries, until the action of the House be had upon the said Report.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Report.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 19th of April, 1858, for Statement of Expenditure, Education Grants, in *Lower Canada* for last year.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 12.)

On motion of Mr. *Hébert*, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*,

Ordered, That the 62nd Rule of this House be suspended, as regards the Petition of *Noël Hébert* and others, of *North Halifax*, County of *Megantic*.

Mr. *Dorion* moved, seconded by the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, and the Question being proposed, That a petition of *William Bristow*, Esquire, and others, was duly presented to this House and received on the 10th of March, complaining that at the late Election for the City of *Montreal*, *John Rose*, Esquire, obtained his Election by "bribery and corruption," by "intimidation," by "keeping open houses," and by "the hiring of persons to take possession of the several polling places;"—that the said petition of the said *William Bristow* and others, set forth that if the Petitioners had an opportunity they would fully establish these allegations, and they tendered recognizances for the payment of any costs that might be incurred by the investigation of their allegations; that when said recognizances were submitted to Mr. Speaker for his approval, he rejected them: firstly on the ground that the jurat to the recognizance was in the words "Taken and acknowledged before me, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District of *Montreal*, at the day and place aforesaid," whereas, in the opinion of Mr. Speaker, it should have run: "Taken and acknowledged before me, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District of *Montreal*, at the said City of *Montreal*, on the day aforesaid;" and, secondly, on the ground that the party to the recognizance in his affidavit of sufficiency, swore that "he was possessed of the necessary property above what would satisfy all his just debts," while, in Mr. Speaker's opinion, he should have said "above what would satisfy and discharge all his just debts;" that in consequence of these technical objections to the bond for the payment of costs, the said Petition of *William Bristow* and others was dismissed, and no inquiry into the grave allegations as to the *Montreal* Election has been made; and that, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to refer the said Petition and recognizances to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, with instructions to report some mode of remedying the disability under which the said Petitioners have been placed, and to afford them an opportunity of establishing their allegations.

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

On motion of Mr. *Dorion*, seconded by Mr. *Notman*,
The House adjourned.

Half-past Seven o'clock P. M.

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

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Quebec Warehouse Company*," without any amendment.

And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Question which was this day proposed, That a Petition of *William Bristow*, Esquire, and others, was duly presented to this House and received on the 10th of March, complaining that at the late Election for the City of *Montreal*, *John Rose*, Esquire, obtained his Election by "bribery and corruption," by "intimidation," by "keeping open houses," and by "the hiring of persons to take possession of the several polling places;" that the said petition of the said *William Bristow* and others, set forth that, if the Petitioners had an opportunity, they would fully establish these allegations," and they tendered recognizances for the payment of any costs that might be incurred by the investigation of their allegations; that when said recognizances were submitted to Mr. Speaker for his approval, he rejected them: firstly, on the ground that the jurat to the recognizance was in the words "Taken and acknowledged before me, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District of *Montreal*, at the day and place aforesaid," whereas, in the opinion of Mr. Speaker, it should have run: "Taken and acknowledged before me, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District of *Montreal*, at the said City of *Montreal*," "on the day aforesaid;" and secondly, on the ground that the party to the recognizance in his affidavit of sufficiency, swore that "he was possessed of the necessary property above what would satisfy all his just debts," while, in Mr. Speaker's opinion, he should have said "above what would satisfy and discharge all his just debts;" that in consequence of these technical objections to the bond for the payment of costs, the said Petition of *William Bristow* and others was dismissed, and no inquiry into the grave allegations as to the *Montreal* Election has been made; and that, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to refer the said Petition and recognizances to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, with instructions to report some mode of remedying the disability under which the said petitioners have been placed, and to afford them an opportunity of establishing their allegations.

And the Question being again proposed;

Mr. *Galt* moved in Amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Gowan*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words, "the Petitioners, before filing the said Petition, and before the expiry of the first fourteen days of the Session, produced and filed other recognizances in due form of law; but such recognizances were not considered by Mr. Speaker, owing to their not being those which had been laid before the Honorable Mr. Justice *Badgley*, before whom application to take evidence had been previously made by the Petitioners. That the Petitioners were deprived of the opportunity of remedying any defect in the original recognizance by the Honorable Judge having postponed his decision upon such application. That the Petitioners were deprived of the opportunity of proving the allegations in the said Petition, by the postponement so caused by the Honorable Judge, and by Mr. Speaker having decided that no other, and amended recognizance, could be filed—and that, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to refer the said Petition and recognizances to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, with instructions to report thereon, and on the mode of remedying the disability under which the said Petitioners have been placed, provided such disability has not arisen from their own

act, or of affording them an opportunity of establishing the truth of their allegations," inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>L'uberge,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Caudet,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>47. Wright.</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Darust,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bushanan,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Mabeth,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cameron, John</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Casley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Pluyfair,</i>	<i>Tulbot,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>57. Tassé,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put, the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>
<i>Allan,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorland,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A.</i>	<i>Piché,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>46. Wright.</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Luberge,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Powell, William F.</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dawson,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
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<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rose, Sol. Gen.</i>
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<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gauvreau,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Coulée,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>58. Tassé.</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

On motion of Mr. *Galt*, seconded by Mr. *Pope*,
Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts have leave to meet
 To-morrow, during the sitting of the House.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded
 by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,
 The House adjourned.

Saturday, 29th May, 1858.

THE following Petition was brought up, and laid on the table:—

By the Honorable *Sidney Smith*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the
 Township of *Haldimand*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *Robert Little*, junior, and others, of *Esquesing* and *Trafalgar*; and of
James Mitchell and others, of *Esquesing* and *Trafalgar*; praying for the abol-
 ishment of Sunday labor in the Post Office Department and on the Canals.

Of *Hiram French* and others; and of Mrs. *Sarah F. Sherrill* and others;
 praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of Spiritu-
 ous Liquors in this Province.

Of *George Gott* and others, of the County of *Essex*; praying that *George*
Manay, Deputy Returning Officer for the Town of *Amherstburg*, and *Thomas*
Hawkins, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Colchester* at the last
 Election for the County of *Essex*, be summoned to appear at the Bar of the
 House.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Dereham*; and of *George Tillson* and
 others, of the Village of *Tillsonburgh*, County of *Oxford*; praying that the Bill
 to increase the Capital of the Great Western Railway Company, may not become
 law.

Of *John McDonald* and others; praying that the legal rate of interest may be
 fixed at seven per cent.

Of *J. Pangman* and others, of the Parish of *St. Henri de Mascouche*, County of *L'Assomption*; praying that the said Parish may be annexed to the District of *Montreal*, for Judicial purposes.

Of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*; praying that an Astronomical and Meteorological Observatory may be established at *Quebec*.

Of the Reverend *E. Normandin, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Charles de Lachenaie*; praying that the Parish of *Lachenaie* may be annexed to the City of *Montreal*, for Judicial purposes.

Of *Samuel Proctor* and others, of the Town of *Niagara*; and of the Town Council of the Town of *Collingwood*; praying for amendments to the Fishery Act.

Of the Board of the University of *Victoria* College; praying for amendments to their Act of incorporation.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Medonte*; praying that the *Ontario, Simcoe, and Huron* Railroad Company, may be placed upon the same footing as the Grand Trunk Railroad, in so far as relates to the Government Lien.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Collingwood*; praying for certain amendments to the Common School Law.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Collingwood*; praying that the Light House on *Isle of Coves*, at the narrow entrance to the *Georgian Bay*, and the Light House on *Nottawasaga Island*, may be completed and put in working order.

Of *John Hunter* and others, of the County of *Victoria*; of *G. Sanderson* and others, of the County of *Victoria*; of *James Wallis* and others, of the Townships of *Fenelon* and *Bexley*, County of *Victoria*; and of *G. M. Roche* and others, of the County of *Victoria*; praying for certain improvements at *Fenelon Falls*.

Of *Louis Blanchette* and others, of the Township of *Milton*; praying that the said Township may be annexed to *St. Hyacinthe*, for Judicial purposes.

Of *M. Bilodeau* and others, owners of Vessels, Pilots and Mariners; and of *James Gibb* and others, Merchants and others, interested in the trade and navigation of the River *St. Lawrence*; praying for aid to improve the navigation of the River *St. Charles*, at its junction with the River *St. Lawrence*.

Of *H. B. Smith* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying that the Bill to confirm a Resolution or By-Law of the Corporation of *Montreal*, and to empower the Harbor Commissioners of *Montreal* to erect a gallery across Capital street, in *Montreal*, may not become law.

Of the Board of Trade of the City of *London*; praying that the Bill to amend the Acts of Incorporation of the Great Western Railway Company, may not become law.

The Order of the House of Thursday last, for the attendance at the Bar of this House of *John McEwan*, Returning Officer for the County of *Essex*, at the last Election; *Thomas Hawkins*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Colchester*, and *George Murray*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Town of *Amherstburgh*; *Robert Thompson*, and *John Ferres*, of *Colchester*, *Solomon White*, *Henry McKinney*, and *Charles McLeod*, of *Amherstburgh*, *Edward Devlin*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Maidstone*, and *Patrick McGuire*, Poll Clerk, *John Murray*, and *Andrew Patilo*, of *Maidstone*, *William D. Baby*, of *Sandwich*, and *Albert Prince*, of *Toronto*, to be examined in relation to certain alleged irregularities said to have taken place at the said Election for the County of *Essex*, being read;

The Serjeant-at-Arms reported, that, in obedience to the Order of the House of Thursday last, *Henry McKinney* and *John Ferres* were in attendance, to be examined in relation to certain alleged irregularities said to have taken place at the late Election for the County of *Essex*.

Henry McKinney was then called in, and at the bar, examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Bellingham*.

1.—Is your name *Henry McKinney*?—It is.

2.—Did you attend the Poll at *Amherstburgh*, as Mr. *Rankin's* Agent, during the late election for the County of *Essex*?—I did.

3.—What were the polling days?—The 31st of December and the 2nd of January last.

4.—What is the name and what the occupation of the person who acted as Deputy Returning Officer?—*George Murray*, Confidential Clerk and Agent of Mr. *MacLeod*.

5.—Who is the Mr. *MacLeod* for whom he is Confidential Clerk?—The present sitting member for the County of *Essex*.

6.—How long has *George Murray* been in the service of Mr. *MacLeod*, and in what capacity?—About four years, and in the same capacity.

7.—Is he still in the same capacity?—He is.

8.—Was he an active partizan of Mr. *MacLeod* during the canvass?—He was.

9.—Did *Murray* act partially at the Poll; if so, in what way?—He did act partially, by refusing to record the votes of parties who came up to vote for Mr. *Rankin*, and who declared themselves ready and willing to take the oath of qualification; and also by directing the recording of votes for Mr. *MacLeod* without giving Mr. *Rankin's* agents an opportunity to challenge them. This was done by asking the question, "Whom do you vote for?" immediately on the party giving in his name, thus taking the Scrutineers by surprise.

10.—What number of votes in favor of Mr. *Rankin* were thus refused, and what number of votes did he procure to be recorded for Mr. *MacLeod* without giving Mr. *Rankin's* agents an opportunity to challenge them?—About sixteen votes for Mr. *Rankin* were thus refused. He caused to be recorded probably about as many for Mr. *MacLeod* without giving Mr. *Rankin's* agents an opportunity to challenge them.

11.—What is the name of the person who acted as Poll Clerk at *Amherstburgh*, during the last Election for the County of *Essex*?—*Solomon White*.

12.—Did Mr. *MacLeod* act as his own agent at the *Amherstburgh* Poll?—He acted as principal at that Poll.

13.—Was Mr. *MacLeod* present at the *Amherstburgh* Poll when it closed the second day of the Election?—He was.

14.—Did Mr. *MacLeod* compel the Clerk to record the vote of a deaf and dumb person, and how did he do so?—He did; by directing him in a peremptory manner, in the absence of the Deputy Returning Officer. On behalf of Mr. *Rankin*, I at the same time demanded the administration of the qualification oath.

15.—Was that oath administered?—It was not.

16.—Did Mr. *MacLeod* persuade persons to take the oaths of qualification as Electors, and how did he do so?—He did; in one instance a colored man came up to vote, and stated that he had been four years in the country; Mr. *MacLeod* vehemently insisted to him that he could take the oath, and that he was a British subject. The man had previously stated that he was born in the *United States*; and he took the oath accordingly.

17.—What was the state of the Poll at *Amherstburgh* at its close, at five o'clock of the evening of the second day's polling?—Two hundred and nineteen for *MacLeod*, forty-two for *Rankin*.

18.—Was Mr. *MacLeod* present at the close of the Poll on the second day; and did he then and there state to the electors what his majority for *Amherstburgh* was?—He was present at the close of the Poll on the second day, and declared what his majority was at that place.

19.—What did he declare that majority to be?—177. He stated at the same time that that majority largely exceeded his expectations.

20.—What is the name of the person whose name and vote was the last recorded at the final close of the Poll on the second day of polling, at *Amherstburg*?—*Solomon White*, the Poll Clerk.

21.—Is *Solomon White's* name, now shown you, on the *Amherstburg* Poll Book, as number 339, the same *Solomon White* whose name was the name last recorded at the final close of the Poll on the second day's polling?—It is.

22.—Were you present when the said *Solomon White*, number 339 on the *Amherstburg* Poll Book, recorded his vote at the close of the Poll on the second day?—I was.

23.—Have you ever seen the *Amherstburg* Poll Book since the Election, and when?—I saw it in a room in the gaol at *Sandwich*, in *Essex*, on the day of the declaration, and I have seen it several times since.

24.—Have all the names on the *Amherstburg* Poll Book, after the name of *Solomon White*, number 339, been added thereto since the final close of the said Poll Book, as already described, and state how many?—They have, to the number of 145; all as voting for *John MacLeod*.

25.—Do you know any of the parties whose names have been added to the Poll Book after the name of *Solomon White*; if so, are they residents or Electors of *Amherstburg*?—I examined the names, with the view of answering this question, and I have only found one that I know as a resident of *Amherstburg*, and I believe that he was not an elector.

26.—Do you know by whom the 145 names you speak of were inscribed on the *Amherstburg* Poll Book, after the Poll had closed on the second day?—I do not.

27.—How long has *Mr. MacLeod* lived in *Amherstburg*, and in what occupations has he been engaged?—Between eighteen and twenty years. He was a grocery-keeper, auctioneer, butcher, miller, distiller, and vessel-owner.

28.—Have his pursuits been such as to give him the best opportunity of knowing all the electors of *Amherstburg*?—They have.

29.—Did *Mr. MacLeod*, at the first day's Polling at *Amherstburg*, state that he would send men to take possession of the *Sandwich* Poll on the second day?—He said he would send up 500 of his bullies on the "Ploughboy" to take possession of the Poll at *Sandwich*, or words to that effect.

30.—Did he send any men; if so, how many?—I cannot say positively. I saw a number of his friends in teams on the morning of the second day of polling. I afterwards understood they went to *Sandwich*.

31.—When were you first cognizant of the fact you assert, that 145 votes were added to the *Amherstburg* poll book?—On the morning of the Declaration day, I heard it in *Sandwich*, went to the Gaol and saw the poll-book, and there found it to be the fact.

32.—In the interval between the last polling day and the declaration day, was it admitted by the friends of *MacLeod* that *MacLeod's* votes in *Amherstburg* were only 219, instead of 364 as the poll-book now exhibits?—It was. I never heard of the larger number until the day of declaration.

33.—Did you know that *Mr. MacLeod* and some of his partizans held a meeting at *Brooker's* tavern, about six miles from *Amherstburg* on Sunday the 3rd January, the day subsequent to the close of the poll?—I know it only from report, and from having seen some of the parties returning, who said they had been there.

34.—Do you know why *Mr. MacLeod* called some of his party "bullies," as you have already stated?—Probably from his knowledge of their general character.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

John Ferres was then called in, and at the bar examined, as followeth :—

By Mr. *Bellingham*.

35.—What is your name, occupation, and residence?—*John Ferres*, junior; Farmer. I reside in the Township of *Colchester*, in the County of *Essex*.

36.—Did you attend as an agent for Mr. *Rankin* at the poll in *Colchester*, at the last Election for *Essex*?—I did.

37.—What were the polling days?—The 31st of December and the 2nd day of January last.

38.—Who was the Deputy Returning Officer, and who was the Poll Clerk at the *Colchester* poll?—*Thomas Hawkins* was the Deputy Returning Officer, and *Robert Thompson* the Poll Clerk.

39.—Were you present at the *Colchester* Poll during the two days of polling as Agent for Mr. *Rankin*?—I was.

40.—Were you present at the final close of the *Colchester* Poll on the second day?—I was.

41.—Examine the *Colchester* Poll Book, and declare the name and number of the last vote recorded at the final close of the Poll on the second day?—The name which appears opposite the marginal number 352, *Joseph Harden*.

42.—Do you declare that *Joseph Harden*, No. 352, was the last vote entered on the *Colchester* Poll Book immediately before the Poll was closed at 5 p.m. the second day's Polling, and that you were present and can attest the fact?—I do.

43.—How many votes have been added to the *Colchester* Poll Book since the Poll closed on the second day; and in whose favor are they recorded?—199; of which 187 are in favor of Mr. *MacLeod*, and 12 in favor of Mr. *Rankin*.

44.—Did the Deputy Returning Officer give the state of the Poll at 5 o'clock on the second day, either to you or to any one else, within your knowledge, and what was it?—He declared it publicly at the close of the Poll. It was 257 for Mr. *MacLeod* and 79 for Mr. *Rankin*. I requested him to compare the Poll Book with the Check kept by Mr. *Rankin's* friends, to see if it was correct. Both he and the Poll Clerk did so and found it to be correct.

45.—Were you present when he made the declaration as to the state of the Poll, and do you know the name of any person to whom he gave a written statement of the state of the Poll?—I was present; I think he gave a written statement to Captain *Macdonald*, of *Sandwich*, but I will not be positive.

46.—Do you recognize the hand-writing in which the 199 names you mention are written in the Poll Book?—I do not.

47.—You state that 199 names of voters have been added to the *Colchester* Poll Book subsequent to the final close of the Poll, do you know the parties whose names are thus added; if so, describe their residence?—Some of the names are familiar to me, but they are those of parties who do not reside in *Colchester*: one of them, *John McBride*, did reside there formerly, but he ran away two years ago; another, *Daniel Morgan*, lived about 30 years ago in *Colchester*, he has not been there for 20 years; these are all I know as having lived in the Township.

48.—How many years have you resided in *Colchester*, and are you personally acquainted with the inhabitants of *Colchester*; and what is the population of *Colchester*? Are you a Magistrate, and how long have you been one?—I was born in *Colchester* and have resided there ever since, that is about thirty-nine years. I am personally acquainted with its inhabitants, having been an Assessor once or twice, and having attended all the Elections for the last 15 years. I think the population by the last census was about 2,100, but I am not positive. I have been on the Commission of the Peace since 1849, though I have not always acted.

49.—If the fictitious votes inscribed on the *Colchester* Poll Book were struck off as well as the alleged fictitious votes on the *Amherstburgh* Poll Book, what would Mr. *Rankin's* actual majority have been, upon the whole votes of the County of

Essex?—I could not be positive, but from the information I have derived from the examination of certified copies of all the Poll Books, I think Mr. *Rankin's* actual majority would be about one hundred.

50.—What was the conduct of the Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk at *Colchester*; was it partial or otherwise?—I considered the conduct of the Deputy Returning Officer partial, but I did not perceive anything wrong in that of the Poll Clerk. In several instances the Deputy Returning Officer refused to administer the oath to Mr. *Rankin's* friends who offered to take it. In two cases he said the parties were pensioners who had no right to vote, and he would not swear them. At the same time he took the votes of pensioners in favor of Mr. *MacLeod*. In one case he refused to administer the oath to a friend of Mr. *Rankin's*, after he found out whom he was going to vote for, on the pretext that the party did not take the oath as soon as he had handed him the book. Another person produced a deed which had been registered over three months, and offered to take the oath, but the Deputy Returning Officer refused to administer it or record his vote, telling him that he had no right to vote. This person was a friend of Mr. *Rankin*. In another case a friend of Mr. *MacLeod* came forward to vote, was objected to, and would not take the oath; he went away and came back two or three hours after, and the Deputy Returning Officer administered the oath to him and recorded his vote.

51.—Has the Deputy Returning Officer, or the Poll Clerk for *Colchester*, ever stated in your hearing that *Joseph Harden*, No 352 on the Poll Book, was the last man who voted at the *Colchester* Poll, and that the 199 names subsequently inserted in the *Colchester* Poll Book after the Poll closed, were fraudulently inscribed?—On the Saturday next after the day of declaration, I met the Deputy Returning Officer for *Colchester*, *Thomas Hawkins*, at a small village called *Oxford*, in the Township of *Colchester*. I commenced joking with him, by saying that it was very curious that he would forge so many names for the sake of having his friend returned. He said that he did not do it, and that he did not think it was done; that there must be some mistake; that he had put a wrapper round the book, and had sealed it in several places with his own seal. He said it was impossible for any person to open it to do anything of the kind without breaking the seals, but if there were any names after that of *Joseph Harden*, they had been added after the book left his possession. He also said that he had given it to *Thomas Wright* to take to the Returning Officer, but that he did not think he would tamper with it.

52.—Who is *Thomas Wright*; where does he reside; what is his occupation; was he a partizan of Mr. *MacLeod*?—He is a young man who was brought up in *Colchester*, but has been lately residing in *Amherstburg*. I do not know that he has any occupation except that of making himself useful in election times. He was a strong supporter of Mr. *MacLeod*, but had no vote, I believe.

53.—Have you any knowledge of the parties by whom the 199 fictitious votes were inscribed on the *Colchester* Poll Book, or can you state any facts which may lead you to impute the fraudulent entry of the 199 votes to any parties?—I do not know that I have any particular knowledge of the parties by whom they were inscribed. I suppose they were inscribed by Mr. *MacLeod*, or some of his friends. My reason for thinking so is, that most of them are in Mr. *MacLeod's* favor.

54.—Have you any knowledge where and when the *Colchester* Poll Book had the 199 spurious votes added subsequent to the close of the poll?—I have not, except from hearsay.

By Mr. *MacLeod*.

55.—Have you not been acquainted with *Thomas Wright* since your childhood, and is he not a relation of yours?—I have been acquainted with him ever since I was old enough to go to school. He is not a relation of mine.

56.—Are you not aware that he is a Surveyor and Engineer by profession, and that he has been so employed on Railways, and by the County of *Essex*, in surveying lines of roads for said County?—I have heard that he was, but I know nothing of it; I have never seen him run a line in my life.

57.—Do you not know him as one of the most respectable individuals in the County of *Essex*?—I do not.

58.—Do you not know, of your own personal knowledge, that he was employed by the County Council of *Essex* in surveying a line of road through the said County?—I do not; I have heard of his being employed to survey lines, but I have no personal knowledge of it; I have no doubt that he has been employed in that capacity.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

Henry McKinney was again called in, and further examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *MacLeod*.

59.—What are the names of those parties whose votes were refused to be taken by the Returning Officer at *Amherstburgh*; what are their occupations, and upon what grounds were their votes refused?—I do not recollect their names. They were military pensioners—no grounds were assigned for refusing to take their votes.

60.—How many of those pensioners came up to vote for Mr. *MacLeod*, and were they also refused, and for what reasons were they refused?—About ten came up for Mr. *MacLeod*,—they were also refused, and in some instances the grounds of refusal mentioned, that they were military pensioners, and not entitled to vote.

61.—Give the names of those whom you were not allowed to challenge.—I do not recollect them.

62.—Was Mr. *Joseph Mercer* also an agent for Mr. *Rankin* at the *Amherstburgh* Poll, and did you not hear him say that, contrary to his expectation, the polling had been conducted quietly and respectably, and that he was quite disappointed, as he did not expect to see so much fair play, or words to that effect?—Mr. *Mercer* was present as agent to Mr. *Rankin* on the first and part of the second day. I did not hear him express himself to that effect.

63.—Were you not allowed every facility to challenge and record your objections to voters as they came forward to record their votes?—I was, except in the instances mentioned in my answer to a former question.

64.—Was the polling not conducted quietly and orderly during the two days of polling?—It was.

65.—How many voters were entered on the Poll Book by surprise, without allowing you time to scrutinize?—I could not say exactly. I should think about 15.

66.—Are you not aware that the deaf and dumb person, whose vote you say was recorded without taking the oath, has as good a vote as any elector in *Amherstburgh*; and did you not require the oath to be administered to him for the reason that you knew he could not repeat it?—I was not aware that he had a good vote, and did not require the oath to be administered for the reason named in the question.

67.—How do you know the colored man, who took the oath of qualification, was born in the *States*?—I do not know it, except that he said so, as I have previously stated.

68.—How often did you see the Poll Books, after the morning of the Declaration, when you saw them in the gaol; where did you see them, and in whose possession were they; state fully?—I saw them in Mr. *Baby's* office in *Sandwich*, on the evening of the Declaration day; I next saw them at the *Rossie* House, in *Toronto*; I saw them again in a room in this building, and I saw that of *Amherstburgh* on the present occasion.

69.—How did these Poll Books get out of the possession of the Returning

Officer and into Mr. *Baby's* office; and how many days were they out of the possession of the Returning Officer?—I do not know how they got out of the possession of the Returning Officer, nor who brought them into Mr. *Baby's* office; I do not know when they were returned to the Returning Officer; and, therefore, cannot tell how many days they were out of his possession.

70.—In whose possession were they when you saw them in the *Rossin House, Toronto*?—In the possession of *Dennis Moymahan*, then Deputy Sheriff for the County of *Essex*.

71.—Was *Dennis Moymahan* discharged from his office of Deputy Sheriff for taking those Poll Books away out of the possession of the Returning Officer?—I understood that he was discharged for not supporting the Sheriff in the Election.

72.—Were you not an active partizan of Mr. *Rankin's* during the election; did you not spend time and money to assist him?—I was friendly to Mr. *Rankin's* interests in the election, and spent no money that I can recollect except for travelling expenses.

73.—What reason did Mr. *MacLeod* give for saying he would send up men to take possession of the *Sandwich* Polls on the second day?—I think he said that the *Sandwich* Poll was being obstructed by Mr. *Rankin's* friends; or something to that effect.

74.—Your having been for 20 years in the Town of *Amherstburg*, must enable you; as you say, to know every person in it; you will therefore name the persons whom you characterize as bullies, and state their occupation and general character?—I did not say that I knew everybody in *Amherstburg*. I did not say any thing of "bullies" of my own instance. What I stated in a former answer was that Mr. *MacLeod* had said that he would send up 500 of his "bullies" to *Sandwich*.

75.—Are you acquainted with the handwriting of the *Amherstburg* Returning Officer? if so, state whether the names you say were added to that poll book are in his handwriting?—I am acquainted with the handwriting of the Deputy Returning Officer for *Amherstburg*; the fictitious names are not in his accustomed handwriting.

76.—When did you first hear of the proceedings at *Maidstone*, and what were the reports of the conduct of the *Rankin* party at that polling place; state fully?—I heard of it soon after the polling days. The reports were conflicting with reference to the conduct of the *Rankin* party. It was alleged on the one hand that they were violent, and on the other that they were orderly.

77.—What was the report of that violence?—I cannot give any particular report. The alleged violence was of a general character.

78.—Are you acquainted with *Thomas Wright*; if so, state his general character; was he not formerly a partner in business with you, and do you not know him; either of yourself or by reputation, as a Surveyor and Engineer employed on Railways, and also employed by the County Council of *Essex* to survey lines of road through that County?—I am acquainted with him; I can state nothing either good or bad of his general character; he was formerly a partner in business with me; I have heard that he occasionally acted as a Surveyor; I do not know whether he was employed by the County Council of *Essex* to survey lines of road through that County.

79.—Have you not been a personal enemy of Mr. *MacLeod* for the last eight or ten years, and did you not once violently order him off your premises when he was there to do your partner and yourself a service?—I have not been a personal enemy of Mr. *MacLeod* for a number of years; I think the enmity originated with himself; I did once order him off my premises.

By Mr. *W. F. Powell*.

80.—If the names added to the *Amherstburg* and *Colchester* Poll Books, after

the close of the Polls on the second day, were subtracted, which of the Candidates would have the majority of votes polled throughout the County at the close of the Poll on the second day, and what would that majority be?—Mr. *Rankin* would have had the majority of votes, which would have been about 88.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

On motion of Mr. *W. F. Powell*, seconded by Mr. *Gill*,
Ordered, That *Angus Macdonald* and *Joseph Mercer*, Esquires, do appear at the Bar to be examined touching the alleged irregularities at the said Election.

And the House being informed that Mr. *Angus Macdonald* was in attendance, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth :—

By Mr. *W. F. Powell*.

81.—What is your name, occupation, and place of residence?—*Angus Macdonald*, Gentleman; my residence is *Sandwich*.

82.—Did you attend at the Polls in the Township of *Colchester* in the last Election for the County of *Essex*, and in what capacity?—I attended as scrutineer to Mr. *Rankin*.

83.—Were you present at the close of the Poll in that Township on the second day, and did you receive the state of the Poll in writing from the Deputy Returning Officer, and if so, what was it?—I was present at the closing of the Poll on that day; I received a statement in writing of the state of the Poll from the Deputy Returning Officer; it shewed 257 votes for Mr. *MacLeod*, and 79 for Mr. *Rankin*.

84.—What was the name of the person whose vote was last recorded?—*Joseph Harden*.

85.—Look at the Poll Book for the Township of *Colchester*, and state whether any names have been added since the close of the Poll, and how many?—I find 199 to have been recorded since the close of the Poll.

86.—How many of these names are recorded for each Candidate?—I believe there are 12 recorded for Mr. *Rankin*, and the remainder for Mr. *MacLeod*.

87.—If the names added to the *Colchester* and *Amherstburg* Poll Books after the close, were subtracted, which of the Candidates at the last Election would have the majority, and what would such majority be?—Mr. *Rankin* would have a legal majority of, I think, about 100 votes.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

Joseph Mercer, Esquire, Warden of the County of *Essex*, was then called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth :—

By Mr. *W. F. Powell*.

88.—What is your name, occupation, and place of residence?—*Joseph Mercer*, Warden of the County of *Essex*; my residence is at the Town of *Sandwich*.

89.—Were you present at the poll in the Town of *Amherstburg* during the late Election, and if so, state generally your knowledge connected with any irregularities that occurred there?—I was present at the Polls at *Amherstburg* on the first day, and on the second, until about half-past two; I was attending there as an agent on the part of Mr. *Rankin*. Several persons came forward who said they wished to record their votes; they were told by the Deputy Returning Officer that he could not receive their votes; he assigned no reason. They offered to take the oath of qualification, stating that they were occupants, with the intention of becoming purchasers, with the consent of the Crown. Upon the Deputy Returning Officer refusing to administer the oath, they said that if they had been allowed to record their votes they would have voted for Mr. *Rankin*. There was also a colored man, who stated that he had been a resident in the country for about four years, and that he had come from the *United States*. I objected to his vote being taken, as he was not a *British* subject. He was informed by Mr. *MacLeod* that if he took the oath that he was a *British* subject he would be

allowed to vote, and that he would be correct in taking that oath. I informed him that if he did take the oath he would commit perjury. Mr. *MacLeod* induced him to take the oath, which he took, and voted for Mr. *MacLeod*. There was also a dumb man who came to vote. I objected to his vote being taken, as I was informed he had no vote, and I insisted upon the oath of qualification being put to him. The Deputy Returning Officer was absent from the room. Mr. *MacLeod* insisted upon the Poll Clerk taking his vote without administering the oath to him, which he accordingly did. The vote was recorded for Mr. *MacLeod*. The Deputy Returning Officer certainly showed himself to be a strong partizan of Mr. *MacLeod*. He took the advantage of quickly recording the votes that were tendered for Mr. *MacLeod* when my attention was drawn elsewhere. Mr. *MacLeod* informed me that he intended sending in the steamboat about 400 "bullies" to *Sandwich* to keep possession of the Polls. He also informed me the next morning, which was the second day of polling, that he had sent off fifty of his "bullies" with instructions to the Sheriff, who was the Returning Officer, to swear them in as Special Constables for him.

90.—Deducting the names which were added to the *Amherstburg* and *Colchester* Poll Books after the close of the Poll on the second day, which of the candidates would have the majority, and what would such majority be?—Mr. *Rankin* would have had a majority of, I think, about 103. We supposed the majority at first to be 88, but afterwards found it to be 103.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

On motion of Mr. *MacLeod*, seconded by Mr. *Dawson*,

Ordered, That *James Devlin*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Maidstone*, at the said Election, do attend at the Bar of this House, to be examined touching the alleged irregularities at the said Election.

Ordered, That *Henry McKinney* be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn,

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley</i> ,	<i>Coutlée</i> ,	<i>Fellowes</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> , Atty. Gen.
<i>Archambeault</i> ,	<i>Daoust</i> ,	<i>Fortier</i> ,	<i>MacLeod</i> ,
<i>Benjamin</i> ,	<i>Dawson</i> ,	<i>Gauvreau</i> ,	<i>McCann</i> ,
<i>Cameron</i> , John	<i>Desaulniers</i> ,	<i>Gill</i> ,	<i>Pope</i> ,
<i>Cartier</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Dionne</i> ,	<i>Laframboise</i> ,	<i>Smith</i> , <i>Sidney</i>
<i>Cimon</i> ,	<i>Dufresne</i> ,	<i>Loranger</i> ,	<i>24. Tassé</i> ,

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Campbell</i> ,	<i>Notman</i> ,	<i>Price</i> ,	<i>Simard</i> ,
<i>Ferres</i> ,	<i>Powell</i> , William F.	<i>Scott</i> , Richard W.	<i>9. White</i> .
<i>Mattice</i> ,			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House adjourned accordingly until Monday next.

Monday, 31st May, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table :—

By the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *Pierre Chamberland*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Lambert*.

By Mr. *Roblin*,—Two Petitions of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in *Canada*, of the Bay of *Quinté*.

By Mr. *Sincennes*,—The Petition of *Thomas Auger* and *Jean Marie Lamothe*, of the Parish of *St. Ours*, County of *Richelieu*.

By Mr. *Richard W. Scott*,—The Petition of *C. R. Wright* and others, of the City of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Buchanan*,—The Petition of *George H. Mills*, Mayor, and others, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of *J. O. Coulombe* and others, of the Parish of *St. Maurice*, County of *Champlain*.

By Mr. *Archambeault*,—The Petition of *N. Hénault*, Seigneur and others, of the Parish of *L'Isle du Pads*, and other places, in the County of *Berthier*.

By Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Gowan*,—The Petition of *R. Coleman* and others, of the Village of *Lynn* and vicinity.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *William Sheels* and others, of the Township of *Cathcart*, and the augmentation of *Kildare*, forming the Parish of *St. Alphonse de Rodriguez*.

By Mr. *Holmes*,—The Petition of *John Eastward* and others, of the Town of *Southampton*, County of *Bruce*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,—The Petition of *John Flanigan*, Chairman, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the City of *Kingston*; and the Petition of *H. S. Morton* and others, of the City of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Ross*,—The Petition of *Moise Plante*, of the City of *Quebec*, now confined in the Provincial Penitentiary.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*,—The Petition of *Daniel O'Meara* and others, of the Village of *Pembroke*, County of *Renfrew*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read :—

Of the Western *Canada* Loan Company; praying for Amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of the *Zimmerman* Bank; praying for Amendments to their Acts of Incorporation.

Of *A. Cameron* and others, Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the County of *Frontenac*; praying that the Bill to separate the Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington* from the County of *Frontenac*, for Judicial, Municipal, and other purposes, may not become Law.

Of *G. B. Rousseaux* and others; and of *John Dickie* and others; praying for certain Amendments to the Fishery Bill.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*; praying that the Bill to Amend the Acts of Incorporation of the Great Western Railway Company, may not become Law.

Of *James Struthers* and others; of *Jacob Cummer* and others; of *Robert Wiseman* and others; of *James Findlay* and others; of *Samuel Lemon* and others; of *John Brunskill* and others; of *Joseph Shepard* and others; of *William Cook* and others; and of *Jacob Heise* and others; praying that the *Toronto* Road Company may be compelled to keep the *York* Roads in good repair.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Collingwood*, County of *Grey*; praying that the *Ontario, Simcoe and Huron* Railroad Company may be placed upon the same footing as the Grand Trunk Railway in so far as relates to the Government Lien.

Of *J. B. Mongenais* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Magdelaine de Rigaud*, County of *Vaudreuil*; praying for the repeal of the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855.

Of *James Sutherland* and others, of *West Zorra*, County of *Oxford*; and of the Reverend *R. Whitney* and others, of the Town of *Port Hope*; praying for the abolishment of Sunday labor in the Post Office Department, and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Alnwick*; praying that the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham* may not be separated for Judicial purposes.

Of the Very Reverend Father *P. Point* and others, of the Town and Township of *Sandwich*, County of *Essex*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Assomption* College.

Of the *Institut Canadien François de Montréal*; praying for aid.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Haldimand*; praying that the Bill to provide for the separation of the County of *Durham* from the County of *Northumberland*, may not become Law.

Of *Robert Johnston* and others, of the Village of *Fergus*; and of *H. O. Burritt* and others, of the City of *Ottawa*; praying for a revision of the existing Tariff.

Of *Thomas Sheridan* and others, of *St. Ferdinand de Halifax*; praying that the Assessment Roll of the School Commissioners of the said Township may not be legalized.

Of the Reverend *J. Doucet* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Hélène*, County of *Kamouraska*; praying aid for Roads and Bridges.

Of *J. E. Mousseau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de Lavaltrie*, County of *Berthier*; of *J. Pellant*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. Barthelemi*, County of *Berthier*; of *J. B. Denis* and others, of the Parish of *St. Norbert*, County of *Berthier*; of *F. X. Marchand*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *St. Gabriel de Brandon*, County of *Berthier*; of *A. H. Paquet*, M. D., and others, of the Parish of *St. Cuthbert*, County of *Berthier*; of *T. D. Latour* and others, of the Parish of *Lanoraie*, County of *Berthier*; and of *Joseph Desorcy* and others, of the Parish of *L'Isle du Pads*, County of *Berthier*; praying that the Village of *Joliette* may be made the chief place of the District of *Joliette*, and that the Circuit Court No. 3 be held at the Parish of *St. Cuthbert*.

Of *Robert McKinstry* and others, of *Hamilton*, setting forth: That your Petitioners are residents of the City of *Hamilton*, and were at the time of the last General Election residents, and entitled to vote thereat for a Member to represent the said City in your Honorable House: That the Directors of the Great Western Railway did, on the day of the nomination, at the said Election aforesaid, held at the City of *Hamilton*, at the time aforesaid, cause the workshop of the Company to be closed, or the workmen excused from attendance therein, so that their mechanics and labourers, many of whom were, and are now electors, might march in military order to the said Election, with the view to influence and intimidate the lawful electors, then and there present, in favor of *Hugh C. Baker*, Esquire, a Candidate at the said Election: That at and during the several polling days, the said Directors did stop their works, workshops, or the workmen excused from attendance therein to enable their servants, mechanics, and workmen, to take possession of the Polls in one or more of the Wards of the said City of *Hamilton*, at the said Election: That the said Directors did, during the said Election, intimidate their servants, and agents, thus preventing many of them from voting for *Isaac Buchanan*, Esquire, one of the Candidates at the said

Election: That subsequent to the said Election, the said Directors did dismiss from their service certain servants of the said Company, by reason of their voting, it is believed, for the said *Isaac Buchanan*, Esquire, and against the said *Hugh C. Baker*, Esquire: Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that your Honorable House may cause an enquiry to be made into the facts alleged aforesaid, with a view to an effectual remedy to such abuses.

Of *Etienne Roberge* and others, of the Township of *North Arthabaska*; praying for the passing of an Act to annex the south part of the Township of *Halifax North*, to the County of *Megantic*.

Mr. *Benjamin*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House the Twelfth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the following motions for Printing, viz:—

By Mr. *Galt*,—Petition of the Corporation of *Bishop's College at Lennoxville*; praying for aid. Your Committee recommend that this Petition be not printed.

By Mr. *Benjamin*,—Return to an Address for copies of all papers connected with the Petition of *George Nichols*; praying to be restored to his credibility. Your Committee recommend that this Return be printed for the use of Members.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

Edmund Head.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at *Washington*, communicating the decision of the Government of the *United States* to exempt from duty the articles of Hops and Hay, when imported from the *British Provinces*.

E. H.

Government House,
Toronto, 27th May, 1858.

(Copy.)

Washington, 24th May, 1858.

Sir,—With reference to my despatch to Your Excellency, of the 12th instant, I have now the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury to the Secretary of State to the effect that a letter has been addressed to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, recommending the exemption from duty of Hops and Hay, the growth of the *British Provinces*, in consideration of a like immunity being there extended to the same articles, the produce of the *United States*.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) *Napier*.

His Excellency
Sir *Edmund Head*, Baronet,
&c., &c., &c.

(Copy.)

Treasury Department, 12th May, 1858.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, transmitting a copy of a communication from the *British* Minister, Lord *Napier*, respecting the admission of certain articles, the productions of the *British North American Colonies*, into the *United States*, free of duty, and in reply, to inform you that this Department has addressed a letter to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, recommending the extension by Act, or Joint Resolution of Congress, of the exemption from duty, to Hops and Hay, the productions of said Provinces, when imported into the *United States* from the Provinces in question, such exemption, however, to apply only to those of said Provinces, which have admitted, or hereafter shall admit free of duty said articles, the productions of the *United States*, when imported from the *United States*, and to continue in force only as long as a like exemption from duty is extended to similar products of the *United States*, or until otherwise directed by law.

Very, &c.,

(Signed,) *Howell Cobb*,
Secretary of the Treasury.

The Honorable *Lewis Cass*.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger* also presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 19th ultimo; for statement of the number and value of Locomotive, Steamboat, and Stationary Engines, imported during the last five years, and the amount of duty collected thereon.

By Command.

T. J. J. Loranger,
Secretary.

Secretary's Office,
Toronto, 31st May, 1858.

Province of Canada.

Return of the number and value of Locomotive, Steamboat, and Stationary Engines, imported during the last Five years, and the amount of Duty collected thereon.

YEARS.	LOCOMOTIVE ENGINES.						STEAMBOAT ENGINES.						MILL OR OTHER STATIONARY ENGINES.					
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R. S. M. Bouchette,
Commissioner of Customs.

Inspector General's Office,
Custom's Department,
Toronto, 27th May, 1858.

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 18th instant,—For Statement of Lands sold or located in the Townships of *Ripon* and *Hartwell*, in the County of *Ottawa*, since the Agency was established.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 20.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated 19th April, 1858,—For Statements relative to Crown and Clergy Lands, disposed of by the Crown, in the Township of *Wentworth*, County of *Argenteuil*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 20.)

Return in part to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated 19th April, 1858,—For Statements relative to Municipal affairs in *Lower Canada*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 14.)

Ordered, That Mr. *Clark* have leave to bring in a Bill to Repeal the Act 18 *Vic.*, cap 172, confirming a certain survey in the Township of *Hamilton*.

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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ferres* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and explain the Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Galt* to *Guelph*.

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.

Ordered, That the Return to an Address relative to Volunteer Militia Companies, presented on the 12th instant, and the Petition of the Honorable *William Henry Draper*, be severally printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, all Correspondence, Despatches and Papers, relating to the Inter-Colonial Railway, during the last and present year.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House, as are of the Honorable the Executive of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Morrison*, seconded by Mr. *Talbot*,

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act for the relief of *John McLean*," be now read for the first time.

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, that Mr. Solicitor General *Rose* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts Incorporating the City of *Montreal*.

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 to-morrow.

On motion of the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Foley*,

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law relating to Petty Trespasses in *Upper Canada*," be now read for the first time.

The Bill was accordingly read for the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Galt*, seconded by Mr. *John Cameron*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, Copy of a letter from the Reverend Doctor *Ryerson*, dated 29th December, 1856. Also, copy of an Order in Council thereon.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House, as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Ottawa* Board of Lumber Manufacturers, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Church Society of the Diocese of *Huron*, and for other purposes therewith connected, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to vest in *Robert Brampton* certain rights derived from *William Cook*, the Patentee, under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, of certain improvements in Ventilation, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto Magdalen* Asylum and Industrial House of Refuge, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to change the name of the North-Shore Railway and *St. Maurice* Navigation Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the "*Yamaska* Navigation Company," being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Charters and Acts of the Amalgamated Company, intituled, "The Great South-Western Railway Company," and alter the line of route, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize *William McIntosh*, of the Village of *Newcastle*, to sell, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of a certain lot of land in the said Village of *Newcastle*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Acts of Incorporation of the Great Western Railway Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Town of *Stratford*, to define the limits thereof, and to divide the same into wards, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to re-unite part of School Section No. 5, in the Municipality of *Trafalgar*, with the Town of *Milton*, for School purposes, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Courts of Law and Equity in *Upper Canada* to admit *Shubael Park* as an Attorney and Solicitor, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to modify the personal composition of the Seminary of *Nicolet*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to annex School Section No. 3, in the Township of *Matilda*, in the County of *Dundas*, to the School Section of the Village of *Troquois*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second Reading of the Bill concerning certain en-registrations affecting lands situated in the Township of *Acton*, and in that part of the Township of *Upton* which forms part of the County of *Bagot*, in the District of *St. Hyacinthe*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to Incorporate the *St. Lawrence* and Bay of *Chaleurs* Land and Lumber Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to legalize certain By-Laws of the Municipality of *Berlin*, and the subscriptions of the Municipal Council for Ten thousand pounds towards the Stock of the *Preston and Berlin Railway Company*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to annex certain Lots in the Gore of *Camden* to the Townships of *Euphemia* and *Daron*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to divide the Township of *Hemmingford*, in the County of *Huntingdon*, into two Municipalities, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to Incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railway between the *Niagara* and *Detroit* Rivers, and for other purposes therewith connected, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, " An Act to alter and amend the Acts relating to the *Niagara District Bank*," being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to Incorporate a Company for the constructing of a Tram or Railroad from *Colborne* to *Marmora*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to Incorporate the Village of *Embro*, in the Township of *West Zorra*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend a certain Act relating to *La Banque du Peuple*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Board for the Management of the Temporalities Fund of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*, in connection with the Church of Scotland, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill further to amend the Act for the incorporation of the Provincial Insurance Company, of *Toronto*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Presqui' Isle* and *Marmora* Railway Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to leave the selection of the County Town of *Lincoln* to the option of the rate-payers residing within the same, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enable the Grand Trunk Railway Company to erect a Bridge at *Sarnia*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Village of *Welland*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Eastern Townships Bank, by reducing the Capital Stock thereof, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to separate the Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington* from the County of *Frontenac*, for Judicial, Municipal, and other purposes, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* and *Quebec* Steamboat Company, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to change the limits of the Village of *Kemptville*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enable the *Freetton Flour Manufacturing Company* to hold and convey certain Real Estate, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize *Allan Wilmot, Lewis Wilmot, John Wilmot, and Samuel Wilmot*, sons of the late *Samuel Street Wilmot*, to hold certain parcels of Land, devised to them in fee simple, freed from the restrictions, limitations and remainders, created by the Will of the said *Samuel Street Wilmot*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to annex the new Townships of *Carden, Dalton, Ryde, Draper, Macaulay, Digby, Longford, Oakley, Lutterworth, Anson, Hindon, Saxton, Minden, Dysart, and Dudley*, to the County of *Victoria*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to permit *C. S. Clark* to retain the Dam and Booms, built by him on the *St. Francis River*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to confirm a Resolution or By-law of the Corporation of *Montreal*, and to empower the Harbor Commissioners of *Montreal* to erect a Gallery across Capital Street in *Montreal*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Iberville Academy*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize a verification survey of the line between the 4th and 5th Ranges of *Chatham*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to empower *James Pearson* to construct a Tram or Railway to connect a Stone-quarry with the Grand Trunk Railway at *Georgetown*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Village of *Streetsville*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the International Bridge Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

On motion of Mr. Galt, seconded by Mr. John Cameron,

Ordered, That the Resolution of this House of the seventeenth ultimo, relating to the construction of a Bridge over the *Niagara* River, be referred to the said Standing Committee, with an instruction to embody the same in the Bill, incorporating the International Bridge Company.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to establish the Road Allowance between the Townships of *Toronto*, *Gore*, and *Etobicoke*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to legalize certain proceedings of the School Municipality of *St. Ferdinand & Halifax*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Marmora* and *Belleville* Railway Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to separate part of the Township of *Maddington* from the County of *Arthabaska*, and to annex it to the County of *Nicolet*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to detach part of the County of *Chicoutimi* as a separate Municipality, and to render valid Elections therein, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Canadian Landed Credit Company*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act passed in the 18th year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter 159, intituled, "An Act to amend and consolidate the provisions contained in the ordinances to incorporate the City and Town of *Quebec*, and to vest more ample powers in the Corporation of the said City and Town," being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to confirm the Survey of part of the 7th Concession of the Township of *Hope*, in the County of *Durham*, as made by the late *John Hewston*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the College of *L'Assomption*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the separation of the County of *Durham* from the County of *Northumberland*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Municipality of the Parish of *Ste. Marguerite de Blairfindie* to open a Road between the Range of *La Carrière* and the Range of the Seigniorial Line in the said Parish, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *St. George's Society of Toronto*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Stanstead, Shefford, and Chambly* Railroad Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to divide the Township of *Chester* into two separate Municipalities, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to make more ample provision for the incorporation of the Town of *St. Johns*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the "*Canada North-west Railway Company*," by extending the time for commencing and completing the said Railway, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855, and the Acts amending the same, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to vest certain portions of *Bathurst* Street, in the City of *London*, in the *London* and *Port Stanley* Railway Company, and to facilitate the said Company in the disposal of certain of their Real Estate, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the selection of the County Town for the County of *Bruce*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the North-West Transportation and Land Company, being read ;

Mr. *Dawson* moved, seconded by Mr. *McCann*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

The House divided ; and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the Charter of the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company, and for other purposes, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate "The General Hospital of the District of *Three Rivers*," being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Mr. *Biggar* rose in his place and stated, That he returned to the City of *Toronto* on Tuesday last, after having been absent therefrom, on urgent private business, but that the train by which he came arrived too late to allow of his being present at the meeting of the Select Committee on the *Montmorency* Election Petition, within the time by Law prescribed ; and Mr. *Biggar* having verified the same upon oath,

Resolved, That the said statement be considered a sufficient excuse.

Mr. *Notman* rose in his place and stated, That on Tuesday last he left his place of residence in *Dundas*, by the Railway Train, which, according to running regulations, ought to have arrived at the City of *Toronto* seventeen minutes after eleven o'clock in the forenoon, but in consequence of unavoidable delay, the said train did not reach the *Toronto* Station until after twelve o'clock, noon, and thereby prevented him from attending the Election Committee of which he was a Member, and that the said delay was beyond his control ; and Mr. *Notman*, having verified the same upon oath,

Resolved, That the said statement be considered a sufficient excuse.

The Order of the House of Wednesday last, for the attendance of *Thomas Short*, Esquire, in his place in this House, being read.

Ordered, That the said Order be postponed until To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *MacLeod*, seconded by Mr. *McKellar*,

Ordered, That *Alanson Sheeley*, *Peter H. Bratt*, and *François Caron*, of *Windsor*; *Dunkin Grant*, and *Richard Ruston*, of *Maidstone*; *Thomas Salmoni*, of *Amherstburg*; and *William Maynard*, of *Kingsville*; do attend at the Bar of the House and give evidence in the matter of the last Election for the County of *Essex*; and that *George Bullock*, County Treasurer of the County of *Essex*, in whose custody is the Assessment Roll of the Township of *Maidstone*, do also attend at the Bar, and produce the said Roll for the year 1857.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by Mr. *William F. Powell*,

Ordered, That *Dennis Moymahan*, *Paul John Salter*, and *James Woodbridge*, junior, of *Sandwich*; *Charles Cavanagh*, and *Hugh McPharlin*, of *Maidstone*; *George Gott*, and *Michael Maloney* of *Amherstburg*; *Alonzo Reid*, *Julius B. Gloyd*, *Frank Baker*, *James Porter*, *Denis Ouellet*, and *A. H. Wagner* of *Windsor*, and *J. H. Jones*, of *Detroit*; do attend at the Bar of this House to give evidence in the matter of the last Election for the County of *Essex*.

The Order of the day being read for the appearance of *John McEwan* and others, to be examined in relation to the last Election for the County of *Essex*;

And the House being informed that *John McEwan*, Esquire, was in attendance, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Bellingham*.

91.—What is your name, residence and profession?—*John McEwan*, Sheriff of the County of *Essex*. I reside at *Windsor*.

92.—Were you the Returning Officer for the County of *Essex* during the last General Election?—I was.

93.—State such facts with reference to the election as are within your personal knowledge?—The nomination day was the 25th of December, and the declaration on Thursday, the 7th of January. On the day of declaration, according to the poll books, Mr. *MacLeod* had a majority of 222.

94.—Did you, either before or during the election, express yourself in favor of Mr. *MacLeod's* return?—I did not.

95.—Did you ever intimate to Mr. *Rankin* that you would become his political opponent, because he had opposed your nomination in the office you hold?—I did not.

96.—Who were your legal advisers during the election—state their names and places of residence?—Mr. *Albert Prince*, of *Chatham*, and Mr. *William D. Baby*, of *Sandwich*.

97.—Who was your Election Clerk; did he take the requisite oath?—*William D. Baby*. He took the requisite oath.

98.—Are you aware whether your Election Clerk, after taking the oath of office, attended political meetings, or canvassed for Mr. *MacLeod*?—I am not.

99.—Are you aware that your Election Clerk acted as Agent at the *Sandwich* poll for Mr. *MacLeod*?—I think he did. I saw him there one day.

100.—State whether you were in the Telegraph Office at *Windsor* on the night of 2nd or morning of 3rd January, when a telegraph was received from Mr. *MacLeod's* Committee, announcing the state of the poll at *Amherstburg* and *Sandwich* up to 5 P.M., the second day's polling; if so, state what that telegraph was?

—I was at the Telegraph Office, and I believe that a telegraph was received, but I do not remember what it was.

101.—Did you communicate to a Mr. *Berthelot*, of *Anderson*, between the 3rd and 7th January, the state of the polls; if so, repeat your statement?—I have no knowledge of having done so.

102.—State the time, place, and circumstances of your receiving the Poll Books of *Amherstburg* and *Colchester*; by whom delivered; in what condition received, and where deposited?—They were delivered to me on the 6th of January at *Windsor*, by *Thomas Wright*. I saw nothing wrong in them. I put them into Mr. *Samuel S. Macdonald's* safe that night, and took the key home with me. I brought it back in the morning, and took the books with me to *Sandwich*.

103.—Did Mr. *Macdonald* deposit with you the keys of his safe between the afternoon polling of the 6th and the morning of the 7th January; are you aware whether he retained a duplicate key in his possession; was he a partizan of Mr. *MacLeod's*?—Mr. *Macdonald* gave me the key; I ascertained afterwards that there was no other; I do not think he retained a duplicate key in his possession; he voted for Mr. *MacLeod*.

104. State what number of votes were recorded in the *Amherstburg* and *Colchester* Poll Books, when they came into your possession?—In *Colchester*, 431 for *MacLeod*, and 91 for *Rankin*; in *Amherstburg*, 365 for *MacLeod* and 42 for *Rankin*.

105.—How did you ascertain the fact?—From the Poll Books.

106.—Did you examine the Poll Books as soon as they came into your possession?—I did not.

107.—How soon after?—The next day.

108.—Could any person have had access to them?—Not after they came into my possession.

109.—Do you assert that the books were continuously in your possession from the hour you received them until you examined them?—I do.

110.—Had you them in your pocket or about your person?—After I took them out of the safe in the morning, I carried them under my arm.

111.—Could they not have been taken out of the safe without your knowledge?—I think not, for no one but myself knew they were there.

112.—Were the Poll Books for any of the Townships delivered to you at your private residence, and how long did you retain them there without taking the precaution of depositing them either in Mr. *Macdonald's* safe or the safe in your own office?—Only one was delivered to me at my house, and I locked it up in a drawer; the others were delivered to me at my own office in *Sandwich*, and deposited by me in my own safe; the one from *Rochester* was delivered to me late on Saturday night by the Deputy Returning Officer, and I kept it until Monday morning, when he made the necessary affidavit; I never had any in my house, but that one.

113.—Why did you not adopt the same precautions with reference to that Poll Book as with the *Amherstburg* and *Colchester* Poll Book?—I thought I had adopted a more cautious course by putting the *Amherstburg* and *Colchester* Poll Books into a safe, as I had no safe in my own house.

114.—What statement did you make to Mr. *Macdonald* when you applied for the use of his Safe to deposit therein the *Amherstburg* and *Colchester* Poll Books?—I met him at the door, just as he was going home. I asked him if he would let me put something into his safe. He came back and gave me the key, and told me where to leave it in the morning. I had been in the habit, sometimes, of putting money into his safe when the Bank was closed.

115.—Did he ask you what you wished to deposit in his safe, or did you tell him?—He did not, nor did I tell him.

116.—Did you demand the duplicate key of Mr. *Macdonald's* safe?—I did not.

117.—Are you not aware that all safes have duplicate keys?—I am not.

118.—Do you assert that it was impossible for any person, using a duplicate key, to abstract the *Amherstburg* and *Colchester* Poll Books from Mr. *Macdonald's* Safe?—I cannot assert anything of the kind, as I do not know what he might do.

119.—Did you not receive a letter from Mr. *Murray*, the Deputy Returning Officer for *Amherstburg*, with the Poll Book for that Town, accounting for his having sent the book by a messenger, and can you produce that letter?—I did receive a letter from Mr. *Murray*, but I cannot produce it, as it is in the hands of the Queen's Counsel.

120.—Did you not state previously that you had lost the letter?—I stated at the time that I was examined before the County Judge that I had mislaid it, but I afterwards found it.

121.—Were you present at *Sandwich* during the two polling days, and did you attend the Polls, or remain in the room where the Poll was held?—On the first day I merely went in and came out again once or twice; on the second day I was in two or three times.

122.—Did you receive a note, or verbal message from Mr. *MacLeod*, on the 2nd of January, requesting you to swear in a number of persons whom he had sent from *Amherstburg* as Special Constables, to act at the polling place in the Town of *Sandwich*, and did you swear them in, and if so, how many were there?—I received a letter on the 2nd of January from Mr. *MacLeod*, stating that his friends had complained that I had not sworn in Special Constables, and that his friends were not allowed to vote. I swore in several; probably fifteen.

123.—Were not the Constables so sworn in, partizans of Mr. *MacLeod*?—I could not say.

124.—Did not the Deputy Returning Officer for *Sandwich* remonstrate against your swearing in strangers as Special Constables, and warn you of the danger of so doing?—He came in and complained of it, but not until after a riot had taken place. I had sworn in Special Constables from both parties before the *Amherstburg* people arrived. I then swore in some of them, to assist in keeping the peace.

125.—Did you invite any one to attend at the Court House, in *Sandwich*, on the morning of the 7th of January, to witness the opening of the Poll Books; and what was your reason for taking so extraordinary a course?—I invited two friends of each party to be present at the opening of the Poll Books on that morning. My reason for so doing was, that I had heard reports from *Maidstone*, and I thought it strange that the *Amherstburg* and *Colchester* Poll Books had not come up sooner; and I also thought that it would give more satisfaction to have them opened in the presence of friends of both parties, as I had been accused of partiality.

126.—When did you first learn that the *Colchester* and *Amherstburg* Poll Books had been falsified?—On the morning of the Declaration, when they were opened, Mr. *Salter* and others pointed it out.

127.—How many votes did they state had been added fraudulently to the *Amherstburg* and to the *Colchester* Poll Books?—I could not recollect the number they stated then.

128.—Did you take any steps to ascertain the correctness of the statements as to the falsification of the Poll Books?—I could not take any steps: I was obliged to take the Poll Books as they were.

129.—What were the actual statements made to you, as to the falsification of the Poll Books; and why did you disregard them?—Mr. *Salter* pointed out where he thought some were added; but of course I could not say that they were falsified. They were all sworn to regularly.

130.—Did you learn of the falsification two hours before the Declaration, and was not the Deputy Returning Officer for *Amherstburg* close to you, during those two hours?—I did not, nor did I see the Deputy Returning officer that day.

131.—At what hour had you announced that you would make the Declaration?—I think it was 12 o'clock.

132.—Why did you not make the Declaration at 12 o'clock?—There was a riot, and I was prevented from doing so.

133.—Did you take any steps to ascertain whether the Deputy Returning Officer for *Amherstburg* was within reach, after you had heard of the alleged falsification of the *Amherstburg* Poll Book, and before you made the Declaration?—I did not.

By Mr. *White*.

134.—Who or what party commenced the riot to which you refer?—Mr. *Rankin's* supporters.

135.—Were any of the *MacLeod* party engaged in the riot at the Court House, when you were obstructed in the execution of your duty?—No, I saw none of them.

By Mr. *Bellingham*.

136.—At what hour did you proceed to *Detroit*, and at what hour did you return to *Canada*, on declaration day?—I went at 12 o'clock and returned about 9.

137.—At what hour did you make the declaration?—My Election Clerk made it that night. He is here present and will be able himself to state the hour at which he made it.

By Mr. *White*.

138.—After you had added up the Poll Books, where did you put them and how long afterwards was it before you saw them again; in whose possession were they, and by what means were they taken from you and by whom?—After I had added up the Poll Books, they were left on the table of the room in which we had added them up. I did not see them again until the next Monday. They were delivered to me by *D. Moynahan*, who was my Deputy at that time. They were thrown out of the window, in order to be saved, and Mr. *Moynahan* took them off with him to *Toronto*.

139.—What were the contents of the letter you received from Mr. *Murray*, with the *Amherstburgh* Poll Books?—The purport was that he had been detained two days attending to the Municipal Election, and I think he also said that he was very busy, and that some lumber men were waiting for him, and he thought he had a safe chance of sending it up to me by Mr. *Wright*.

140.—Had you any communication with Mr. *MacLeod* during the Election, directly or indirectly?—I had not, with the exception of a letter that he wrote to me, complaining that I had not appointed special constables, and that his friends did not get fair play at the Township of *Sandwich*.

141.—Did you see Mr. *MacLeod* on the nomination day, and when did you see him afterwards?—I saw him on the nomination day, and did not see him afterwards until two or three days after the declaration.

142.—State fully the particulars of the attack made on you by Mr. *Rankin* and his party, when you were obliged to flee for your life?—Mr. *Rankin's* party came into the Court House, where I had been adding up the votes. I had come out of the room in which we had added up the votes to get my cap in order to go and make the declaration, when two men named *Lundy* and *Benn*, followed by about twenty others, caught hold of me and said they wanted the Poll Books, and that if I did not give them up they would take my life. One of them drew a pistol and showed it to me. I told them to come up with me to the room and I would show them the Poll Books. They went up with me, and we found the

door locked. We said we would get the key. This kept them quiet for a short time, after which Mr. *Moynahan* got them to go down, but they left two others in charge of me. Afterwards they came down into the lower part of the Court House. I started to go out to the hustings, but I found a large body of men outside in a state of excitement. I thought it was not safe. Mr. *Elliot* and some others then got me out of the back way, where we found an omnibus, in which we drove off. I then left for *Detroit*, not thinking it safe to remain, fearing they would follow.

By Mr. *Dufresne*.

143.—Do you mean to say that Mr. *Rankin* himself made an attack upon you?—He did not personally; I never saw him there. But afterwards I was told that he had instigated the parties above-mentioned to go and get the Poll Books; the person who told me so will be here as a witness, and will be able to state so himself.

By Mr. *White*.

144.—Did you recognize any of the attacking party to be the agents of Mr. *Rankin*?—I do not know that they were his agents, but I know they were his strong supporters.

145.—Are there not two of *Rankin's* partizans, of the names *Langlois* and *Toulouse*, imprisoned in the *Essex* Gaol, having been convicted at last assizes of obstructing you and causing a riot; and are there not bench warrants out for two men of the names of *Lundy* and *Benn*, who also attacked you?—*Langlois* and *Toulouse* are both confined in gaol for obstructing me and creating a riot. There are also bench warrants out against *Lundy* and *Benn*, who cannot be found.

146.—What did *Langlois* and *Toulouse*, the two persons who are in gaol, say to you when they attacked you?—They said they were sent to keep me there; that I had done something wrong.

147.—Were not those two men, *Lundy* and *Benn*, strong partizans of *Rankin*, and have they not absconded from the country?—They were strong partizans of Mr. *Rankin*, and have both absconded from the country.

148.—Who did *Langlois* and *Toulouse* say sent them to attack you, and prevent you from executing your duty?—As I was leaving with *Charles Elliott*, *Langlois* said "He can't go; Mr. *Rankin* told us we must keep him here."

149.—How was the polling conducted at *Sandwich*, during the two polling days; state fully?—There was a riot on the second day; Mr. *Rankin's* party commenced it, by beating Mr. *MacLeod's* agent.

150.—Did you see *Devlin*, the Deputy Returning Officer of *Maidstone*, and a Magistrate of the name of *McPharlin*, also of *Maidstone*, both partizans of Mr. *Rankin*, head a party of thirty or forty men on horseback, armed with and swinging shillelahs, enter the Town of *Sandwich* on the morning of declaration day?—I did; I saw them from the window of the room in which I was adding up the votes.

By Mr. *MacLeod*.

151.—When did you first see the agents of *MacLeod* at the *Maidstone* Poll, Mr. *Grant* and Mr. *Patilo*, and Mr. *MacLeod's* check clerk, Mr. *Murray*, after the polling at *Maidstone*; what report did they make to you; state fully?—On the second day of the polling, between 3 and 4 o'clock; they stated that they had been driven away from the Poll by Mr. *Rankin's* party, and that they had taken away their check-book from them, and taken one of them prisoner, and kept him some time, after which they had let him go; that they would not let any of the *MacLeod* men vote, but were letting every one vote who chose, on the other side; and they would not allow the constables to remain near the Poll.

152.—Do you know how many votes were polled in the Township of *Maidstone* at the Election for Legislative Councillor, in the previous Fall?—203.

153.—Are you of opinion that they have increased to 400 within a year?—I am of opinion that they have not.

154.—When did you first hear of the addition of fictitious names to the *Maidstone* Poll Book between the two days of polling; what was the number so added?—I never heard that any had been added until the morning they were opened. It appears to me by the Poll Book now exhibited to me, that 115 have been added.

155.—Examine the Poll Book and say if you know any of those 115 names that are said to be fictitious?—I think they are all fictitious. The name of *John Wood*, now deceased, appears on the Poll Book. *Richard Barrett*, whose name also appears, told me last week that he was ill during the Election, and had not voted at all, and that he was very glad he had not been mixed up with the Election. I think all the others are fictitious names.

By Mr. *Bellingham*.

156.—How many of the other names do you know?—I know a great number, but I cannot tell how many.

By Mr. *MacLeod*.

157.—After deducting the alleged illegal votes in *Maidstone* that were entered in favor of *Rankin*, and the alleged illegal votes in *Amherstburg* and *Colchester*, what number of votes were polled for each; who would have the majority, and how much would that majority be?—By a statement I made out to-day, after carefully comparing the three Poll Books, and deducting from them the bad votes pointed out to me, that is deducting from Mr. *MacLeod's* majority 322, and from Mr. *Rankin's* 127, the result would be a majority of 29 votes in favor of Mr. *MacLeod*.

158.—Did you ever introduce Mr. *MacLeod* to a Yankee of the name of *Jeff. Huff Jones*?—I may have done so, but I do not recollect it at present.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That Mr. *McEwan* be discharged from further attendance at the Bar of this House.

The House being informed that *George Murray* was in attendance, he was called in, and at the Bar examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Ferres*.

159.—What is your name, designation, and place of residence?—*George Murray*, Chemist and Druggist; I reside at *Amherstburg*.

160.—Were you Deputy Returning Officer for the Town of *Amherstburg* during the late Election of a Member to represent the County of *Essex* in Parliament?—I was.

161.—Can you state the number of votes that were polled at *Amherstburg*, at five o'clock, on the second day of polling; which of the Candidates had the majority, and what was that majority?—The exact number I do not recollect, but Mr. *MacLeod* had the majority.

162.—Did you record your own vote, and for whom? Can you state the hour at which your vote was recorded, and how many votes were polled after yours before the close of the Poll at 5 o'clock; was not *Solomon White's* name the last recorded before the close of the Poll?—I recorded my vote for Mr. *MacLeod* some time before the close of the Poll. I do not exactly know how many votes were polled after mine before the close of the Poll at five o'clock, but there were very few. *Solomon White's* name must have been near the last recorded, but I do not think it was the last.

163.—What space of time do you mean by some time before five o'clock; how many hours or minutes?—Probably from thirty or thirty-five minutes.

164.—Examine the Poll Book and say positively what name was the last you directed to be recorded before five o'clock?—I think it is *Solomon White*.

165.—Is that the same *Solomon White* whose name you did not think was the last recorded, as stated by you in your previous answer?—It is; I am not certain now whether it is the last, but I think it is.

166.—Why do you hesitate to say whether it is or not?—Because I am not certain.

167.—Do you know any other man of the name of *Solomon White*?—Not residing in *Amherstburg*; but I know several of that name.

168.—Did any one of the said *Solomon Whites* vote at the said Election at the hour you specify, viz., near 5 o'clock?—*Solomon White*, my Poll Clerk, voted near that hour.

169.—Was any other vote recorded after the said *Solomon White's*, near 5 o'clock?—I have already stated that I was not certain.

170.—The Poll Book was under your control, and you were, by your oath, obliged to make a true return of the votes polled; whence could any uncertainty arise as to the votes polled, and particularly as to the last one polled, when, by law, you had taken an oath to close the Poll?—I did close the Poll, to the best of my knowledge, correctly, and in strict accordance with my printed instructions.

171.—What do you mean by the "best of your knowledge," respecting the last vote; was not the last vote a positive fact not subject to doubt or uncertainty, if you kept a true Poll and made a true return?—My Poll Clerk kept a true return, I presume, and I returned it as correct; the Poll Clerk is responsible to the Deputy Returning Officer.

172.—Do you mean to say that the Poll Clerk had any power or authority to enter any names he pleased in the Poll Book, or such only as you directed?—I mean to say that he had not, and I don't believe he did so.

173.—What is the name of the person who acted as your Poll Clerk at *Amherstburg*, and did he record with his own hand all the votes that were polled down to 5 o'clock on the second day of polling?—His name is *Solomon White*; he recorded all the names that I ever saw put upon record in that Book.

174.—Examine the Poll Book and say if the names therein written after that of *Solomon White* were taken before 5 o'clock, and were they legally polled?—With the exception of one or two, I think they were not.

175.—Point out the one or two?—The one or two immediately following *Solomon White*.

176.—Name them?—*James Hodgson*, and *George Houck*, but I am not sure about them.

177.—Did those two persons themselves vote, and had they their names recorded under your direction?—I have already stated that I was not certain, but I think there was some person who voted after *Solomon White*.

178.—Have you not been for some years past in the employment of the sitting Member, and are you not so at the present time, and in what capacity?—I am at present, and have been for some time, Clerk of the Municipality of *Amherstburg*, and for the sitting Member.

179.—Were you in the pay of the sitting Member at the time you acted as Deputy Returning Officer at the last Election?—I presume I was; I am not sure.

180.—Can you not say positively whether you were or not; is it not a fact which you know?—It is not a fact that I know.

181.—Did *Solomon White* swear to the usual affidavit as Poll Clerk before you, immediately after the close of the Poll on the second day, and if not, when and where did he do so?—He made affidavit on the Monday morning following the

close of the Poll, in *Mears'* Office, where he was employed, where I took the Book to him for the purpose.

182.—When was the Poll Book delivered to you by the Poll Clerk?—Saturday evening, after the close of the Poll.

183.—Did the Poll Book remain in your possession from five o'clock of Saturday afternoon until the hour on Monday morning, at which the oath of the Poll Clerk was taken?—It laid in my desk in my house.

184.—Could any other person have access to it except yourself, during any portion of that time?—None from the Saturday night to the Monday morning.

185.—Is it to be understood that your answer refers to the time from five o'clock on Saturday until the hour on Monday morning, at which the Poll Clerk took the oath?—It is.

The witness was then directed to withdraw.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly of this day; for all Correspondence, Despatches, and Papers, relating to the Inter-colonial Railway, during the last and present years.

For the said Return, see Appendix (No. 49.)

Then, on motion of Mr. *Thibaudeau*, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*, The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 1st June, 1858.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Allan*,—The Petition of *B. Taylor* and others, of the Village of *Elora*.

By Mr. *Talbot*,—The Petition of the Board of Trade of the City of *Hamilton*; the Petition of *B. A. Mitchell* and others, of the City of *London*; the Petition of *Joseph Malcolmson* and others, of the City of *London*; the Petition of *G. J. Goodhue* and others, of the City of *London*; the Petition of *Samuel J. Jones* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; the Petition of *James Arthur* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; the Petition of *Alfred Green* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; the Petition of *George Roach* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; the Petition of *R. C. Buscombe* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; the Petition of *David Henderson* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; the Petition of *J. Bishop* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; the Petition of *James Parker* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; and the Petition of *W. P. McLaren* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the Metropolitan Gas and Water Company.

By Mr. *R. W. Scott*,—The Petition of *John Crumby* and others, of the Village of *Streetsville*, County of *Peel*.

By Mr. *Buchanan*,—The Petition of *John White* and others, Stockholders of the Great Western Railway Company.

By Mr. *McKellar*,—The Petition of *James Dinning* and others, of the Township of *Metcalfe*; the Petition of *William Richardson* and others, of the Township of *Metcalfe*; the Petition of *Thomas Findlay* and others, of the Village of *Morpeth*, County of *Kent*; and the Petition of *Stephen White* and others, of the Township of *Raleigh*, County of *Kent*.

By Mr. Galt,—The Petition of *William Brookes* and others, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*.

By Mr. Campbell,—The Petition of Mrs. *Selina Wood*, Widow of the late *William Evans*.

By Mr. Hogan,—The Petition of *James Baxter* and others, of the Village of *Durham*; the Petition of *David Sawyer* and others, of the *Ojibeway* Tribe of Indians; and the Petition of *James Willey* and others, of the Town of *Durham*.

By Mr. Carling,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *London*.

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

Your Committee have examined the Bill from the Legislative Council, intitled, “An Act to alter and amend the Acts relating to the *Niagara* District “Bank,” and beg leave to report the same, without Amendment.

They have also examined the Bill to amend the Act of incorporation of the College of *L'Assomption*, and have agreed to an Amendment, which they submit for the consideration of your Honorable House.

They have also examined the following Bills, and agreed to certain Amendments to each of them, which they respectfully submit, viz:—

Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Mountain Boulevard* Company.

Bill to annex the new Townships of *Carden, Dalton, Ryde, Draper, Macarlay, Digby, Longford, Oakley, Lutterworth, Anson, Hindon, Saxton, Minden, Dysart, and Dudley*, to the County of *Victoria*.

With respect to the last mentioned Bill, your Committee would beg permission to express a doubt as to whether a Bill of this nature comes within the province of the Committee on Private Bills, inasmuch as it affects the Territorial Divisions of the Province, the Representation, and the Administration of Justice, in so far as the particular locality in question is concerned; they have however prepared such Amendments to the Bill as appear to them desirable, and leave it to your Honorable House to determine whether their Report should be acted upon, or other action be taken on the Bill.

On motion of Mr. *Galt*, seconded by Mr. *Pope*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a Copy of the Report of the Harbor Commissioners of *Montreal*, with copies of any Correspondence thereon.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House, as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Galt* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the further improvement of the Harbor of *Montreal*.

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 to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Petition of *J. B. Mongenais* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Magdelaine de Rigaud*, County of *Vaudreuil*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to consider what Amendments it may be necessary to make in the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855.

Ordered, That Mr. *John Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill for the regulation of Insolvency and the management and realization of Estates under Deeds of Assignment.

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 To-morrow.

Mr. *Turcotte*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Sixteenth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of the Trust and Loan Company of *Upper Canada*, and of the *Western Canada* Loan Company, and find the Notices sufficient.

The Petition of the Board of the University of *Victoria* College, for an increase in the number of Members of the University Board, is not of a nature to require the publication of notice.

On the following Petitions, your Committee find that no notice has been given, but they would not appear to affect or interfere with private rights; and they therefore beg to recommend a suspension of the 62nd Rule in each case, viz.:—Of the very Reverend Father *P. Point* and others, of the Town and Township of *Sandwich*, County of *Essex*, for incorporation of the "*Assumption* College;" of the *Zimmerman* Bank, for an extension of the time for paying up their Capital Stock; and of the Municipality of the Village of *Ingersoll*, for the legalization of a certain By-law under which they have raised and expended a sum of money for local purposes, and of the validity of which, doubts have been raised in consequence of the same not having been advertized for a sufficient length of time in the local papers.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and extend three several Acts, passed, respectively, in the 7th, 9th, and 14th years of Her present Majesty's Reign, relating to "The Trust and Loan Company of *Upper Canada*."

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.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hébert* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 20 *Vic.* cap. 134, altering the limits of the Township of *Halifax*.

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 Monday next.

The Order of the House of Thursday last, That *George B. L. Fellowes*, Esquire, do attend in his place in this House this day, being read;

And Mr. *Fellowes* attending accordingly;

Mr. *Patrick* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, and the Question being put, That at the late Election for the County of *Russell*, *G. B. L. Fellowes* was returned as the sitting Member for the said County, by a majority of fourteen votes over his opponent, *Mr. Loux*. That at the said Election the following names were recorded in the Poll Book for the Township of *Cambridge*, as persons who voted upon the properties therein named, and in the order therein occurring:—

Number of Voters.	NAMES OF VOTERS.	Legal addition.	Residence.	Proprietor.	Tenants.	Description		Concession.	CANDIDATES.		
						and Number of Lot.	Concession.		GEORGE	J. W.	
									B. LYON FELLOWES	LOUX.	
1	John McGillivray		Cambridge.	O.		F	1/4	8	6	1	
2	Francis Desjardins		do	O.		N		8	3	1	
3	Baptiste Boclare		do	O.		W		10	3	1	
4	Francis Besan		do	O.		N W	1/4	10	3	1	
5	Tamas Boclare		do	O.		W	1/4	12	3	1	
6	John Cameron		do	F.			1	11			1
7	Archibald Cameron		do	F.			9 &	10	10		1
8	Warren Cassleman		do	F.				19	5	1	
9	James Benton		do	F.				14	10	1	
10	Archibald McKellir		do	O.				13	10	1	
11	Kenneth McGillivray		do		T.			15	9	1	
12	Ephraim Gregory		do		T.			10	6	1	
13	Donald Cameron		do		T.	E	1/4	9	10	1	
14	Ronald McMillan		do	O.				11	9	1	
15	Cyrus Lang		do	O.		W	1/4	26	9		1
16	John Smith		do	O.		E	1/4	26	7		1
17	Hyacinthe Poliah		do								
18	John Ferguson		do	O.				15	10	1	
19	Levi Cassleman		do	F.				8	9	1	
20	Michael Ryan		do	F.		S E	1/4	26	10	1	
21	Benjamin French		do			S	1/4	27	10		
22	George Meldram		do	F.		N E		26	10		1
23	John Sprag		do	O.		W	1/4	3	1	1	
24	Antoine Balore		do	O.		N W	1/4	3	2	1	
25	Samuel Baxter		do	O.		S E	1/4	3	2	1	
26	John Benson		do	O.		S E	1/4	3	2	1	
27	Benjamin Robinson		do	O.		S	1/4	1	1	1	
28	Donald Baxter		do	O.		S W	1/4	3	2	1	
29	Malcolm McLoud		do	O.				14	9	1	
30	Nevan Nevare		do	O.				20	10	1	
31	Duncan McKennon		do	O.		E	1/4	7	9	1	
32	Samuel Smith		do	O.		W	1/4	27	10	1	
33	Robert Meldram		do	F.		W W		26	10	1	
34	J. S. Stanfer		Troy	F.		S E	1/4	5	5	1	
35	James Foster		Cambridge.	F.		S E	1/4	26	10	1	
36	George Staple		Troy	F.		S W	1/4	1	5	1	
37	John Holley		do	F.		S W	1/4	5	5	1	
38	William Sarles		do	F.			1	5	5	1	
39	Thomas Cave		do	F.		S E	1/4	7	7	1	
40	Joseph Mich		do	F.		S W	1/4	7	7	1	
41	William Daniels		do	F.		S E	1/4	14	7	1	
42	William Young		do	F.		S W	1/4	14	7	1	
43	Elias Coutah		do	F.		N E	1/4	14	7	1	
44	William Showers		do	F.		S E	1/4	15	7	1	
45	Tomas Marshal		do	F.		S E	1/4	15	7	1	
46	David Bastedo		do	F.		S W	1/4	15	7	1	
47	Benjamin Stephenson		do	F.		S E	1/4	16	7	1	
48	Adam Oliver		do	F.		S W	1/4	16	7	1	
49	Walter Merrey		do	F.		S E	1/4	17	7	1	
50	William Hardey		do	F.		S W	1/4	17	7	1	
51	John Dickson		do	F.		N E	1/4	17	7	1	
52	William Sparks		do	F.		N W	1/4	17	7	1	
53	Alexander McKay		do	F.		S E	1/4	17	7	1	
54	William Speares		do	F.		S W	1/4	18	7	1	
55	William Whitehead		do	F.		S E	1/4	19	7	1	

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56	Tomas Speares		Troy	F.		SW 1 1/4 19	7	1	
57	William Dickson		do	F.		SE 1 1/4 19	7	1	
58	Alexander Mileary		do	F.		NW 1 1/4 19	7	1	
59	William Thompson		do	F.		SE 1 1/4 17	7	1	
60	George Churchill		do	F.		SW 1 1/4 20	7	1	
61	Charles H. Lawson		do	F.		SE 1 1/4 20	7	1	
62	George Chuller		do	F.		NE 1 1/4 21	7	1	
63	James Graham		do	F.		NW 1 1/4 21	7	1	
64	Alexander Sparks		do	F.		SE 1 1/4 22	7	1	
65	George Murray		do	F.		SW 1 1/4 22	7	1	
66	Donald Chism		do	F.		SE 1 1/4 23	7	1	
67	Christopher O. Closky		do	F.		SW 1 1/4 23	7	1	
68	Robert McLane		do	F.		NE 1 1/4 23	7	1	
69	Archibald McArthur		do	F.		NW 1 1/4 23	7	1	
70	Robert Tridlall		do	F.		SE 1 1/4 24	7	1	
71	Robert Fair		do	F.		SW 1 1/4 24	7	1	
72	John Given		do	F.		NW 1 1/4 1	5	1	
73	Henry Walters		do	F.		SE 1 1/4 2	2	1	
74	Allan Graham		do	F.		SW 1 1/4 2	5	1	
75	George Wilson		do	F.		NE 1 1/4 2	5	1	
76	Thomas Cockburn		do	F.		NW 1 1/4 2	5	1	
77	John Graham, senr.		do	F.		SE 1 1/4 3	5	1	
78	Arch'd. Edmunstone.		do	F.		SW 1 1/4 3	5	1	
79	John Walker		do	F.		NE 1 1/4 3	5	1	
80	Thomas Walker		do	F.		NW 1 1/4 3	5	1	
81	Thomas Spears, sen.		do	F.		SE 1 1/4 4	5	1	
82	Thomas Spears, jun.		do	F.		SW 1 1/4 4	5	1	
83	Adam Alston		do	F.		SE 1 1/4 6	5	1	
84	James Graham		do	F.		SW 1 1/4 6	5	1	
85	George Bastells		do	F.		NE 1 1/4 6	5	1	
86	William Talor		do	F.		SW 1 1/4 6	5	1	
87	Alexander Jameson		do	F.		SW 1 1/4 8	8	1	
88	John Shull		do	F.		NE 1 1/4 8	8	1	
89	William Mikie		do	F.		NW 1 1/4 8	8	1	
90	Henry Squire		do	F.		SE 1 1/4 9	8	1	
91	Richard West		do	F.		SW 1 1/4 9	8	1	
92	Thoen Ennis		do	F.		SE 1 1/4 10	8	1	
93	John McKee		Cambridge.	O.			8	1	
94	William Kenedy		do	O.			6	1	
95	John McKennon		do	O.		E 1 1/4 12	10	1	
96	Miles McKennan		do	O.		E 1 1/4 7	9	1	
97	Alexander McRae		do	O.		W 1 1/4 12	10	1	
98	Archibald McRae		do	O.		NE 1 1/4 7	7	1	
99	Robert Arbour		Troy	F.		NW 1 1/4 6	5	1	
100	James Edmunstone.		do	F.		SE 1 1/4 7	5	1	
101	John McLennon		do	F.		SW 1 1/4 7	5	1	
102	Calvin Bane		do	F.		NE 1 1/4 7	5	1	
103	Walter Edmunstone.		Albany	F.		NW 1 1/4 7	5	1	
104	James McLane		do	F.		SE 1 1/4 8	5	1	
105	Gabriel McAnn		do	F.		SW 1 1/4 8	5	1	
106	Ignatius Catta		do	F.		NE 1 1/4 8	5	1	
107	Thomas Samson		do	F.		SE 1 1/4 9	5	1	
108	David Bell		do	F.		SW 1 1/4 9	5	1	
109	John Fairberell		do	F.		NE 1 1/4 9	5	1	
110	John Knox		do	F.		W 1 1/4 9	5	1	

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								FELLOWES	
111	James Silery		Albany	F.		SE 1/4 10	5	1	
112	David Bright		do	F.		SW 1/4 10	5	1	
113	Charles Scot		do	F.		SE 1/4 11	5	1	
114	Thomas Scot		do	F.		SW 1/4 11	5	1	
115	Walter Scot		do	F.		NE 1/4 11	5	1	
116	Robert Patten		do	F.		NW 1/4 11	5	1	
117	Richard Matice		do	F.		SE 1/4 25	7	1	
118	Peter Tiele		do	F.		SW 1/4 25	7	1	
119	John Tolmay		do	F.		SE 1/4 26	7	1	
120	William Tough		do	F.		SW 1/4 26	7	1	
121	William Downsly		do	F.		NE 1/4 26	7	1	
122	Charles B. Tredwell		do	F.		NW 1/4 26	7	1	
123	William Triplecock		do	F.		SE 1/4 27	7	1	
124	Mason Trimson		do	F.		SW 1/4 27	7	1	
125	Jonas Tum	Mechanic.	Troy	F.		NE 1/4 27	8	1	
126	Edward Turley		do	F.		NW 1/4 27	8	1	
127	Hiram Turner		do	F.		SE 1/4 1	8	1	
128	Archibald Scot		do	F.		SW 1/4 1	9	1	
129	John Patton		do	F.		SE 1/4 2	8	1	
130	Matthew Whissle		Cambridge.	F.		E 1/4 29	7	1	
131	Abraham Escresham		Troy	O.		SW 1/4 2	7	1	
132	George Scot		do	F.		SE 1/4 3	8	1	
133	William Stow		do	F.		SW 1/4 3	8	1	
134	William Boim		do	F.		NE 1/4 3	8	1	
135	John Little		do	F.		NW 1/4 3	8	1	
136	William Scot		No. 4	F.		NE 1/4 4	8	1	
137	Louis Marisan		1	F.		30	9	1	
138	Paget Santamore		1	F.		28	10	1	
139	James Schwertfager		1	O.		29	10	1	
140	Makus Monk		3	O.		23	9	1	
141	Martin Casselman		1	F.		11	6	1	
142	Christopher Whissle		Cambridge.	O.		W 1/4 20	9	1	
143	Edward Brouton		Troy	F.		SE 1/4 4	8	1	
144	Joseph Lumpre					30	6		
145	John Evans		Troy	F.		SW 1/4 4	8	1	
146	John Little		do	F.		SE 1/4 5	8	1	
147	John Mikie		do	F.		SW 1/4 5	8	1	
148	John Gofton		do	F.		SE 1/4 6	8	1	
149	John McCullough		do	F.		SW 1/4 6	8	1	
150	John Smith		do	F.		NE 1/4 6	8	1	
151	Erven Clemmens		do	F.		NW 1/4 6	8	1	
152	Robert Riche		do	F.		SE 1/4 7	8	1	
153	James McDonald		do	F.		SW 1/4 7	8	1	
154	Robert Peerson		Cambridge.	O.		W 1/4 12	6	1	
155	William Marshal		Troy	F.		SE 1/4 8	8	1	
156	John Henry	Yeoman	Rome	F.		SW 1/4 10	8	1	
157	Charles Hafften	do	do	F.		SE 1/4 11	8	1	
158	Henry Hurl	do	do	F.		SW 1/4 11	8	1	
159	William Wilson	do	do	F.		NE 1/4 11	8	1	
160	Thomas Danniell	do	do	F.		NW 1/4 11	8	1	
161	William Kay	do	do	F.		SE 1/4 1	10	1	
162	George Brenner	do	do	F.		SW 1/4 1	10	1	
163	William Scot	do	do	F.		NE 1/4 1	10	1	
164	Angus M. Clark	do	do	F.		NW 1/4 1	10	1	
165	William Gammage	do	do	F.		SE 1/4 2	10	1	

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166	Lorenzo H. Daniel..	Yeoman ..	Rome	F.	S W 1	2 10	1	
167	Thomas Kerr.....	do ..	do	F.	N E 1	2 10	1	
168	Hugh Allen.....	do ..	do	F.	N W 1	2 10	1	
169	James Moffatt.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 1	3 10	1	
170	Harvey W. Monk....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 1	3 10	1	
171	Eyra Confras.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 1	3 10	1	
172	William More.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 1	3 10	1	
173	John More.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 1	4 10	1	
174	George Morris	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 1	4 10	1	
175	John W. Morgan.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 1	4 10	1	
176	John Mulcaster.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 1	4 10	1	
177	Thomas Mullumphy..	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 1	5 10	1	
178	Ivy N. Murphy.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 1	5 10	1	
179	William Munro.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 1	5 10	1	
180	Peter Musgrove.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 1	5 10	1	
181	Andrew Murdoch....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 1	6 10	1	
182	James McTren.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 1	6 10	1	
183	David McIntosh.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 1	6 10	1	
184	Ralph A. Casselman.	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 1	7 10	1	
185	Joseph McKay.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 1	6 10	1	
186	John McKenley.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 1	7 10	1	
187	George McKusi.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 1	7 10	1	
188	Hugh McLeod.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 1	7 10	1	
189	George McLeod.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 1	7 10	1	
190	Nelson McRae.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 1	19 4	1	
191	Daniel McLeod.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 1	19 4	1	
192	Earl Bedell.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 1	19 4	1	
193	John McMare.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 1	19 4	1	
194	James McMiece.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 1	20 4	1	
195	Timothy Monamoy..	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 1	20 4	1	
196	John Mogmen.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 1	21 4	1	
197	John McRae.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 1	21 4	1	
198	William McRarvin..	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 1	21 4	1	
199	Peter McVann.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 1	21 4	1	
200	John McVicar.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 1	22 4	1	
201	William Noble.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 1	22 4	1	
202	George Morris.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 1	22 4	1	
203	Samuel Norton.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 1	22 4	1	
204	Robert Oliver.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 1	23 4	1	
205	Edward McNeil.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 1	23 4	1	
206	John O'Hair.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 1	24 4	1	
207	James Peirson.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 1	24 4	1	
208	John Philipps.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 1	25 4	1	
209	John Pidington.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 1	25 4	1	
210	Patrick Pillau.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 1	25 4	1	
211	George Plan.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 1	25 4	1	
212	George Teistby.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 1	26 4	1	
213	John Roley.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 1	26 4	1	
214	Thomas Ross.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 1	27 4	1	
215	Donald Ross.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 1	27 4	1	
216	James Ryan.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 1	27 4	1	
217	James Senclare.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 1	27 4	1	
218	Chaudlers Smith....	do ..	do	F.	S E 1	28 4	1	
219	Tomas Smith.....	do ..	do	F.	S W 1	28 4	1	
220	John Smith.....	do ..	do	F.	S E 1	29 4	1	

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221	William Snow.....	Yeoman..	Rome	F.	S W 29	4	1	
222	Samuel Costely.....	do ..	do	F.	N E 29	4	1	
223	John Solan.....	do ..	do	F.	N W 29	4	1	
224	Jacob Souther.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 30	4	1	
225	George Sprraith.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 30	4	1	
226	John Stockinger.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 30	4	1	
227	Peter Stokes.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 30	4	1	
228	John Sturk.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 1	7	1	
229	William Allen.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 1	7	1	
230	Tomas Allen.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 1	7	1	
231	William Anderson...	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 1	7	1	
232	Timothy Back.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 2	7	1	
233	David Realy.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 2	7	1	
234	Abram Bice.....	do ..	do	F.	.....		10 6	1	
235	Charles Baker.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 3	7	1	
236	Gideon Ellias.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 3	7	1	
237	Robert Peowty.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 4	7	1	
238	David C. Chandler...	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 4	7	1	
239	Patrick Balwin.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 4	7	1	
240	John Barber.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 4	7	1	
241	John Barnes.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 5	7	1	
242	Thomas Buring.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 5	7	1	
243	Earl Bates.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 6	7	1	
244	John Bates.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 6	7	1	
245	William Beaty.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 7	7	1	
246	Louis Bender.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 7	7	1	
247	Henry Beoth.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 7	7	1	
248	Valentine Calwell...	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 7	7	1	
249	Robert Cameron.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 8	7	1	
250	William Caton.....	do ..	Troy	F.	.....	S E 9	7	1	
251	Samuel Chalds.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 9	7	1	
252	Lorenzo Clark.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 9	7	1	
253	John Davidson.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 9	7	1	
254	John Davis.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 10	7	1	
255	James Edward.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 10	7	1	
256	Robert Fry.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 11	7	1	
257	John Good.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 11	7	1	
258	Edward Goeman.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 12	7	1	
259	Thomas Goodman...	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 12	7	1	
260	Felix Hacket.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 12	7	1	
261	David Huet.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 12	7	1	
262	William Waters	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 21	5	1	
263	Peter Atkinson.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 21	5	1	
264	Robert Atkinson....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 21	5	1	
265	John Baldin.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 21	5	1	
266	James Bell.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 22	5	1	
267	Charles Brunet.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 22	5	1	
268	Joseph Brown.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 23	5	1	
269	Elias Brian.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S W 23	5	1	
270	Thomas Burke.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N E 23	5	1	
271	Thomas Caves.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	N W 23	5	1	
272	Daniel Cameron.....	do ..	do	F.	.....	S E 24	5	1	
273	Roland Carter.....	do ..	do	F.	S W 24	5	1	
274	Richard Cleary.....	do ..	do	F.	S E 25	5	1	
275	Thomas Crawford....	do ..	do	F.	S W 25	5	1	

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276	James Right	Ycoman..	Troy	F.	SE	14	3	1	
277	William Blake	do	do	F.	SW	26	5	1	
278	James Lobdill	do	do	F.	SSE	12	5	1	
279	John Cob	do	do	F.	.....	SW	12	5	1	
280	John Dawson	do	do	F.	.....	NE	12	5	1	
282	Peter Dowsey	do	Rome	F.	.....	SE	13	5	1	
283	Andrew Cowan	do	do	F.	.....	SW	13	5	1	
284	Donald McArthur	do	do	F.	.....	SE	14	5	1	
285	John McGee	do	do	F.	.....	SW	14	5	1	
286	Finley Ross	do	do	F.	.....	SE	14	5	1	
287	John Graves	do	do	F.	.....	NW	14	5	1	
289	David McLuer	do	do	F.	.....	SE	15	5	1	
290	Thomas Houston	do	do	F.	.....	SW	15	5	1	
291	George Kerk	do	do	F.	.....	SE	16	5	1	
292	Samuel Blood	do	do	F.	.....	SW	16	5	1	
293	James Barney	do	do	F.	.....	NE	16	5	1	
294	Robert Murray	do	do	F.	.....	NW	16	5	1	
295	Benjamin Abbot	do	do	F.	.....	SE	17	5	1	
296	John Clark	do	do	F.	.....	SW	17	5	1	
297	John Hall	do	do	F.	.....	NE	17	5	1	
298	William Wilson, jun.	do	do	F.	.....	SW	17	5	1	
299	James Indrew	do	do	F.	.....	SE	18	5	1	
300	William Ross	do	do	F.	.....	SW	18	5	1	
301	John McFarlane	do	do	F.	.....	SE	18	5	1	
302	Robert Vance	do	do	F.	.....	SW	19	5	1	
303	William Butler	do	do	F.	.....	NE	19	5	1	
304	Thomas Cowing	do	do	F.	.....	SE	19	5	1	
305	Charles Foster	do	do	F.	.....	SW	20	5	1	
306	Thomas Martin	do	do	F.	.....	SW	20	5	1	
307	James Young	do	do	F.	.....	SE	13	8	1	
308	Andrew Murray	do	do	F.	.....	SW	13	8	1	
309	Jacob Everett	do	do	F.	.....	SE	14	8	1	
310	James Elliot	do	do	F.	.....	SW	14	8	1	
311	William Bruce	do	do	F.	.....	NE	14	8	1	
312	Jacob Quigg	do	do	F.	.....	NW	14	8	1	
313	Thomas Wirblas	do	do	F.	.....	SE	15	8	1	
314	Samuel Bender	do	do	F.	.....	SW	15	8	1	
315	Jacob Terblar	do	do	F.	.....	NE	15	8	1	
316	Jacob Zenjink	do	do	F.	.....	NW	15	8	1	
317	Tomas Zuhal	do	do	F.	.....	SE	16	8	1	
318	Tomas Pent	do	do	F.	.....	SW	16	8	1	
319	Walter Elliott	do	do	F.	.....	SE	17	8	1	
320	Daniel Bean	do	do	F.	.....	SW	17	8	1	
321	Adam Willer	do	do	F.	.....	SE	18	8	1	
322	David Hardy	do	do	F.	.....	SW	18	8	1	
323	John Dickie	do	do	F.	.....	SE	1	9	1	
324	Thomal Sillers	do	do	F.	.....	SW	1	9	1	
325	Abraham Bean	do	do	F.	.....	NE	1	9	1	
326	George Vance	do	do	F.	.....	NW	1	9	1	
327	Michael Arnott	do	do	F.	.....	NE	2	9	1	
328	John Shearer	do	do	F.	.....	NW	20	6	1	
329	Charles Michael	do	do	F.	.....	NE	20	6	1	
330	John Marthur	do	do	F.	SE	20	6	1	
331	Daniel Yake	do	do	F.	SW	20	6	1	
332	Alexander Ross	do	do	F.	NE	21	6	1	

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333	John Kennedy	Yeoman	Rome	F.	...	SE 1/4 21	6	1	
334	James Beatie	do	do	F.	...	NW 1/4 21	6	1	
335	John Beatie	do	do	F.	...	NE 1/4 21	6	1	
336	James Matheson	do	do	F.	...	SW 1/4 22	6	1	
337	Hector Murray	do	do	F.	...	SE 1/4 22	6	1	
338	Jessie Martin	do	do	F.	...	NW 1/4 22	6	1	
339	Alexander Hay	do	Troy	F.	...	NE 1/4 22	6	1	
340	George Hay	do	do	F.	...	SE 1/4 23	6	1	
341	John McWhinnie	do	do	F.	...	SW 1/4 23	6	1	
342	William Anderson	do	do	F.	...	NE 1/4 23	6	1	
343	William Baddiol	do	do	F.	...	NW 1/4 23	6	1	
344	Andrew Thompson	do	do	F.	...	SE 1/4 24	6	1	
345	James Anderson	do	do	F.	...	SW 1/4 24	6	1	
346	Thomas Greenhow	do	do	F.	...	NE 1/4 24	6	1	
347	Thomas Whealy	do	do	F.	...	NW 1/4 24	6	1	
348	Joseph Whealy	do	do	F.	...	SE 1/4 25	6	1	
349	George Baley	do	do	F.	...	SW 1/4 25	6	1	
350	Alexander Sutherland	do	do	F.	...	NE 1/4 25	6	1	
351	John Scott	do	do	F.	...	NW 1/4 25	6	1	
352	George Goedon	do	do	F.	...	SE 1/4 26	6	1	
353	James Reid	do	do	F.	...	SW 1/4 26	6	1	
354	Joseph Pingush	do	do	F.	...	NE 1/4 26	6	1	
355	Solomon Pigott	do	do	F.	...	NW 1/4 26	6	1	
356	Solomon Zilge	do	do	F.	...	SE 1/4 27	6	1	
357	Jacob Gennyblish	do	do	F.	...	SW 1/4 27	6	1	
358	Robert Tackling	do	do	F.	...	NE 1/4 27	6	1	
359	John Harn	do	do	F.	...	NW 1/4 27	6	1	
360	John M. Ross	do	do	F.	...	SE 1/4 8	7	1	
361	John McDonald	do	do	F.	...	SW 1/4 8	7	1	
362	Robert Mann	do	do	F.	...	NW 1/4 8	7	1	
363	David McPherson	do	do	F.	...	NE 1/4 8	7	1	
364	William Grant	do	do	F.	...	SE 1/4 9	7	1	
365	John McKay	do	do	F.	...	SW 1/4 9	7	1	
366	Donald Tate	do	do	F.	...	NE 1/4 9	7	1	
367	Donald Cambell	do	do	F.	...	NW 1/4 9	7	1	
368	Robert Sutherland	do	do	F.	...	SE 1/4 10	8	1	
369	Hugh McKay	do	do	F.	...	SW 1/4 10	8	1	
370	Richard Suggett	do	do	F.	...	NE 1/4 10	8	1	
371	James Frazer	do	do	F.	...	NW 1/4 10	8	1	
372	James Flesher	do	do	F.	...	SE 1/4 11	8	1	
373	Simon Vanalter	do	do	F.	...	SW 1/4 11	8	1	
374	George McKenzie	do	do	F.	...	NE 1/4 11	8	1	
375	James Gunn	do	do	F.	...	SE 1/4 12	8	1	
376	Hugh McKenzie	do	do	F.	...	SW 1/4 12	8	1	
377	John Phelps	do	Rome	...	T.	NW 1/4 19	6	1	
378	David Parr	do	do	F.	...	SW 1/4 19	6	1	
379	Duarin Peck	do	do	F.	...	SW 1/4 14	8	1	
380	Noah Jenkins	do	do	F.	...	SE 1/4 14	8	1	
381	Allan Wright	do	do	F.	...	NW 1/4 15	8	1	
382	Samuel Fuller	do	do	F.	...	NE 1/4 18	10	1	
383	Isaac Austin	do	do	F.	...	NW 1/4 18	10	1	
384	John Finch	do	do	F.	...	SE 1/4 19	10	1	
385	Cyrus Little	do	do	F.	...	SW 1/4 19	10	1	
386	Edwin Atwater	do	do	F.	...	NW 1/4 19	10	1	
387	Harvey Washburn	do	do	F.	...	SE 1/4 20	10	1	

