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HIS EXCELLENCY
THE RIGHT HONORABLE CHARLES MURRAY, EARL CATHCART,
ADMINISTRATOR AND GOVERNOR GENERAL,
&c. &c. &c.

BEING THE SECOND SESSION
OF THE
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PROVINCE OF }
Canada. } *METCALFE.*

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 *Montreal*, on Thursday, the Eighth day of May instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you,—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the Twenty-ninth day of March now last past, we thought fit to prorogue our Provincial Parliament, to the Eighth day of May instant, at which time, in our City of *Montreal*, 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 Tuesday, the seventeenth day of June now next ensuing, you meet us, in our Provincial Parliament, in our City of *Montreal*, 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 *Charles Theophilus*, Baron *Metcalf*, of *Fernhill* in the County of *Berks*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, 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 *Montreal*, in our said Province, this second day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and in the eighth year of our Reign.

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



PROVINCE OF }
Canada. } *METCALFE.*

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

Proclamation of 12th June, continuing Parliament to 26th July.

Proclamation of 24 May continuing Parliament to 17th June.

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 *Montreal*, on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of June instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you,—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the second day of May, now last past, we thought fit to prorogue our Provincial Parliament, to the seventeenth day of June instant, at which time in our City of *Montreal*, 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 twenty-sixth day of July now next ensuing, you meet us, in our Provincial Parliament, in our City of *Montreal*, 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 *Charles Theophilus*, Baron *Metcalf*, of *Fernhill* in the County of *Berks*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, 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 *Montreal*, in our said Province, this twelfth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and in the eighth year of our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,
C.C.C.



PROVINCE OF }
Canada. }

METCALFE.

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 *Montreal*, on Saturday, the twenty-sixth day of July, instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you,—

Proclamation
of 19th July
continuing
Parliament to
4th September.

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the twelfth day of July, now last past, we thought fit to prorogue our Provincial Parliament to the twenty-sixth day of July instant, at which time in our City of *Montreal*, 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 fourth day of September now next ensuing, you meet us, in our Provincial Parliament, in our City of *Montreal*, 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 *Charles Theophilus*, Baron *Metcalf*, of *Fernhill* in the County of *Berks*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, one of our Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General
and

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 *Montreal*, in our said Province, this nineteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and in the ninth year of our Reign.

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



PROVINCE OF }
Canada. } METCALFE.

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.

WHEREAS, at a Session of the Parliament of *Canada*, holden at the City of *Montreal*, in our said Province, on the twenty-eighth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and prorogued on the twenty-ninth day of March then next ensuing, in the eighth year of our Reign, a certain Bill, intituled "*An Act to make further provision regarding Aliens*," was passed in the Legislative Council and Assembly, and was, at the prorogation of the said Session, on the twenty-ninth day of March aforesaid, presented to the Right Honorable *Charles Theophilus*, Baron *Metcalf*, our Governor General of our said Province, for our assent thereto, who, in pursuance of the authority vested in him by a certain Act of the Parliament of *Great Britain and Ireland*, passed in the Session 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 make*

Proclamation of 24th July promulgating the Royal assent to the Alien Bill.

further provision regarding Aliens," having been laid before us in Council, on the thirtieth day of June now last past, we have been pleased to assent to the same; And we do by these presents, and according to the provisions of the said Act of the Parliament of *Great Britain and Ireland*, passed in the third and fourth years of our Reign, assent to the said 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 right trusty and well beloved the Right Honorable *Charles Theophilus*, Baron *Metcalf*, of *Fernhill* in the County of *Berks*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, 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 *Montreal*, this twenty-fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and in the ninth year of our Reign.

By Command,
 D. DALY,
 Secretary.



PROVINCE OF }
Canada. } METCALFE.

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

Proclamation of 29th August continuing Parliament to 14th October.

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 *Montreal*, on Thursday, the fourth day of September next, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you,—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the nineteenth day of July, now last past, we thought fit to prorogue our Provincial Parliament to the fourth day of September next, at which time in our City of *Montreal*, 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 Tuesday, the fourteenth day of October now next ensuing, you meet us, in our Provincial Parliament, in our City of *Montreal*, 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 *Charles Theophilus*, Baron *Metcalf*, of *Fernhill* in the County of *Berks*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, 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 *Montreal*, in our said Province, this twentieth day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and in the ninth year of our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,
C.C.C.



PROVINCE OF }
Canada }

METCALFE.

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 *Montreal*, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of October instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you,—

Proclamation
of 10th October
continuing
Parliament to
19th Novem-
ber.

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the twenty-ninth day of August, now last past, we thought fit to prorogue our Provincial Parliament to the fourteenth day of October instant, at which time in our City of *Montreal*, 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 nineteenth day of November now next ensuing, you meet us, in our Provincial Parliament, in our City of *Montreal*, 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 *Charles Theophilus*, Baron *Metcalf*, of *Fernhill* in the County of *Berks*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, one of our Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General
and

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 *Montreal,* in our said Province, this tenth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and in the ninth year of our Reign.

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



PROVINCE OF }
Canada. } **METCALFE.**

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 *Montreal,* on Wednesday, the nineteenth day of November instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you,—
 GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the twenty-ninth day of August, now last past, we thought fit to prorogue our Provincial Parliament to the nineteenth day of November instant, at which time in our City of *Montreal,* 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 Monday, the twenty-ninth day of December now next ensuing, you meet us, in our Provincial Parliament, in our City of *Montreal,* 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 *Charles Theophilus, Baron Metcalfe, of Fernhill* in the County of *Berks,* Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, 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 *Montreal,* in our said Province, this fourteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and in the ninth year of our Reign.

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



PROVINCE OF }
Canada. } **CATHCART.**

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 *Montreal,* on Monday, the twenty-ninth day of December instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you,—
 GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the fourteenth day of November, now last past, we thought fit to prorogue our Provincial Parliament to the twenty-ninth day of December instant, at which time

Proclamation of 24th December continuing Parliament to 7th February, 1846

Proclamation of 14th November continuing Parliament to 29th December.

time in our City of *Montreal*, 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 February now next, you meet us, in our Provincial Parliament, in our City of *Montreal*, 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 Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl *Cathcart*, of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, K. C. B., Administrator of the Government of our Province of *Canada*, and Commander of our Forces in *British North America*, &c. &c. &c.; at our Government House, in our City of *Montreal*, in our said Province, this twenty-fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, and in the ninth year of our Reign.

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



PROVINCE OF }
Canada. } **CATHCART.**

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 *Montreal*, on Saturday, the seventh day of February now 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 seventh day of February now next, nevertheless, for certain causes and considerations, we have thought fit further to prorogue the same to Friday, the twentieth day of March next, so that you, nor any of you, on the said seventh day of February next, at our City of *Montreal*, to appear or 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 every of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on Friday, the said twentieth day of March next, at our City of *Montreal* 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 to be hereunto affixed: Witness, our right trusty and well beloved Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl *Cathcart*, of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, K.C.B., Administrator of the Government of our Province of *Canada*, and Commander of our Forces in *British North America*, &c. &c. &c.; at our Government House, in our City of *Montreal*, in our said Province, this thirtieth day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and in the ninth year of our Reign.

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

Proclamation of 30th January continuing Parliament to 20th March.

JOURNALS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, the twentieth day of March, in the ninth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady *Victoria*, by the Grace of God of the *United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith, being the second Session of the second Provincial Parliament of *Canada*, as continued by several prorogations to this day.

The Members in attendance in the Building prepared for the accommodation of the Provincial Legislature in the City of *Montreal* were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

Peter M. Gill,
William Morris,
Alexander Fraser,
Barthelemy Joliette,
John Hamilton,
François P. Bruneau,
Adam Ferrie,
Paul H. Knoulton,
Thomas M. Kay,
Gabriel Roy,
Philip H. Moore,
Amable Dionne,
Joseph Dionne,
Pierre Boucher de Boucherville,
James Morris,
John Neilson.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl *Cathcart*, of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Administrator of the Government of the Province of *Canada*, and Commander of the Forces in *British North America*, being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know "it is His Excellency's

"pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to open the Session by a gracious Speech to both Houses.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

The duty of opening this Session of Parliament has necessarily devolved upon me as Administrator of the Government, in consequence of the lamented departure of the late Governor General. But I am commanded at the same time to make known to you that the Queen has been graciously pleased permanently to designate me as Her Majesty's future Representative in this Province.

In announcing to you the fact of my having thus become the Successor of Lord *Metcalf*, you will, I feel assured, concur with me in the expression of sincere regret at the painful cause which has removed this distinguished Nobleman from a Station, the duties of which he discharged with a zeal and ability, that on every occasion won for him the highest approbation of his Sovereign, and the respect and gratitude of the people over whom he presided as her Representative.

The several addresses to the Queen which were adopted during the last Session of the Legislature have been laid at the foot of the Throne. It will be my pleasing duty to announce to you Her Majesty's gracious Replies.

I should under any circumstances have directed your early attention to the condition of the Militia Law. But the unsettled state of the Negotiations which have been for some time past carried on between the Imperial Government and that of the *United States of America*, renders it imperative upon me to press more immediately on your consideration the

Parliament convened.

By His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government.

His Excellency's Speech.

the necessity of a reorganization of this arm of the public defence. I feel the most unbounded confidence that the loyalty and patriotism of every class of Her Majesty's subjects in *Canada* will be conspicuous, as they have been heretofore, should occasion call for their services, to aid in the protection of their country; but a well digested and uniform system is indispensable to give a fitting direction to the most zealous efforts. At the same time I feel warranted in assuring you that, while our Gracious Sovereign will ever rely on the free and loyal attachment of Her Canadian People for the defence of this Province, and the maintenance of British Connexion, Her Majesty will be prepared, as Her predecessors have always been, to provide with promptitude and energy, corresponding with the power and resources of the Empire, for the security of Her North American Dominions.

The subject of the Civil List, which was brought under your consideration by my predecessor, will doubtless engage your attention, when I trust to your wisdom to make such a provision as will enable Her Majesty to give effect to your wishes, by recommending to the Imperial Parliament the requisite changes in the Act of Reunion.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

The financial accounts of the Province for the past year will be immediately laid before you. The estimates for the service of the current year, will be likewise submitted for your early consideration.

The necessity of providing for the prosecution and completion of the public improvements undertaken with the sanction of Parliament, will form a subject for your deliberation.

It affords me pleasure to be able to inform you that the revenue of the past year has not fallen short of the expectations which were entertained of its amount, and I rely on your willingness to make such provision for the public service, as a due regard to the interests of the people may require.

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

Since your last meeting the ancient City of *Quebec* has been subjected to unexampled calamity in the successive fires which laid waste its buildings. Measures, rendered indispensable by the exigency, were adopted by my Predecessor, which will be sent down for your approval.

The sympathy and benevolence of different portions of the British Empire, were roused into active exercise by the knowledge of the severe infliction with which it had pleased Divine Providence to permit the Citizens of *Quebec* to be visited, and we have the strongest reasons for appreciating the noble generosity which has been exhibited, and which has proved how truly the inhabitants of *Canada* are felt by the people of *Great Britain* to be brethren and fellow-subjects of the same mighty Nation. It will be for your wisdom to consider what further measures it may be proper to adopt, for the restoration of what has been thus destroyed.

The last intelligence from the Mother Country indicates a most important change in the Commercial Policy of the Empire. I had previously taken occasion to press upon Her Majesty's Government a due consideration of the effect that any contemplated alteration might have on the interests of *Canada*. But until we have a fuller exposition of the projected scheme, which a few days will probably bring to us, it would be premature to anticipate that the claims of this Province to a just measure of protection had been overlooked.

In these and the various other subjects affecting the prosperity of *Canada*, which may occupy you, I offer my hearty co-operation; and I earnestly trust that, under the direction of an all-wise Providence, we shall be enabled to pursue a course calculated to promote the best interests, and to foster the rising growth of this rapidly advancing Colony.

Then His Excellency the Administrator was pleased to retire, and the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that there was a Member without, ready to be introduced,

When the Honorable James Gordon was introduced between the Honorable Messieurs *William Morris* and *Hamilton*.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and it was read as follows:

PROVINCE

His Excellency's Speech.

His Excellency retires from the House.

The Honorable J. Gordon introduced as a Member.

Presents his Writ of Summons.



The Writ. PROVINCE OF }
Canada. } METCALFE.

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 trusty and well beloved James Gordon, Esquire,

GREETING :

KNOW Ye, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the state and defence of our Province of Canada and the Church thereof concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Legislative Council of our said Province, and We do command you, the said James Gordon, Esquire, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Legislative Council of our said Province at all times whensoever and wheresoever our Provincial Parliament may be in our said Province convoked and holden : and this you are in no wise to omit.

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 Charles Theophilus, Baron Metcalfe, of Fernhill in the County of Berks, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, 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 Montreal, in our said Province of Canada, the fourth day of October, and in the year of our Lord, one thousand

eight hundred and forty-five, and in the ninth year of our Reign.

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

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R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

Then the Honorable Mr. Gordon came to the table, and took and subscribed the oath prescribed by law, which was administered by John F. Taylor, Senior, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal, to administer the oath to the Members of the Legislature, and took his seat accordingly. Sworn and takes his Seat.

The Honorable Mr. James Morris presented a Bill intituled, "An Act relating to Common Schools within this Province." A Bill read pro forma.

The said Bill was read the first time.

The Honorable the Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, His Excellency's Speech Reported.

And the same was read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government, on Monday next. To be considered on Monday.

Ordered, that all the Members present this day be appointed a Committee to consider of the Orders and Customs of this House, and Privileges of Parliament. Committee of Privileges appointed.

Ordered, that two hundred and fifty copies of the Speech of His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government, be printed in both languages for the use of Members. His Excellency's Speech ordered to be Printed.

Ordered, that the Clerk of this House be instructed to open an account with the Post Master for the postage of letters to and from the Members during the Session, and to include the same in his contingent account. The Clerk ordered to open an Account with the Post-Office.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs Joliette, Bruneau, Moore, A. Dionne and Neilson, be appointed a Committee to peruse and perfect the Journals of this and former Sessions of the Provincial Parliament. Committee on Journals appointed.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs Joliette, Bruneau, Ferrie, A. Dionne, J. Morris, Neilson and Gordon, be appointed a Committee to superintend the printing of this House during the present Session. Committee on Printing appointed.

Ordered,

Committee on the Contingent Accounts appointed.

Ordered, that a Committee of five Members be appointed to examine and report upon the contingent accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bruneau, J. Dionne, de Boucherville, J. Morris* and *Gordon*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Petitions:—
From the Johnstown District Council; and

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the District of *Johnstown*, praying for the amendment of the Act establishing Division Courts.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Home District Council, Presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from the *Home District* Municipal Council, praying for the amendment of the Municipal Council and School Acts.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Ordered, that when the House doth adjourn this day, the same do stand adjourned until Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Adjourned till Monday.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, the House so decreeing.

MONDAY.

Monday, 23d March, 1846.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

✓ *M^cGill*,
✓ *Morris, W.*
✓ *Fraser*,
✓ *Joliette*,
Hamilton,
✓ *Bruneau*,
Ferrie,
Knoulton,
✓ *M^cKay*,

The Honorable Messieurs

✓ *Roy*,
Moore,
✓ *Dionne, A.*
✓ *Dionne, J.*
Massue,
✓ *de Boucherville*,
Morris, J.
✓ *Neilson*,
Gordon.

PRAYERS.

Honourable *W. Walker* prays to be excused from attending in his place at the opening of this Session.

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House that he had received a communication from the Honorable *William Walker*, stating his inability, from sickness in his family, to attend the service of the House at the opening of the present Session, and praying to be excused for absenting himself on that day.

Honourable *J. Æ. Irving* prays to be excused from attending in his place at the Call of the House.

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House that he had received a communication from the Honorable *J. Æmilus Irving*, praying to be excused from attending the service of the House at the call thereof.

The Honorable Mr. *M^cGill* presented a Petition from *J. King Foster* and others, inhabitants of *Windsor, Shipton, Kingsey*, and the adjoining Townships, praying for a pecuniary grant to open the Main Road on the North bank of the River *St. Francis*, from the Village of *Richmond* to *Port St. Francis*;

Petitions:—
From *Windsor, Shipton, and Kingsey*, (J. K. Foster and others.)

Also a Petition from *Christopher Lyster* and others, inhabitants of the Townships of *Durham, Kingsey, Tingwick*, and *Warwick*, praying for a grant to open a Road from the present termination of the Quebec Road through *Arthabaska*, in *Kingsey*, to the junction with the new Plank Road from *Montreal* to *Stansstead*, at the village of *Granby*; and

From *Durham, Kingsey, &c.* (C. Lyster and others.)

Also a Petition from *E. Guy* and others, proprietors and residents on the Lower *Lachine* Road, praying that the said Road may be included in the *Montreal* Turnpike Trust.

From the Lower *Lachine* Road, (E. Guy and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from *Elizabeth Armour*, widow of *Robert Armour*, Esquire, late Law Clerk to the Honorable the Legislative Council, praying for such allowance as the House may grant to her as such widow.

And from *Elizabeth Armour*, Presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Return from the Agricultural Society of the County of *Terrebonne*.

Terrebonne Agricultural Return, Presented.

The same was then laid on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented a Petition from *Louis Joseph Lavernier* and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *St. Bernard*, praying for the repeal of the Municipal, and the amendment of the Registration Acts, and for other purposes.

Petitions:—
From *St. Bernard*, (L. J. Lavernier and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Richard Lonsdell* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Diocese of *Quebec*, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to invest in the Church Society of the said Diocese such portion of the Clergy Reserves as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church; and

From the Diocese of *Quebec*, (Rev. R. Lonsdell and others.)

Also,

Also, a Petition from the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no further proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, may be invested in the Church Society of the said Diocese, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Reverend *W. H. Gunning*, and others Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Diocese of *Toronto*, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no further proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, may be invested in the Church Society of the said Diocese for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Burroughs* and *Huot*, Prothonotary for the Court of King's Bench for the District of *Quebec*, praying that authority may be given to obtain copies of certain Registers which have become injured from age.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a letter which he had received from the Civil Secretary, enclosing the copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in answer to an address of this House to Her Majesty during the last Session for copies of certain works to be deposited in the Library of this House.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide*, *Appendix No. 1.*)

The Honorable Mr. *William Morris* presented a Petition from *William Hall*, and others Inhabitants of the Townships of *Broughton*, *Tring*, *Forsyth*, *Lambton* and *Leeds*, in the County of *Megantic*, praying for a pecuniary grant to open a road from *Tring* to *Leeds*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented two Petitions from the *Quebec* Board of Trade, severally praying for an alteration in the amount of duties charged upon various articles imported into this Province; and

Also, for a grant of money to erect a new Custom House in the said City of *Quebec*;

Also, a Petition from the Sisters of Charity of the Hospital of *St. Hyacinthe*, praying for an Act of Incorporation;

Also, a Petition from *Siméon Larochelle*, of the Parish of *St. Anselme*, praying for a pecuniary grant to enable him to improve the models of a Storming Battery of his own invention; and

Also, a Petition from *Edouard Desbarats*, Advocate of *Quebec*, praying that the Office of Law Clerk to the Legislative Council may be conferred upon him.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* laid before the House the Report of the Librarian on the subject of the Library.

(*For Report, vide Appendix No. 2.*)

Ordered, that the said Report be referred to a Select Committee of Seven Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable the Speaker, and the Honorable Messieurs *M. Gill*, *Joliette*, *Bruneau*, *Massue*, *J. Morris* and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

It was moved, that the Clerk of this House be authorized to subscribe for the Newspapers published in this Province, for the purpose of being laid on the Table of the Library, for the use of the Members.

Ordered, that the subject matter contained in the foregoing motion be referred to a Select Committee of Five Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton*, *Bruneau*, *Ferrie*, *Moore* and *Gordon*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented a Petition from *Jean Baptiste Pagé* and others, of the Parish of *l'Ancienne Lorette*, praying for the amendment of the *Quebec* Turnpike Act;

Also, a Petition from *Jean-Marie Robitaille*, and others of the Parish of *l'Ancienne Lorette*, praying for the repeal of the Ordinances of the Special Council respecting Winter Vehicles in the Districts of *Quebec* and *Gaspé*;

Also, a Petition from *François Laroche*, late Clerk of the Division Court of the Parish of

From the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto.

From the Diocese of Toronto, (Rev. W. H. Gunning and others,) and

From Burroughs and Huot, Prothonotary, District of Quebec, Presented.

Despatch respecting certain Works to be deposited in the Library, Presented.

Petitions:—
From Broughton, Tring, Forsyth, &c., (William Hall and others.)

Two Petitions from the Quebec Board of Trade.

From St. Hyacinthe Hospital (the Sisters of Charity of)

From S. Larochelle, of St. Anselme.

And from E. Desbarats of Quebec, Presented.

Librarians Report, Presented.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Motion for authorizing the Clerk to subscribe to all the Provincial Newspapers.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Petitions:—
From L'Ancienne Lorette, (J. B. Page and others.)

From L'Ancienne Lorette, (J. M. Robitaille and others.)

From F. Laroche, of St. Augustin.

of *St. Augustin*, praying for an indemnification; and

From P. Bussièrè of St. Henri, and

Also, a Petition from *Pierre Bussièrè*, of *St. Henri*, and of certain Inhabitants of the Parish of *St. Isidore*, praying for an exclusive privilege in favor of a Grist Mill, built by the said *Pierre Bussièrè* in the said Parish of *St. Isidore*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From E. A. Meredith, Presented.

The Honorable Mr. *M^cGill* presented a Petition from *Edmund A. Meredith*, of *Montreal*, Barrister at Law, praying that the Office of Law Clerk to the Legislative Council may be conferred upon him.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Consideration of the Speech of His Excellency.

The House according to order, proceeded to the consideration of the Speech of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government at the opening of the present Session.

Whereupon the same was read by the Clerk.

Motion for an Address of Thanks to His Excellency.

It was moved to Resolve, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne, and to express to His Excellency our congratulations that the Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint His Excellency as Her Majesty's future Representative in this Province.

That we cordially concur with his Excellency in the expression of sincere regret at the painful cause of the removal of Lord *Metcalfe* from the Government of this Colony, the duties of which he discharged with a zeal and ability that won for him the highest approbation of his Sovereign, and the respect and gratitude of the people over whom he presided as her Representative.

That we will thankfully receive from His Excellency the replies which it has graciously pleased Her Majesty, to make to the several Addresses to the Queen which were adopted during the last Session of the Legislature.

That we duly appreciate His Excellency's assurance that under any circumstances His Excellency would have directed our early attention to the condition of the Militia Law, and we agree with His Excellency that the unsettled state of the negotiations which have been for some time past carried on between the Imperial Government and that of the United States of America renders it imperative upon

His Excellency to press more immediately on our consideration the necessity of a reorganization of this arm of the public defence.

Motion for an Address of Thanks to His Excellency.

That we concur with His Excellency in feeling that the loyalty and patriotism of every class of Her Majesty's subjects in Canada will be conspicuous, as they have been heretofore, should occasion call for their services, to aid in the protection of their Country; but we are nevertheless convinced, that a well digested and uniform system is indispensable to give a fitting direction to the most zealous efforts.

That we thank His Excellency for assuring us that while our Gracious Sovereign will ever rely on the free and loyal attachment of her Canadian People for the defence of this Province, and the maintenance of British connexion, Her Majesty will be prepared, to provide with promptitude and energy, corresponding with the power and resources of the Empire, for the security of her North American Dominions.

That we will not fail to devote our earnest attention to the subject of the Civil List which was brought under our consideration by His Excellency's predecessor, with a view to make such a provision as will enable Her Majesty to give effect to this measure by recommending to the Imperial Parliament the requisite changes in the Act of Reunion.

That we learned with deep regret that the ancient City of *Quebec* has been subjected to unexampled calamity in the successive fires which laid waste its buildings, and we derived much satisfaction that measures rendered indispensable by the exigency were adopted by Your Excellency's predecessor, and for the information that the same will be sent down for our approval. We feel grateful for the sympathy and benevolence of different portions of the British Empire which were roused into active exercise by the knowledge of the severe affliction with which it had pleased Divine Providence to permit the Citizens of *Quebec* to be visited; and we have the strongest reasons for appreciating the noble generosity which has been exhibited, and which has proved how truly the Inhabitants of Canada are felt by the people of Great Britain to be brethren and fellow subjects of the same mighty nation. We will duly consider what further measures it may be proper to adopt, for the restoration of what has been thus destroyed.

That

Motion for an Address of Thanks to His Excellency.

That we thank His Excellency for the information that the last intelligence from the Mother Country indicates a most important change in the Commercial policy of the Empire, and that His Excellency had previously taken the occasion to press upon Her Majesty's Government a due consideration of the effect that any contemplated alteration might have on the interests of Canada; and we concur with His Excellency that until we have a fuller exposition of the projected scheme, which a few days will probably bring to us, it would be premature to anticipate that the claims of this Province to a just measure of protection had been overlooked.

That we are grateful for His Excellency's assurance that in these and the various other subjects affecting the prosperity of Canada, which may occupy us, we may rely on His Excellency's hearty co-operation; and we trust with His Excellency that under the direction of an all wise Providence we shall be enabled to pursue a course calculated to promote the best interests, and to foster the rising growth of this rapidly advancing Colony.

Motion for considering the same to-morrow.

It was moved, that the said Resolution be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Which being objected to,

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Negatived.

The same was resolved in the negative.

First paragraph read.

The first paragraph of the said Resolution being then again read,

Motion in amendment.

It was moved, in amendment thereto, that after the word "that" in line 5, the following words be added, "under the circumstances mentioned by Your Excellency of negotiations having been for some time past carried on between the Imperial Government and that of the *United States* of America, and of those negotiations being yet in an unsettled state."

Which being objected to,

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Negatived.

The same was resolved in the negative.

Motion to agree to first paragraph.

It was then moved to agree to the said first paragraph as originally proposed.

Which being objected to,

The question of concurrence was put thereon; and

The same was resolved in the affirmative. Adopted.

The second paragraph of the said Resolution being then again read; Second paragraph read.

It was moved in amendment thereto, to leave out all the words after "Colony" in line 4 to the end of the paragraph. Motion in amendment.

Which being objected to,

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

The same was resolved in the negative. Negatived.

It was then moved to agree to the said second paragraph as originally proposed. Motion to agree to second paragraph.

Which being objected to,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

The same was resolved in the affirmative. Adopted.

The third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth paragraphs of the said Resolution being then again severally read, Remaining paragraphs read, and

It was moved to adopt the same.

Whereupon the question of concurrence was put thereon, and

The same was resolved unanimously in the affirmative. Adopted.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs *W. A. Morris, Joliette* and *Neilson* be appointed a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, founded on the foregoing Resolution. A Committee appointed to prepare the Address.

The House was adjourned during pleasure, and the Committee withdrew to prepare the Address.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *De Boucherville* withdrew. A Member withdraws.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* from the Select Committee appointed to draft an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, reported an Address prepared by them as follows:— An Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech Reported.

To His Excellency Lieutenant General The Right Honorable CHARLES MURRAY, EARL CATHCART, of Cathcart, in the County

An Address
in answer to
His Excel-
lency's Speech
Reported.

*County of Renfrew, Knight Commander
of the Most Honorable Military Order
of the Bath, Administrator of the Govern-
ment of the Province of Canada, and
Commander of Her Majesty's Forces in
British North America, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for Your Excellency's gracious Speech from the Throne, at the opening of the present Session, and we desire to express to Your Excellency our congratulations upon Her Majesty's having been graciously pleased to appoint Your Excellency as Her future Representative in this Province.

We cordially concur with Your Excellency in the expression of sincere regret at the painful cause of the removal of Lord *Metcalf* from the Government of this Colony, the duties of which he discharged with a zeal and ability that won for him the highest approbation of His Sovereign, and the respect and gratitude of the people over whom he presided as Her Representative.

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We duly appreciate Your Excellency's assurance, that under any circumstances Your Excellency would have directed our early attention to the condition of the Militia Law, and we agree with Your Excellency that the unsettled state of the Negotiations which have been for some time past carried on between the Imperial Government, and that of the United States of America, renders it imperative upon Your Excellency to press more immediately on our consideration the necessity of a re-organization of this arm of the public defence.

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Which Address being read by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the said Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

Ordered, that such Members of the Executive Council who are Members of this House do wait on His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, humbly to know what time His Excellency will please to appoint to be attended with the said Address.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

Tuesday, 24th March, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *Réné E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

M^r Gill,
Morris, W.
Fraser,
Johette,
Hamilton,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knoulton,
M^r Kay,

The Honorable Messieurs

Roy,
Moore,
Dionne, A.
Dionne, J.
Massue,
de Boucherville,
Morris, J.
Neilson,
Gordon.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* reported that he had according to order waited on His Excellency the Administrator of the Government to know what time His Excellency would be pleased to appoint to be attended with the Address of this House, and that His Excellency had appointed this day at three o'clock in the afternoon at the Government House in this City.

The House was adjourned during pleasure. After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable the Speaker reported that the House did this day wait on His Excellency the Administrator of the Government with their Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, to which His Excellency was pleased to return the following most gracious answer:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

I request you to accept my sincere thanks for this Address, and I rely with confidence upon your zealous efforts to aid me in administering the Government for the benefit of the People.

I highly appreciate your congratulations upon the distinguished mark of Her Majesty's favour, which the Queen has been graciously pleased to confer on me.

Ordered, that the said Address, together with His Excellency's answer thereto, be forthwith printed and published in both languages for the use of Members.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House, Statements of Imports and Exports at the Port of *St. Johns* for the year ended 5th January 1846.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(*For Statements, vide Sessional Papers, Letters J. J. J.*)

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House certified Copies of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Trinity House at *Quebec* for the year ended 31st December, 1845, agreeably to the provisions of the Provincial Act 4th and 5th Victoria, chap. 15.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow :

(*For Returns, vide Sessional Papers, Letter E.*)

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Return of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, for the District of *Montreal*, in the year 1845, also a supplementary Return of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials performed in the District of *Montreal* during the years 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843 and 1844.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table and they are as follow :

(*For Returns, vide Sessional Papers, Letters I. I. I.*)

The same presented.

His Excellency's Answer thereto.

Ordered to be printed.

Statement of Imports and Exports at St. John's presented.

Accounts of the Quebec Trinity House presented.

Return of Baptisms, &c., in the District of Montreal presented.

Adopted, and ordered to be presented by the whole House.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY.

Address in answer to the Speech to be presented at Three o'clock to-day.

The

Petitions:—

From R. S. M. Bouchette, of Montreal.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from *R. S. M. Bouchette*, of the City of *Montreal*, Advocate, praying that the office of Law Clerk and English Translator to this House may be conferred upon him.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Coburg, (Rev. A. N. Bethune and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *A. N. Bethune* and others, inhabitants of *Cobourg* and its vicinity, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserve Lands may be no further proceeded with; but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* may be invested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto* for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Quebec Education Society.

The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented a Petition from the *Quebec Education Society*, praying for pecuniary aid; and

From the Quebec Roman Catholic Ladies Association.

Also, a Petition from the Charitable Association of the Roman Catholic Ladies of *Quebec*, praying for a grant of money in order to be able to rebuild the Dwelling and School House for the purposes of the said Association.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From E. L. Montizambert, of Quebec.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne*, presented a Petition from *E. L. Montizambert*, of the City of *Quebec*, Advocate; and

From L. G. Duval, of Three Rivers.

Also, a Petition from *L. G. Duval*, of the Town of *Three-Rivers*, Advocate, respectively praying that the office of Law Clerk to the Legislative Council may be conferred upon them.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From A. Leslie, of the District of Bathurst, and

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* presented a Petition from *Anthony Leslie*, of the District of *Bathurst*, praying for the passing of an Act to indemnify him for having voted at the last General Election in ignorance of the Law.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Brockville, (D. B. O. Ford and others.) presented.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *D. B. O. Ford*, and others, inhabitants of *Brockville*, praying for the passing of an Act to vest in the Trustees of the District School and their successors a certain lot of Land in the said Town for the uses of a School for the Education of Children.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Resolutions for securing the Independence

It was moved to resolve, that to secure the independence of this House it is expedient to

make a Standing Order of the Legislative Council, that no Bill or other measure which may come up from the Legislative Assembly after the sixtieth day of the Session shall be proceeded with in the Legislative Council, except only such Bills or other measures which may have received the sanction of the Executive Government.

That no rule of this House shall be dispensed with unless notice of a motion for that purpose be given on the previous day, specifying the reason or reasons for such suspension which in all cases shall be special and not general.

That in all cases where any Government Bill or other measure may be concerned, no rule of this House shall be dispensed with, unless with the unanimous consent of the Members present on putting the Question.

Ordered, that the foregoing Resolution be referred to a Select Committee of Seven Members. Same referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Joliette, Hamilton, Bruneau, de Boucherville, J. Morris, Neilson* and *Gordon*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* acquainted the House that he had three Messages from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government under His Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to the House, and the same were then severally read by the Clerk as follow:

CATHCART.

The Administrator of the Government informs the Legislative Council that he has granted permission to the Honorable *R. S. Jameson*, and to the Honorable *P. B. de Blaquière* to be absent from their places in the House during the present Session.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Montreal, 24th March, 1846.

CATHCART.

The Administrator of the Government transmits, for the information of the Legislative Council, Copies of the Despatches from the Secretary of State, enumerated in the annexed Schedule, conveying the gracious Answers which the Queen has been pleased to direct to be returned to the several Addresses to Her Majesty, adopted during the last Session.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

24th March, 1846.

SCHEDULE of Despatches accompanying Message of 24th March, 1846.

NO.	DATE.	SUBJECT.
396	1845. 26th June.	Mr. Crooks' claim for loss of Schooner "Lord Nelson."
17	1846. 3rd Febr'y.	Regulation of Colonial Trade and Navigation, and the extension of the privileges of Naturalization when conferred by Provincial Enactment.
20	3rd Febr'y.	Use of the French Language in Legislative Records.

Respecting Schooner "Lord Nelson."

On Colonial Trade and Navigation.

On the use of the French Language.

(For Despatches, vide Appendix No. 3.)

CATHCART.

The Administrator of the Government transmits, for the information of the Legislative Council, Copies of the several Despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, enumerated in the annexed Schedule.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
24th March, 1846.

SCHEDULE of Despatches accompanying the Message to the Legislative Council of the 24th March, 1846.

NO.	DATE.	SUBJECT.
356	1845. 15th March,	Registration of Merchant Seamen, with Copy of Letter from Captain Otway, R. N.
371	16th April,	Acknowledging Copies of Addresses of Congratulation to Lord Metcalfe on his elevation to the Peerage.
Military. 30	25th April,	Duties imposed in Canada on Articles imported for the use of Her Majesty's Troops, with letter from Treasury.
424	30th August,	Sir Wm. Burnett's Preparation for the Preservation of Timber.
455	6th Nov.	Mr. Payne's ditto ditto
456	15th "	Desertion of Merchant Seamen, in reply to Memorial of Owners and Masters of Ships trading to Quebec.
457	15th "	Remarks on the Act of last Session incorporating the Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railway Company.
458	18th "	Harris' Divorce Bill will not be confirmed by Her Majesty.
1	30th Dec.	Pointing out an alteration necessary in the Act of last Session to secure the Right of Property in British Plantation Vessels.
1846. Circular.	15th Jan'y.	General Instructions relative to Colonial Railway Acts.
18	3d Febr'y.	Respecting the Customs Act of last Session.

On the Registration of Seamen.

Addresses to Lord Metcalfe.

The imposition of certain duties.

The preservation of Timber.

Desertion of Seamen.

St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway.

Harris' Divorce Bill.

British Vessels Property Act.

Colonial Railways.

Customs Act.

(For Despatches, vide Appendix No. 4.)

Ordered, that the foregoing documents be printed in both languages for the use of Members. Ordered to be printed.

Ordered, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, to return him the thanks of this House for His several Messages just received.

Ordered, that such Members of the Executive Council who are Members of this House do wait on His Excellency the Administrator of the Government with the said Address.

The Speaker declared this House continued Adjourn. until Thursday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

Thursday, 26th March, 1846. THURSDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker.

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| The Honorable Messieurs | The Honorable Messieurs |
| M' Gill, | Moore, |
| Morris, W. | Dionne, A. |
| Fraser, | Dionne, J. |
| Joliette, | Massue, |
| Hamilton, | de Boucherville, |
| Bruneau, | Morris, J. |
| Ferrie, | Neilson, |
| Knoulton, | Gordon. |
| M'Kay, | |

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House that he had received a communication from the Honorable Mr. Fergusson, stating his inability to attend the service of the House before the opening of the Navigation. Honourable A. Fergusson prays to be excused till the opening of Navigation.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House Returns of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of Three Rivers, and in the District of Quebec for the year 1845. Return of Baptisms, &c., for Districts of Quebec and Three Rivers, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:

(For Returns, vide Sessional Papers, Letters I. I. I.)

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Return from the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad Company for the year 1845. Return from Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:

(For Return, vide Appendix No. 5.)

The

Decease of R. Armour, Junr., Esq., reported.

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House, that he had received a communication from the Clerk, acquainting him of the decease of *Robert Armour*, Junr. Esquire, late Law Clerk to the Legislative Council.

Communications from G. S. Carter, W. B. Hartley, D. Rochon, and John Low, presented.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House certain communications from *G. S. Carter* of *Montreal*, Advocate, from *W. B. Hartley* of *Montreal* aforesaid, Advocate, from *D. Rochon* of the same place, Advocate, and from *John Low* of *Napanee*, Barrister, respectively soliciting the office of Law Clerk to the Legislative Council.

Petitions:—

From the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad Company.

The Honorable Mr. *M^cGill* presented a Petition from the *Champlain and St. Lawrence* Railroad Company, praying for an amendment to their Act of incorporation;

From Montreal, (James Ferrier and others.)

Also, a Petition from *James Ferrier* and others of *Montreal*, praying for an Act of incorporation, authorising them to construct a Railroad from *Montreal* to *Lachine*; and

And from the Montreal General Hospital, presented.

Also, a Petition from the *Montreal* General Hospital, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Return from the Agricultural Societies of Drummond, Three Rivers, and St. Francis, presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* laid before the House Statements of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Agricultural Societies for the County of *Drummond*, and for the Districts of *Three Rivers* and *St. Francis*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:

(For Statements, vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.)

Petitions:—

From Russell, (W. Laugh and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *M^cKay* presented a Petition from *William Laugh* and others, inhabitants of the County of *Russell*, praying for an amendment to the Charter of the University of *King's College*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the District of Montreal, (J. E. Mills and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *J. E. Mills* and others, inhabitants of the District of *Montreal*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company to construct a Railway between *Montreal* and *Boston* in the *United States*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Municipal Council of Three Rivers.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Dionne* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Town of *Three Rivers*, praying that the Common in the limits of the said Town may be put under the control of the said Municipal Council.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented a Petition from *Augustin Gauthier*, Junior, Inspector of Anatomy, of the City of *Quebec*, praying for a salary in lieu of fees;

From A. Gauthier of Quebec.

Also, a Petition from *T. A. Young*, Esquire, of *Quebec*, praying that a certain sum due to him as Auditor General of Public Accounts of the late Province of *Lower Canada*, may be paid;

From T. A. Young of Quebec.

Also, a Petition from *R. M^cGillis*, and others, Members of the *Quebec* Cullers Benevolent Society, praying that their Association may be incorporated;

From the Quebec Cullers Benevolent Society.

Also, a Petition from *R. M^cGillis* and others, Cullers of *Quebec*, praying that a certain portion of the surplus fees arising from the culling and measurement of Timber may be granted for a Mutual Relief Society, in which they are interested;

From Quebec, (R. M^cGillis and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Joseph Coté* and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine* de la *Baie-du-Febvre*, praying for the repeal of the Ordinances relating to Winter Vehicles:

From St. Antoine de la Baie, (J. Coté and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Moyse Dionne* and others, of *St. Antoine* de la *Baie-du-Febvre* and *Yamaska*, praying that the Common School Act may be amended; and

From St. Antoine de la Baie and Yamaska, (M. Dionne and others.)

Also, two Petitions from the Corporation of *Nicolet* severally, praying that the Act of the 8th Victoria, chap. 40, may be revised, and praying for the establishment of Courts of Justice on the south side of the River *St. Lawrence*.

Two Petitions from the Corporation of Nicolet.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *de Boucherville* presented a Petition from *A. Coté* and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *St. Giles* in the County of *Lotbinière*, praying for the removal of the Registry Office of the said County to *St. Antoine de Tilly*;

From St. Giles, (A. Coté and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Julien Demers* and others, inhabitants of the Parishes of *Ste. Croix* and *St. Flavien*, praying for the removal of the Registry Office from *Lotbinière* to *Ste. Croix*;

From Ste. Croix and St. Flavien, (J. Demers and others.)

Also, a Petition from *J. Bte. Miville Dechène* of *St. Henry*, praying to be indemnified for the loss of his Schooner when in the service of the Government in the year 1816;

From J. B. Dechène, of St. Henry.

Also,

From Lotbinière, (J. B. Potvin and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. B. Potvin* and others of the County of *Lotbinière*, praying for a grant of money to repair two Bridges in the Parish of *Ste. Croix*; and

From Ste. Croix, St. Antoine de Tilly, (R. S. Noël and others.)

Also, a Petition from *R. S. Noël* and others, inhabitant of the Parishes of *Ste. Croix*, *St. Antoine de Tilly* and *St. Flavien*, praying for the removal of the Registry Office from *Lotbinière* to *St. Antoine de Tilly*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Quebec and Point Levy, (H. N. Patton and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *H. N. Patton* and others, inhabitants of *Quebec* and *Point Levy*, praying that the controul and management of the Ferry from *Quebec* to *Point Levy* may be vested in the Corporation of *Quebec*;

From Point Levy, (C. Robertson and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Charles Robertson* and others, of *Point Levy*, praying for the repeal of the Ordinances relating to Winter Vehicles;

From Quebec, (J. Dunn and others.)

Also, a Petition from *James Dean* and others, Merchants of *Quebec*, praying to be incorporated under the name and style of the *Quebec Forwarding Company*; and

And from the Magdeleine Islands, (A. A. Belanger and others,) presented.

Also, a Petition from *A. A. Bélanger* and others, inhabitants of the *Magdeleine Islands* in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, praying that they may not be annexed to the Province of the *Island of Prince Edward*.

Last Petition read, and

Ordered, that the last mentioned Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the last mentioned Petition be referred to a Select Committee of Five Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Joliette*, *Moore*, *A. Dionne*, *Massue* and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Petitions for the Office of Law Clerk.

Ordered, that all the Petitions and Applications which have been laid before this House during the present Session, and by which the vacant Office of Law Clerk has been solicited, be referred to a Select Committee of Seven Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M. Gill*, *Bruneau*, *A. Dionne*, *J. Dionne*, *Massue*, *J. Morris*, and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Referred to a Select Committee.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *John Grubb* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *York*, praying for an Act to incorporate them for the purpose of constructing a Plank Road to commence at the termination of the *Weston* Plank Road, and continuing the same to the Port of *Toronto*.

Petitions.— From York, Township of, (J. Grubb and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *de Boucherville* presented a Petition from *William Adam* and others, Unitarians of *Toronto*, praying that the benefits of the Act enabling certain Societies of Christians to solemnize Marriage may be extended to them.

From Toronto, (W. Adam and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *L. Barbeau* and others, inhabitants of the County of *Huntingdon*, praying that a Turnpike Road may be made from the Village of *Laprairie* to the Province Line.

From Huntingdon, (L. Barbeau and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from the Trustees of the *Charleston Academy*, praying for pecuniary aid.

And from the Charleston Academy, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the motion of Tuesday last for authorizing the Clerk of this House to subscribe for the Newspapers published in this Province for the purpose of being laid on the Table of the Library for the use of the Members, reported a recommendation that the Clerk be authorized to order one copy of all the Newspapers published in this Province during the year, and two copies during the Session of the papers published in the City of *Montreal*.

Report of the Select Committee on the Motion to Subscribe for the Newspapers.

Ordered, that the said Report be adopted.

Report adopted

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris*, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, laid before the House a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Government relative to the expected changes in the British Corn Law.

Message from His Excellency with a Despatch, respecting the Corn Law, presented.

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The same was then read by the Clerk as follows:

(For Despatch, vide Appendix, No. 6.)

Ordered to be Printed.

Ordered, that the said Despatch be printed in both languages for the use of Members.

Petitions:—

From D. M'Dermid, of Glengarry.

The Honorable Mr. Fraser presented a Petition from Donald M'Dermid of Glengarry, praying that certain arrears of Pension may be granted to him; and

And from the Eastern District Council, presented— (2 Petitions.)

Also, two Petitions from the Eastern District Council, praying for a grant of money to construct a Road through the Township of Matilda to the River Nation in the Township of Mountain; and praying that no portion of the said Eastern District may be annexed to the District of Ottawa.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until To-morrow at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY.

Friday, 27th March, 1846.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

M^cGill,
Morris, W.
Fraser,
Joliette,
Hamilton,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knoulton,
M^cKay,

The Honorable Messieurs

Roy,
Moore,
Dionne, A.
Dionne, J.
Massue,
de Boucherville,
Morris, J.
Neilson,
Gordon.

PRAYERS.

The delivery of the Address of Thanks to His Excellency reported.

The Honorable Mr. W. Morris reported that he had, according to order, waited on His Excellency the Administrator of the Government with the Address of this House of Tuesday last, and that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same graciously.

Petitions:—

From J. P. Sexton, of Montreal, presented, and

The Honorable Mr. M^cGill presented a Petition from John P. Sexton of the City of Montreal, Advocate, praying that the Office of Law Clerk to the Legislative Council may be conferred upon him.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Ordered, that the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee to whom have been referred the various other Petitions and Applications for the Office of Law Clerk to this House.

Referred to Select Committee on Law Clerk's Appointment.

The Honorable Mr. M^cGill presented a Petition from the Reverend Job Deacon and others, Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Townships of Adolphustown and Fredericksburgh, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no further proceeded with; but that the portion belonging to the said Church may be invested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, for the use and benefit of the Church aforesaid.

Petitions:— From Adolphustown and Fredericksburgh, (Rev. J. Deacon and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Fraser presented a Petition from Alexander M^cLean and others, of the Town of Cornwall; and

From Cornwall, (A. M^cLean and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Board of Police of the said Town of Cornwall, severally praying for the amendment of the Act incorporating the Town aforesaid.

From Cornwall, (Board of Police of.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Bruneau presented a Petition from Joseph Girouard and others, inhabitants of the Township of Stanfold and places adjacent, praying for a grant of money for the purpose of opening the road from the said Township to the St. Francis at Grantham.

From Stanfold, (J. Girouard and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Ferrie presented a Petition from John H. Gass and others, inhabitants of the Township of Kilkenny, praying for the opening of a Road into the said Township.

From Kilkenny, (John H. Gass and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Knoulton presented a Petition from H. H. Whitney and others, Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in connexion with St. George's Chapel, Montreal, in the Diocese of Quebec, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church.

From St. George's Chapel, Montreal, (H. H. Whitney and others.)

Ordered,

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Petitions:—

From the Niagara District Council, (2 Petitions.)

The Honorable Mr. Hamilton presented two Petitions from the Niagara District Council, praying for the repeal of the 8th Victoria, chap. 26, and praying that the Macadamized road from Queenston to Grimsby may be continued through the Village of Jordan in the Township of Louth.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From St. Stanislas, (P. J. Trépanier and others.)

The Honorable Mr. Massue presented a Petition from Pierre J. Trépanier and others, of the Parish of St. Stanislas, praying for a pecuniary grant for the construction of a Road; and

Also, a Petition from A. Bochet and others, inhabitants of the County of Champlain, praying for the repeal of the Acts relating to Winter Vehicles.

From County of Champlain, (A. Bochet and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Parishes bordering on Chambly River, (G. Marchand and others.)

The Honorable Mr. de Boucherville presented a Petition from Gabriel Marchand and others, inhabitants of several Parishes bordering on the River Chambly, praying for compensation for damages incurred by the construction of the Chambly Canal.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Trafalgar, (W. Peacock and others.)

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from William Peacock and others, occupants of Clergy Reserves in the Township of Trafalgar, praying that the said Clergy Reserves may not be divided among the Religious Denominations, but that they may be sold under the provisions of the Imperial Act.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Ste. Anne de la Pocatière Municipal Council, and

The Honorable Mr. Joliette presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of Ste. Anne de la Pocatière, praying for the continuation of the Government Road between that Parish and the Township of Iaworth.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Victoria District Council presented, (Three Petitions.)

The Honorable Mr. W. Morris presented three Petitions from the Victoria District Council, praying for the Incorporation of the Wolfe Island Railroad Company;

Also, praying for a grant of money for the Madawaska Road; and

Also, praying for an amendment of the Municipal Council Act.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

It was moved, that the sixty-ninth Rule or Standing Order of this House be rescinded. 69th Standing Order rescinded.

The Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative.

It was then moved, that the hour of three o'clock P. M. be the standing hour of daily meeting, unless otherwise named by motion at the previous adjournment. Three o'clock the hour of Daily Meeting.

The Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. Joliette presented a Petition from A. A. Asselin, School Master of the Parish of St. François, in the County of Yamaska, praying for pecuniary aid. From A. A. Asselin, of St. Francis, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Pursuant to the fourth Standing Order the House was called: Call of the House.

THE HONORABLE MESSIEURS

- René E. Caron.....Present. Members present and absent thereat.
- Robert S. Jameson.....Excused by the Administrator of the Government.
- Peter B. DeBlaquière.....Excused by the Administrator of the Government.
- Peter M. Gill.....Present.
- Robert Baldwin Sullivan...Absent.
- William Morris.....Present.
- George Pemberton.....Absent in England.
- Alexander Fraser.....Present.
- Barthelemy Joliette.....Present.
- James Crooks.....Excused.
- Adam Fergusson.....Excused.
- John Macaulay.....Excused.
- John Hamilton.....Present.
- François P. Bruneau.....Present.
- John M. Donald.....Absent.
- Adam Ferrie.....Present.
- Paul H. Knoulton.....Present.
- Thomas M. Kay.....Present.
- Gabriel Roy.....Present.

Philip

Members present and absent thereat.

Philip H. Moore.....Present.
Robert Dickson.....Excused.
Amable Dionne.....Present.
Joseph Dionne.....Present.
George J. Goodhue.....Absent.
Levius P. Sherwood.....Absent.
J. Æmilius Irving.....Excused.
Christopher Widmer.....Absent.
Jean B. Taché.....Excused.
Louis Massue.....Present.
William Walker.....Excused.
Pierre B. de Boucherville...Present.
James Morris.....Present.
John Neilson.....Present.
James Gordon.....Present.

the North branch of the River *Nicolet*, thence through the Township of *Warwick*, and terminating at the front road of the Township of *Arthabaska*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne* presented a Petition from the Honorable *A. G. Couillard* and others, of the County of *l'Islet*, praying for the adoption of Legislature measures for the preservation of Wild Fowl frequenting the Shores and Marshes in that vicinity;

From *l'Islet*, (Hon. A. G. Couillard and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend Mr. *Durocher* and others, inhabitants of the borders of the River *Saguenay*, praying for the establishment of Courts of Justice in that part of the Country;

From *Saguenay*, (Rev. Mr. Durocher and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Corporation of the College of *Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*, praying for a pecuniary grant towards the said Institution;

From the *Ste. Thérèse de Blainville* College.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Baie St. Paul*, praying for a pecuniary grant to build a Bridge over *Rivière du Gouffre*;

From the *Baie St. Paul* Municipal Council.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *L. Bourret* and others, inhabitants of the County of *Saguenay*, praying for the adoption of some Legislative measure for the relief of Ship-wrecked Mariners on the Shores of the *St. Lawrence* within the limits of the said County;

From *Saguenay*, (Rev. L. Bourret and others.)

Also, a Petition from *James Alexander* and others, Navigators of the County of *Saguenay*, praying for the appointment of Branch Pilots for the *Saguenay* River;

From *Saguenay*, (J. Alexander and others.)

Also, a Petition from *David Gagnon* and others, inhabitants of the borders of the *Saguenay* River, praying for the opening of the surveyed Road from *St. Urbain* to the above place, and for other improvements;

From *Saguenay*, (D. Gagnon and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *Baie St. Paul*, praying for a pecuniary grant for the improvement of the Mail Road in that Parish; and

From the *Baie St. Paul* Municipal Council.

Also, a Petition from *Siméon Destroismaisons* and others, inhabitants of *St. Urbain* and neighbouring Parishes in the County of *Saguenay*, praying for a pecuniary grant to build a Bridge over *Rivière du Gouffre*.

From *St. Urbain*, &c., (S. Destroismaisons and others.)

Ordered,

Adjourn.

The Honorable the Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

MONDAY.

Monday, 30th March, 1846.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M. Gill,</i>	<i>M. Kay,</i>
<i>Morris, W.</i>	<i>Moore,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Dionne, A.</i>
<i>Joliette,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Gordon.</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	

PRAYERS.

Petitions:— The Honorable Mr. *Fraser* presented a Petition from *Richard E. Vidal* of *Port Sarnia*, praying that one of two roads passing through his property may be shut up; and

From *E. Vidal*, of *Port Sarnia*.

Also, a Petition from the *Simcoe* District Agricultural Society, praying for the establishment of a Provincial Agricultural Society, and that a Professorship of Agriculture may be established in the University of *King's* College.

From *Simcoe* District Agricultural Society.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from *P. J. Heroux* and others, Freeholders of the Township of *Warwick* and its vicinity, praying for a grant of money to open a road from the Parish of *St. Grégoire* along

From *Warwick*, (P. J. Heroux and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Diocese of Quebec, (Rev. R. G. Plees and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from the Reverend *R. G. Plees* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the Diocese of *Quebec*, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Upper Canada, (D. M'Dougall and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *D. M'Dougall* and others, freeholders and inhabitants of that part of the Province called *Upper Canada*;

From L. Bell and others.

Also, a Petition from *Lachlan Bell* and others, freeholders and inhabitants of that part of the aforesaid Province;

From T. M'Crane and others.

Also, a Petition from *Thomas M'Crane* and others, freeholders and inhabitants of the same part of the Province last above mentioned;

From W. Kingsmill and others.

Also, a Petition from *W. Kingsmill* and others, freeholders and inhabitants of that part of the Province last aforesaid, respectively praying for the passing of an Act to extend the period for completing the *Niagara* and *Detroit Rivers* Railroad;

From J. W. Dempsey of Toronto.

Also, a Petition from *J. W. Dempsey*, of *Toronto*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorise the Courts of Queen's Bench and Chancery respectively, to admit him to practice therein as an Attorney and Solicitor thereof;

From Cornwall, (Rev. H. Patton and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Henry Patton* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Parish of *Cornwall*;

From Sandwich, (Rev. W. Ritchie and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *William Ritchie* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* at *Sandwich*, respectively praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no further proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the said Church may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto* for the use and benefit of the said Church; and

From the Talbot District Council, and

Also, a Petition from the *Talbot District Council*, praying for the passing of an Act to

extend the period for completing the *Niagara* and *Detroit Rivers* Railroad.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from the Corporation of *Toronto*, praying that all duplicate copies of Works in the Libraries of the two branches of the Legislature may be granted to a Public Library and Museum established in *Toronto* aforesaid.

From the Toronto Corporation.

Ordered, that the said Petition be now read.

Last Petition read, and

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Ordered, that the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee on the Library of this House.

Referred to Library Committee.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *Charles Campbell* and others, inhabitants of the Seigneurie of *Métis*, *Pachot* and *Matane*, praying for the opening of a Road from the Seigneurie of *Métis* to that of *Matane*;

Petitions:— From the Seigneurie of Métis, Pachot, and Matane, (C. Campbell and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *R. R. Burrage*, praying that he may be indemnified on account of losses sustained by him from having purchased certain buildings for a Public Grammar School;

From the Rev. R. R. Burrage.

Also, a Petition from the *Quebec Infant School*, praying for pecuniary aid; and

From the Quebec Infant School.

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Steel* and others, inhabitants of *Shipton*, *Melbourne*, *Kingsey* and *Durham*, praying that public aid may be afforded to the *Quebec* and *Melbourne* Railroad Company.

From Shipton Melbourne, &c. (T. Steel and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *M. Mason* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, forming the Congregation of *St. James Church* in *Kingston*, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no further proceeded with; but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

From St. James' Church Kingston, (M. Mason and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The

From Quebec, (Charles St. Infant School.) The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from the St. Charles Street Infant School in Quebec, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Gore of Gloucester. The Honorable Mr. McKay presented a Petition from the inhabitants of the Gore of the Township of Gloucester, praying that the said Gore may be surveyed.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Missisquoi, (J. J. Higgins and others.) The Honorable Mr. Moore presented a Petition from Joseph J. Higgins and others, inhabitants of the County of Missisquoi, praying that a duty may be imposed upon Axes when imported into this Province from the United States of America; and

And from Port Hope, presented, (Rev. J. Shortt and others.) Also a Petition from the Reverend Jonathan Shortt and others, Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in Port Hope, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no further proceeded with; but that the proportion belonging to the said Church may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourn. The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

TUESDAY.

Tuesday, 31st March, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs-	The Honorable Messieurs
M ^c Gill,	Roy,
Morris, W.	Moore,
Fraser,	Dionne, A.
Joliette,	Dionne, J.
Hamilton,	Massue,
Bruneau,	de Boucherville,
Ferrie,	Morris, J.
Knoulton,	Neilson,
M ^c Kay,	Gordon.

PRAYERS.

Return from British American Fire and Life Assurance Company; also The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House the Annual Return from the British America Fire and Life Assurance Company.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter U.)

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House Returns from the Bathurst District Agricultural Society, and from the County of Two Mountains Agricultural Society. Returns from Bathurst and Two Mountains Agricultural Societies; and also, a

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow :

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.)

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Return from the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company. Return from St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(For Return, vide Appendix No. 7.)

The Honorable Mr. Bruneau presented a Petitions:— Petition from the Trustees of the Longueuil and Chambly Turnpike Road, praying for an exclusive privilege of plying Steam Ferry Boats over the River St. Lawrence and for an amendment of the Provincial Ordinance 4th Victoria, cap. 16, and of the Provincial Statute 8th Victoria, cap. 17. From Longueuil and Chambly Turnpike Road.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Hamilton presented a Petition from Samuel de Veaux and others, praying for an Act of Incorporation to erect a Suspension Bridge across the Niagara River; and From Samuel de Veaux and others.

Also, a Petition from Henry Rutan and others, inhabitants of the Township of Hamilton in the District of Newcastle, praying to be incorporated under the name and style of the Cobourg and Rice Lake Plank Road and Ferry Company. From Township of Hamilton, (H. Rutan and others,) and

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. McKay presented a Petition from John Egan and others, inhabitants of the County of Ottawa, praying that the said County may be declared a separate District. From the County of Ottawa, (J. Egan and others.)

Ordered, that the said Petition be now read. Last Petition read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Petitions:—
From J. L. Héon, of Somerset. The Honorable Mr. Joliette presented a Petition from Joseph Louis Héon of the Township of Somerset, praying for indemnity on account of loss sustained by him from the construction of the Arthabaska Road.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Cobourg, (H. Ruttan and others.) The Honorable Mr. Moore presented a Petition from H. Ruttan and others, inhabitants of Cobourg, praying to be incorporated for the purpose of constructing a Railroad from Cobourg to Kingston.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Quebec, (G. O'Kill Stuart and others.) The Honorable Mr. Massue presented a Petition from George O'Kill Stuart and others, Landed Proprietors of the District of Quebec, praying for an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Railroad; under the name of the Quebec and Melbourne Railroad.

From the Quebec Corporation. Also, a Petition from the Quebec Corporation, praying for the repeal of the Act incorporating the Quebec Gas Light and Water Company;

From St. Antoine de Tilly, (R. S. Noël and others.) Also, a Petition from R. S. Noël and others, inhabitants of the Parish of St. Antoine de Tilly, praying for the repeal of the Ordinances respecting Winter Vehicles; and

From the Quebec Relief Committee. Also, a Petition from the Lord Bishop of Montreal and others, Members of the Quebec Relief Committee, praying for an Act to enforce the By-laws of the Quebec Corporation respecting the construction of buildings in the said City.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Hull and Eardley, (J. Blackburn and others) and The Honorable Mr. McKay presented a Petition from James Blackburn and others, inhabitants of the Townships of Hull and Eardley in the County of Ottawa, praying for the construction of a Plank Road from the Union Suspension Bridge to Aylmer.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Rev. H. Hudon, of Montreal, presented. The Honorable Mr. McGill presented a Petition from the Reverend H. Hudon, of Montreal, praying that certain Religious Ladies may be incorporated under the name of "Les Religieuses de Notre Dame de Charite du Bon Pasteur," and that the rights vested

in a certain institution by the 3d William 4th cap. 35 may be assigned to them.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. W. Morris acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, under His Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House. Message from His Excellency, giving leave of absence to the Hon. L. P. Sherwood.

And the same was read as follows:

CATHCART.

The Administrator of the Government informs the Legislative Council that he has granted permission to the Honorable L. P. Sherwood to be absent from his place in the House during the present Session.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 30th March, 1846.

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from George O'Kill Stuart and others, inhabitants of Quebec, praying that a New Gaol may be erected therein. Petitions:— From Quebec, (G. O'Kill Stuart and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. J. Dionne presented a Petition from the Committee of Management of the Christian School of the Town of Three Rivers, praying for a grant of money for the support of that Institution. From Three Rivers, (Christian School.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from the Reverend P. Roy and others, of the County of Quebec, praying for the privilege of constructing a free Bridge over the River St. Charles; From Quebec, (Rev. F. Roy.)

Also, a Petition from J. Bte. Trudelle and others, of the County of Quebec, praying for the repeal of the Acts and Ordinances relating to Winter Vehicles as regards the District of Quebec; From Quebec, (J. B. Trudelle and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend George L. Lemoine, and others, of the County of Quebec, praying that Legislative measures may be adopted to secure to the public the Dorchester Bridge over the River St. Charles; From Quebec, (Rev. George L. Le Moine and others.)

Also, a Petition from Dominique Lefrançois and others, of the Parish of St. Ambroise de la Jeune Lorette, praying for the repeal of From St. Ambroise de la Jeune Lorette, (D. Lefrançois and others.)

the Ordinances respecting Winter Vehicles; and

From Thomas Atkins, of Quebec.

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Atkins*, Inspector of Weights and Measures, of the District of *Quebec*, praying that a better system may be adopted for regulating the Standard of Weights and Measures throughout the Province;

From Ascot Municipal Council.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Municipality of *Ascot*, praying for the amendment of the Municipal Council Act;

From I. Rice, of Ham.

Also, a Petition from *Israel Rice*, of the Township of *Ham*, in the District of *St. Francis*, praying to be indemnified for certain services;

From Eaton Municipal Council.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Municipality of *Eaton*, in the County of *Sherbrooke*, praying for the amendment of the Municipal Council Act; and

From West-bury, Bury, Eaton, &c. (John Moore and others.)

Also, a Petition from *John Moore* and others, inhabitants of the Townships of *West-bury, Bury, Eaton, Newport, Clifton, and Hereford*, praying that a Road may be constructed from the Province Line in *Hereford* to meet the British American Land Company's Road from *Sherbrooke* to *Dunswell*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Woodstock, Port Burwell, &c. (A. W. Light and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* presented a Petition from *A. W. Light* and others, inhabitants of *Woodstock, Port Burwell, Port Rowan*, and other parts of the Districts of *Brock* and *London*, praying to be incorporated under the name and style of the "*Woodstock, Port Burwell and Port Rowan Joint Stock Railroad and Lumber Company*."

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From M. Heavener, of Napierville.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *Margaret Heavener*, widow of *John Heavener* of the Village of *Napierville*, praying for pecuniary relief in consequence of her late husband having been killed while serving as a volunteer in 1838;

From Toronto, (the Bishop of, and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Honorable and Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Toronto* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland* in the City of *Toronto*; and

From Orillia Médonte, &c., (Rev. J.

tyre and others, Members of the United

Church of *England and Ireland*, in the Townships of *Orillia, Médonte*, and part of *Oro* in the District of *Simcoe*, severally praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no further proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of *England and Ireland* may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of that Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Fraser* presented a Petition from *A. G. Laurie* and others, Members of the Christian Universalist Association at *Belleville* in the *Victoria* District, praying that the same rights and privileges as are now enjoyed by other Religious Denominations may be conferred upon them.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson*, from the Select Committee to whom were referred the Petitions and Application laid before this House during the present Session, and by which the vacant Office of Law Clerk has been solicited, reported that after having carefully examined the certificates and other testimonials of qualification produced by the several candidates for that office, and having also called before them those of the candidates whom they deemed most qualified for the situation, they are unanimously of opinion to recommend *Edward Lewis Montizambert*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate, to fill the situation of Law Clerk, vacant by the demise of the late *Robert Armour*, Esquire, with the understanding that he shall likewise act as English Translator and Clerk of Committees, which several offices were held by Mr. *Armour*.

Ordered, that the Report be received. And

The same was then read by the Clerk.

It was moved,

That the said Report be adopted.

In amendment it was moved,

To strike out in the said Report the words *Edward Lewis Montizambert*, and to insert in lieu thereof *Edmund Allan Meredith*.

Which being objected to,

After debate,

The

M'Intyre and others,) and

From Belleville, presented (A. G. Laurie and others.)

Report of the Select Committee on the appointment of a Law Clerk.

Motion to adopt the same.

Motion in amendment thereto.

The Question of Concurrence was put on the said amendment.

Negatived by the Speaker's Casting Vote.

And the House being equally divided, the Honorable the Speaker gave his casting vote against the amendment, and the same was resolved in the negative.

Question put on Main Motion.

The Question being then put upon the main motion,

Carried in the affirmative by the Speaker's Casting Vote.

And the House being again equally divided, the Honorable the Speaker gave his casting vote in the affirmative, and

The Report was thereupon adopted and ordered accordingly.

Petitions:— From Montreal, (the Chief Justice of, and others.)

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from the Chief Justice of the District of Montreal, and others, the Justices of Her Majesty's Courts of Queen's Bench in Lower Canada, praying that provision may be made for the payment of the Travelling expenses of the Judges of Lower Canada.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Directors of the Shefford Academy, and

The Honorable Mr. Knoulton presented a Petition from S. S. Foster and others, Directors of the Shefford Academy, praying for pecuniary aid in behalf of the same; and

From Sir J. Stuart and another, of Quebec, presented.

Also, a Petition from Sir James Stuart, Baronet, and another, of the City of Quebec, praying for Legislative enactment to facilitate and effect the partition of certain Lands in the Township of Bolton.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

WEDNESDAY.

Wednesday, 1st April, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

M^r. Gill,
Morris, W.
Fraser,
Joliette,
Hamilton,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knoulton,
M^r. Kay,

The Honorable Messieurs

Roy,
Dionne, A.
Dionne, J.
Massue,
de Boucherville,
Morris, J.
Neilson,
Gordon.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Taché came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by John F. Taylor, Senior, Esquire, one of the Commissioner, appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

Hon. J. B. Taché sworn, and takes his seat.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Statement of the affairs of the Sherbrooke Cotton Factory.

Statements of the affairs of the Sherbrooke Cotton Factory, and

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter I.)

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Statement of the Canada Baptist Missionary Society.

Of the Canada Baptist Missionary Society presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(For Statement vide Appendix No. 8.)

The Honorable Mr. W. Morris, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the House the Assessment Returns of Upper Canada for the year 1845; and

Assessment Returns of U. C. and Penitentiary Accounts, presented.

Also, a Statement of the Accounts and Affairs of the Provincial Penitentiary for the year of 1845.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow :

(For Assessment Returns, vide Sessional Papers, Letter H.)

(For Penitentiary Accounts, vide Sessional Papers, Letter G.)

The Honorable Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from William Jones and others, Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Diocese of Quebec, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church.

Petitions:— From the Diocese of Quebec, (W. Jones and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The

From the Montreal Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from the Ladies of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of *Montreal*, praying for a grant of money.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Montreal, (T. Molson and others,) and

The Honorable Mr. *McGill* presented a Petition from *Thomas Molson* and others, of the City of *Montreal*, praying that they may be incorporated for the purpose of supplying the said City with Gas; and

From J. Macara, of Toronto, presented.

Also, a Petition from *John Macara* of *Toronto*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorise the Courts of Queen's Bench and Chancery to admit him to practice as an Attorney and Solicitor respectively.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Ste. Geneviève and St. Raphaël, (T. Meloche and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *Toussaint Meloche* and others, inhabitants of the Parishes of *Ste. Geneviève* and *St. Raphaël*, praying that the Road leading from *l'Abord à Plouffe* to the Village of *Ste. Geneviève* may be placed under the control of the Trustees of Turnpike Roads;

From the Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum.

Also, a Petition from the *Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum*, praying for pecuniary aid;

From Montreal, (P. Cadieux and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Pierre Cadieux* and others, inhabitants of the City and District of *Montreal*, praying to be incorporated as Bankers; and

From the Montreal St. Patrick Society, (F. Hincks and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Francis Hincks* and others, Members of the *St. Patrick's Society* of *Montreal*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said Society.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Chambly, (M. Borne and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *de Boucherville* presented a Petition from *Michel Borne* and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *Chambly*, praying for an Act to compel Proprietors in *Lower Canada* to keep in repair at their own expense in Winter, Roads of eight feet in width; and

From Longue Pointe, (J. Dillon and others.)

Also, a Petition from *John Dillon* and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *Longue Pointe* and its vicinity, praying that the present Trustees of the *Montreal Turnpike Roads* may be removed from their Office.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Samuel Hitchcock* and others, inhabitants of the Village of *Port Sarnia*, praying that the Petition of *R. E. Vidal*, requesting to be allowed to close one of the two Roads which intersect his property in the said Village may not be entertained.

From Port Sarnia, (S. Hitchcock and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from the Honorable *Henry Black* and others, inhabitants of the City of *Quebec*, and of the Parishes of *Quebec*, *St. Ambroise*, *Fossambault* and *Valcartier*, praying that the Road called *l'Ornière* leading from the Church of *St. Ambroise* to the Toll Gate on the Road to *Quebec*, may be Macadamized by the Trustees of the *Quebec Turnpike Roads*;

From Quebec, (Hon. H. Black and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Diocese of *Quebec*, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese, such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church;

From Montreal, (Bishop of, and others.)

Also, a Petition from *J. O'Kill Stuart* and others, inhabitants of *Quebec*, praying that Public Aid may be given to the projected Railway from the Province of *New Brunswick* to the western limits of *Upper Canada*;

From Quebec, (J. O'Kill Stuart and others.)

Also, a Petition from *J. C. Fisher, L. L. D.*, President of the *St. George's Society* in *Quebec*, praying for the passing of an Act incorporating the said Society;

From the St. George's Society, Quebec.

Also, a Petition from the Seminary of *St. Hyacinthe*, praying for a grant of money; and

From the Seminary of St. Hyacinthe, and

Also, two Petitions from the Mayor of the Municipality of *Ste. Foye* and others, complaining of the erection of an additional Toll-Gate and Toll House on the *Carouge Road*, praying for their removal; and praying that the remainder of the *Ste. Foye Road*, and the *Route de l'Eglise* be Macadamized at the public expense.

From Ste. Foye Municipality, presented, (two Petitions.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *de Boucherville*, from the Select Committee to whom were referred the Resolutions presented to this House on the Report of Select Committee on Resolutions to secure the independence of the Council.

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Report of Select Committee on Resolutions to secure the independence of the Council.

twenty-fourth day of March last, respecting the propriety of making certain Rules or Standing Orders of the House to secure its independence, reported that they have attentively considered the said Resolutions which have been suggested, on a Statement submitted to the Committee of numerous Bills having been brought up from the Legislative Assemblies, at different periods, towards the close of the Sessions, and, more particularly, of thirty-six Bills brought up from the Assembly on the three last days of the Session, which opened on the 28th November, 1844, and closed on the 29th March 1845; of which Bills thirteen were passed on the days they were brought up, and nineteen on the day following, all in contravention of the 46th Rule of this House, which provides "that no Bill shall be read twice on the same day." On these occasions as on several others, the operation of the Rule was suspended by vote of the House, probably with the laudable desire of expediting the business of the Session, which notwithstanding it had lasted four months, had been delayed, (particularly as regarded various Bills, which can only originate in the Assembly,) to this late period, and when the close of the Session was already announced. Your Honorable House was thus in some measure forced to exercise its Legislative power, inconsistently with its established Rules, and in a manner derogatory to its dignity, and the proper discharge of its duty to the Sovereign and the Country. The remedy against the recurrence of similar abuses would be found in a strict and consistent adherence to the Rules which the House has established for its Government; Rules which are founded on the Parliamentary experience of the Mother Country, and which can never be deviated from, without endangering the enactment of Laws incapable of advantageous execution; subsequently incumbering the Statute Book with amendments, rendering the Law difficult to be understood by those who are to obey it; and it may be, the passing of Acts contrary to justice, and intended more for the advantage of interested parties than for the good of the subject generally. The Committee suggest that the utmost discretion should henceforth be used in suspending any Rule of the House, and that the 46th Rule before mentioned, and all other Rules relating to proceedings on Bills, should be rigorously adhered to, and that all Bills affecting only the localities therein mentioned, be understood to come within the description of Private Bills, which,

by the fifty-eighth Rule of this House, cannot be received from the Legislative Assembly after the fortieth day of the Session.

Ordered, that the said Report be received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, that the said Report do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon presented a Petition:—
Petition from *W. B. Jarvis*, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of *Toronto*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorise the formation and establishment of Building Societies in *Toronto* and throughout the Province.

From Toronto, presented, (W. B. Jarvis and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Report of the Agricultural Society of the County of *Russell* for the year 1845.

Report of the Agricultural Society of Russell, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.*)

The Honorable Mr. Knoulton presented to the House a Bill intituled, "An Act to facilitate the partition of Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in certain cases in *Lower Canada.*"

Lands Partition Bill, (L. C.) presented.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second Reading to-morrow.

The Speaker declared this House continued Adjourn until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

Thursday, 2nd April, 1846.

THURSDAY.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

M. Gill,

Moore,

Morris, W.

Dionne, A.

Fraser,

Dionne, J.

Joliette,

Taché,

Hamilton,

Massue,

Bruneau,

de Boucherville,

Ferrie,

Morris, J.

Knoulton,

Neilson,

M. Kay,

Gordon.

PRAYERS.

PRAYERS.

Petitions:—

From Montreal, (Ladies Benevolent Society.)

The Honorable Mr. *M^cGill* presented a Petition from the Ladies Benevolent Society, *Montreal*, praying for pecuniary aid ;

From Hamilton, (I. Buchanan and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Isaac Buchanan* and others, inhabitants of *Hamilton*, praying to be incorporated as the *Hamilton and Toronto Railroad Company* ;

From the St. Mathieu de Belœil Municipal Council.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *St. Mathieu de Belœil*, praying for an enactment requiring Winter Roads to be kept in repair to a width of eight feet, and that Inspectors of Water Courses may be appointed by the Municipal Councils ;

From the Parish of St. John the Evangelist.

Also, a Petition from the Curate and Church Wardens and School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. John the Evangelist*, praying that the sum of £195 16s. 4d, being the proportion of the grants for Educational purposes in 1842 and 1843 remaining due to and unclaimed by the said Parish, be granted to three of the Trustees of a Public Female School there ;

From the Verchères Agricultural Society.

Also, a Petition from the Agricultural Society of the County of *Verchères*, praying that Animals of an improved kind may be exempted from the duty imposed on Live Stock when imported into this Province ;

From the Diocese of Quebec, (Rev. W. King and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *W. King* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland* in the Diocese of *Quebec* ; and

From the Diocese of Quebec, (Rev. C. B. Fleming and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *C. B. Fleming* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland* in the Diocese of *Quebec*, severally praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese, such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Hochelaga Municipal Council.

The Honorable Mr. *Joliette* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Hochelaga*, praying for the amendment of the Municipal Council Act.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From A. Bouchette.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from *Adelaide Bouchette*, widow of

the late *Joseph Bouchette*, Esquire, praying that the sum of £1000 due by the Government of the late Province of *Lower Canada*, may be granted to her.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from the *Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Company*, praying for the amendment of their Charter ;

From the Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Company.

Also, a Petition from the Honorable *Peter M^cGill* and others, of *Montreal*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate them for the purpose of working mines of Copper and other Ores which are known to exist on the Shores of *Lake Superior*.

From Montreal, (Hon. P. M^cGill and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *William Hannah* and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *Lachine*, praying that they may be exempted from the payment of Toll.

From Lachine, (W. Hannah and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne* presented a Petition from *François Nadeau*, praying for aid to enable him to bring into notice his invention of a Field Battery :

From F. Nadeau.

Also, a Petition from the Council of the Parish of *Kamouraska*, praying for a grant of £5,000 to open a Road from the Seigniori of *Kamouraska* to *Fish River* on the River *St. John* ;

From the Kamouraska Council, (two Petitions) and

Also, a Petition from the Council of the Parish of *Kamouraska*, praying for the establishment of a Sedentary Court of Justice there ; and

Also, a Petition from *Joseph Hamel* and others, Citizens of *Quebec*, and sufferers by the late fires therein, praying for relief by the issue of redeemable paper money to the amount of £100,000 currency.

From Quebec, presented, (J. Hamel and others.)

Ordered, that the last mentioned Petition be now read. Last Petition read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

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Petitions:— The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the *Wellington* District Municipal Council praying for the establishment of Township Councils.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Hamilton, (Sir A. N. McNab and others.) The Honorable Mr. *James Morris* presented a Petition from Sir *Allan N. McNab* and others, inhabitants of the Town of *Hamilton*, praying for the amendment of the Act incorporating the said Town.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Presbyterian Church. The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in *Canada*, in connexion with the Church of *Scotland*, praying that the Charter of *King's College, Toronto*, may be amended.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Quebec, (C. Cazeau and others.) The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Charles Cazeau* and others, praying for the repeal of the 24th section of the 8th Victoria, cap. 49;

From Beaupré, (Rev. A. Parant and others.) Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Antoine Parant* and others, of *Beaupré*, praying that the Bridge over the *Montmorency* River, together with the Road from thence to the *Rivière aux Chiens* may be placed under the control of the Trustees of the *Quebec* Turnpike Roads; and

From the St. Paschal Municipal Council. Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Saint Paschal*, praying that wholesale Traders may be relieved from the necessity of taking out Licenses under 8 Victoria cap. 40.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Quebec Corporation, (two Petitions.) The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented two Petitions from the Corporation of *Quebec*, praying for an Act to authorize them to borrow a sum of money required to light the City with Gas, and to supply the same with Water;

Also, praying for the extension of the limits of the said City, and that the property of a certain Beach lot may be secured to them; and

From Quebec, (J. Blais and others.) Also, a Petition from *Jacques Blais* and others, Batteau-men of *Quebec*, praying that no heavy tax may be imposed upon them, as proposed in the Bill of last Session respecting the *Quebec* Trinity House.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *de Boucherville* presented a Petition from the Agricultural Society of the County of *Chambly*, praying for amendments to the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture.

From the Chambly Agricultural Society.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from the President, Directors and Company of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland* District, praying for certain amendments to their Charter.

From the Commercial Bank.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from *John Felton* of *Sherbrooke, Canada East*, late Agent of Crown Lands in the Districts of *Sherbrooke, Nicolet* and *Misisquoi*, praying for compensation for the loss of such Agency;

From J. Felton, of Sherbrooke.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Samuel S. Wood* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the Town of *Three Rivers* and Diocese of *Quebec*, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves, as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church;

From the Three Rivers, (Rev. S. S. Wood and others.)

Also, a Petition from *J. Austin, Junior*, and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Bolton*, praying against the passing of any Act to partition the said Township; and

From Bolton, (J. Austin, Jr. and others.)

Also, a Petition from *J. M. Quinby* and others, inhabitants of the North East Quarter of the Township of *Stanstead*, praying for a reduction of the price of Clergy Reserve Lands; or that they may be relieved from the back rent and interest due thereon.

From Stanstead, (J. M. Quinby and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented two Petitions from *John Felton* and others, inhabitants of the District of *St. Francis*, praying for aid to complete a Road from the Town of *Sherbrooke* to the Township of *Stanstead*, and praying for aid to repair the Bridge across the *St. Francis* River in the Town of *Sherbrooke*;

From St. Francis, (J. Felton and others.) (two Petitions.)

Also, a Petition from the President, Directors and Company of the *Bronté Harbour*, praying for the renewal of their Charter;

From the Bronté Harbour Company.

Also,

From the
Quebec Female
Orphan
Asylum.

Also, a Petition from the Committee of Ladies of the Female Orphan Asylum at Quebec, praying for pecuniary aid in support thereof;

From the
Quebec Male
Orphan
Asylum; and

Also, a Petition from the Ladies, Managers of the Male Orphan Asylum at Quebec, in connexion with the Church of England, praying for pecuniary aid in support of the same; and

From Quebec,
presented, (St.
Andrew's
Church of.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend John Cook and others, of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec, praying for pecuniary aid in support of the School in connexion therewith.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Return from
Missisquoi
Agricultural
Society, pre-
sented.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Return from the Agricultural Society of the County of Missisquoi for the year 1845.

The same was then laid on the Table, and it is as follows:

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.)

Petitions:—

From Hamil-
ton, (W.
M'Dougal and
others.)

The Honorable Mr. Hamilton presented a Petition from W. M'Dougal and others, inhabitants of the Township of Hamilton in the Newcastle District, praying that the sixth section of the Act 4th and 5th Victoria, cap. 10 may be amended; and

From the
Newcastle Dis-
trict, (H. Rut-
tan and others)

Also, a Petition from H. Ruttan and others, inhabitants of the Newcastle District, praying that the project of a continuous line of Railroad from Montreal westward may be sanctioned.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Jones' Trustee
Bill, presented.

The Honorable Mr. J. Morris presented to the House a Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the Devises and Trustees of the Will of the late Honorable Charles Jones, to convey a Town Lot therein mentioned to the President and Board of Police of Brockville for the uses and purposes therein mentioned."

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second Read-
ing on Monday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Message from
Assembly for
Hon. T. M'Kay
to attend a
Select Com-
mittee.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Stewart and others, as follows:

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Wednesday, 1st April, 1846.

Message from
Assembly for
Hon. T. M'Kay
to attend a
Select Com-
mittee.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, praying their Honors will permit the Honorable Thomas M'Kay, one of their Members, to attend the Select Committee of this House to which is referred the Petition of Hamnett Pinhey, Esquire, Warden of the Municipal District of Dalhousie, on Friday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference.

Ordered, that Mr. Stewart of Bytown do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk Ass'y.

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in and informed, that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

It was moved, that the Honorable Mr. M'Kay may have leave to go to the Committee of the Legislative Assembly as desired by that House in their Message of this day, if he thinks fit.

And the Honorable Mr. M'Kay being present in his place, acquainted the House "that he was willing with the leave of the House to go to the said Committee."

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. M'Kay have leave to go to the said Committee if he thinks fit.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council do give leave to the Honorable Mr. M'Kay to attend the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, to which is referred the Petition of Hamnett Pinhey, Esquire, Warden of the Municipal District of Dalhousie, on Friday next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference, if he thinks fit.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Chauveau and others, as follows:

Message from
the Assembly
for the Hon-
Messrs. Neil

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son and Massue, to attend a Select Committee.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Wednesday, 1st April, 1846.

Resolved, that a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, praying their Honors will permit the Honorables John Neilson and Louis Massue, two of their Members, to attend the Select Committee of this House to which is referred the Petition of Jean Baptiste Pagé and others, inhabitants of the Parish of Ancienne Lorette, and other references, on Monday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said references.

Ordered, that Mr. Chauveau do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,
W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk Ass'y.

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in and informed that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

It was moved, that the Honorable Messieurs Massue and Neilson may have leave to go to the Committee of the Legislative Assembly, as desired by that House in their Message of this day, if they think fit.

And the Honorable Messieurs Massue and Neilson being present in their places, acquainted the House "that they were willing "with the leave of the House to go to the "said Committee."

Leave granted. Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs Massue and Neilson have leave to go to the said Committee, if they think fit.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council do give leave to the Honorable Messieurs Massue and Neilson to attend the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, to which is referred the Petition of Jean Baptiste Pagé and others, inhabitants of the Parish of Ancienne Lorette, and other references, on Monday next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said references, if they think fit.

Lower Canada Lands Partition Bill, read second time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to facilitate the partition of Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in certain cases in Lower Canada," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs M'Gill, Bruneau, Knoulton, J. Morris and Neilson to meet and adjourn as they please.

Ordered, that the Petition from Sir James Stuart, Baronet, and another; and Petitions:— From Sir J. Stuart and another; and from J. Austin and others, referred to last mentioned Committee.

Also, the Petition from J. Austin and others, presented to this House during the present Session on the subject of the last mentioned Bill, be also referred to the Select Committee just appointed.

The Honorable Mr. A. Dionne presented a Petition from James Wallace, late Keeper of the Light House at Pointe des Monts, praying for a Pension. Petition:— From J. Wallace, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Ordered, that the Report of the Select Committee to whom were referred the Resolutions presented to this House on the twenty-fourth day of March last, respecting the propriety of making certain Rules or Standing Orders of the House, to secure its independence, be referred back to the same Select Committee to whom it was formerly referred. Report on Legislative Council's Independence Bill referred back to Select Committee.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing. Adjourn.

Friday, 3rd April, 1846.

FRIDAY.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker.

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| The Honorable Messieurs | The Honorable Messieurs |
| M'Gill, | Dionne, A. |
| Morris, W. | Dionne, J. |
| Joliette, | Taché, |
| Hamilton, | Massue, |
| Bruneau, | de Boucherville, |
| Ferrie, | Morris, J. |
| Knoulton, | Neilson, |
| M'Kay, | Gordon. |
| Roy, | |

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Return from the Agricultural Society for the County of Berthier; Return from Berthier, Prescott and Johnstown Agricultural

Also,

tural Societies,
presented.

Also, a Return from the Agricultural Society of the County of *Prescott*; and

Also, a Return from the *Yonge and Elizabethtown* branch of the *Johnstown* District Agricultural Society.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.*)

Petitions:—

From Drummond, (W. Robins and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from *William Robins* and others, inhabitants of the County of *Drummond*, praying for a grant of Money for the purpose of making a Road between *Stanford* and *Grantham*, and for constructing a Bridge over the River *St. Francis*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Cobourg Board of Police.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the President and Board of Police of the Town of *Cobourg*, praying for the amendment of their Act of incorporation;

From West Flamborough (W. Leslie and others.)

Also, a Petition from *William Leslie* and others, inhabitants of *West Flamborough*, praying that the Lands called Clergy Reserves may be sold, and the proceeds applied to the purposes of general Education;

From West Flamborough, (B. Overfield and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Benjamin Overfield* and others, inhabitants of *West Flamborough*;

From Seneca and Oneida, (R. M'Kinnon and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Ronald M'Kinnon* and others, inhabitants of the Townships of *Seneca* and *Oneida*; and

From Dumfries, (R. Christie and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Robert Christie* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Dumfries*, severally praying that the endowment of the University of *King's College, Toronto*, may not be divided amongst various denomination of Christians, but that the Charter may be altered and modified.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Diocese of Quebec, (T. Molson and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *Thomas Molson* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland* in the Diocese of *Quebec*;

From the Diocese of Quebec, (Rev. W. Chaderton and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *W. Chaderton* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland* attending *St. Peter's Chapel* in the City and Diocese of *Quebec*, respectively praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church

Society of the said Diocese such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves, as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Frederick Fanquier* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland* in the Township of *Zorra* and District of *Brock*, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no further proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of *England and Ireland* may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church; and

From Zorra, (Rev. F. Fanquier.)

Also, a Petition from the Bank of *Upper Canada*, praying that the Act imposing a duty of one per cent upon the circulation of the Chartered Banks may be repealed.

From the Bank of Upper Canada.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from *Josiah Classon*, praying for compensation for losses sustained by him as a Contractor during the late War with the *United States of America*;

From J. Classon, of Montreal.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Andrew Balfour*, praying for pecuniary aid in support of a Grammar School in the Village of *Waterloo* and County of *Shefford*;

From the Rev. A. Balfour.

Also, a Petition from *W. B. Simpson* and others, inhabitants of the Parishes of *St. Polycarpe* and *St. Ignace* in the County of *Vaudreuil*, praying for the amendment of the Municipal and School Acts; and

From St. Polycarpe and St. Ignace, (W. B. Simpson and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *William Bond* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland* in the Diocese of *Quebec*, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese, such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church.

From the Diocese of Quebec, (Rev. W. Bond and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *M'Gill* presented a Petition from *John Scriver* and others, of *Hemmingford*, praying that pecuniary relief may be afforded to *Mary Allen* of *Sherrington*, widow of *James Allen* who was killed at the Battle of *Odelltown* in November, 1838;

From Hemmingford, (J. Scriver and others.)

Also,

From the Grenville Municipal Council, and

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Grenville*, praying for the erection of a Bridge over the *River Rouge* in the said Township; and

From the Nuns of the Montreal General Hospital, presented.

Also, a Petition from the Nuns of the *Montreal General Hospital*, praying for additional powers in respect of the sale and purchase of Real Property.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Returns of Foundlings in Montreal General Hospital, and in the District of Quebec, presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented a Return of Foundlings in charge of the Nuns of the *Montreal General Hospital*, from 1st July 1844, to 1st January 1846; and

Also, a Return of Insane and Invalid persons and Foundlings in the District of *Quebec*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow :

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

Petitions:— From the Quebec Corporation.

The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented a Petition from the Corporation of *Quebec*, praying for an amendment of their Act of Incorporation.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Dorchester Municipal Council, and

The Honorable Mr. *de Boucherville* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of *St. John, (Dorchester)* praying for the repeal of the Statute of *Lower Canada*, 4th George 4th, cap. 2;

Also, for the amendment of the Statute of *Canada*, 8th Victoria, cap. 40; and for the amendment of the Judicature Acts.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From J. L. Vanzandt, (by his Attorney J. F. Maddock) presented.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *John Ford Maddock*, Agent for *Jacob L. Vanzandt*, and *Juliet* his wife, of the City of *Albany*, in the State of *New York*, praying for the passing of an Act to afford relief to the said *Juliet Vanzandt* who claims as sister of the half blood of the Honorable *Richard Duncan*, late of *Williamsburg*, in the *Eastern District*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Second Report of Select Committee on the Resolutions for securing the independence of the Legislative Council.

The Honorable Mr. *de Boucherville*, from the Select Committee to whom were referred (*de novo*) the Resolutions presented to this House on the twenty-fourth of March last, respecting the propriety of making certain

Second Report of Select Committee on the Resolutions for securing the independence of the Legislative Council.

Rules or Standing Orders of the House to secure its independence, together with the Report of the Select Committee thereupon, reported, that they have again attentively considered the said Resolutions, which had been suggested, on a Statement submitted by a Member of Your Honorable House, of numerous Bills having been brought up from the Legislative Assemblies, at different periods, towards the close of the Sessions, and, more particularly of thirty-six Bills brought up from the Assembly on the three last days of the Session, which opened on the 28th November, 1844, and closed on the 29th March, 1845. On this occasion, as on several others, the operation of the 46th Rule of the House, which provides, "that no Bill shall be read twice on the same day," was suspended by the vote of the House, with the laudable desire of expediting the business of the Session, which notwithstanding it had lasted four months, had been delayed, (particularly as regarded various Bills which can only originate in the Assembly,) to this late period, and when the close of the Session was already announced. The remedy against the recurrence of similar Acts would be found in a strict and consistent adherence to the Rules which the House has established for its Government; Rules which are founded on the Parliamentary experience of the Mother Country, and which can never be deviated from, without endangering the enactment of Laws incapable of advantageous execution, subsequently incumbering the Statute Book with amendments, rendering the Law difficult to be understood by those who are to obey it, and it may be, the passing of Acts contrary to justice and the good of the subject generally. The Committee suggest that the utmost discretion should henceforth be used in suspending any Rule of the House, and that the 46th Rule above mentioned, and all other Rules relating to proceedings on Bills, should be rigidly adhered to, and that all Bills affecting, only the localities therein mentioned, be understood to come within the description of Private Bills, which, by the fifty-eighth Rule of this House, cannot be received from the Legislative Assembly after the fortieth day of the Session.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Report be adopted.

Report adopted.

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Two Petitions from the Quebec Literary and Historical Society presented.

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented two Petitions from the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, praying for pecuniary aid in support of the said Society, and praying for a further grant to enable them to complete the copies of certain State papers connected with the History of Canada.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Vanzandt's Relief Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. J. Morris presented to the House a Bill intituled, "An Act for the relief of Juliet Vanzandt, wife of Jacob L. Vanzandt who claims as sister of the half blood of Richard Duncan, late of Williamsburg, in the Eastern District of this Province."

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading on Tuesday. Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time, on Tuesday next.

To be printed. Ordered, that the said Bill be printed for the use of Members.

Petitions:— The Honorable Mr. Gordon presented three Petitions from the Niagara District Council, praying that the Statute which prescribes the form of Collectors Bonds, may be amended;

From the Niagara District Council, (three Petitions.)

Also, praying for the passing of an Act requiring Temperance Houses to be furnished with suitable accommodation for Travellers, and praying that the Statute 59th George 3d, cap. 7, may be amended; and

From the Niagara District, (C. Richardson and others.) and

Also, a Petition from Charles Richardson and others, inhabitants of the Niagara District, praying that the Niagara and Ten Mile Creek Plank Road Company's Charter may be amended.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From G. Bailey presented.

The Honorable Mr. W. Morris presented a Petition from George Bailey, praying for payment of an Account for work done in the Quebec Jail in 1822.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

Monday, 6th April, 1846.

MONDAY.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
M ^r Gill,	Dionne, A.
Morris, W.	Dionne, J.
Joliette,	Taché,
Hamilton,	Massue,
Bruneau,	de Boucherville,
Ferrie,	Morris, J.
M ^r Kay,	Neilson,
Moore,	Gordon.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House, Returns of the Debts and Liabilities of the Councils of the late Municipal Districts in Lower Canada.

Return of the Debts, &c., of the Municipal Councils in L. C.; also

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow :

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter K.)

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Return from the Agricultural Society of the County of Kent, from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December, 1845;

A Return of the County of Kent and London District Agricultural Societies: and also

Also, a Return from the Agricultural Society of the London District for the year ending 31st December, 1845.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow :

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.)

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Statement of Bonds and other Securities, which have been enregistered in the Office of the Provincial Registrar, between the 28th November, 1844, and the 21st March, 1846.

A Statement of Registered Bonds and other Securities, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter L.)

The Honorable Mr. W. Morris, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the House the Public Accounts for the year 1845, which were laid on the Table, and they are as follow :

Public accounts for 1845 presented.

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter C.)

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Petitions:—

From Three Rivers, (B. Doucet and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Joliette* presented a Petition from *B. Doucet* and others, inhabitants of the Banlieue of *Three Rivers*, praying for a Municipality District from that of the Parish of *Three Rivers* in which they are now included.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Lauzon, (E. Dalaire and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from *Etienne Dalaire* and others, Censitaires of the Fief and Seigniorship of *Lauzon*, praying for the abolition of certain Rights reserved in their Title Deeds of Concession; and

From Two Mountains, (J. Paquin and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. Paquin* and others, inhabitants of the County of the *Lake of Two Mountains*, praying that the Act for the encouragement of Agricultural Societies in *Canada East* may be amended.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From M'Gill College.

The Honorable Mr. *M'Gill* presented a Petition from the Medical Faculty of *M'Gill College, Montreal*, praying for pecuniary aid;

From Two Mountains, (W. G. Blanchard and others.)

Also, a Petition from *W. G. Blanchard* and others, inhabitants of the County of *Two Mountains*, praying that the Circuit Court may be removed to *St. Andrews*;

From the Great Western Railroad Company.

Also, a Petition from the *Great Western Railroad Company*, praying that certain amendments may be made to their Act of incorporation;

From the Mohawk Indians.

Also, a Petition from the *Mohawk Indians*, of the *Bay of Quinte*, praying that no portion of their Lands may be appropriated for Clergy Reserves; and

From the Diocese of Quebec, (Reverend G. Mack and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *G. Mack* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland* in the Diocese of *Quebec*, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese, such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves as will equal the share of income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Montreal, (E. M'Naughton and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *Edward M'Naughton* and others, inhabitants of the Island of *Montreal*, praying that a Road may be opened and Macadamized

from *St. Ann's* across the interior of the Island of *Montreal* to the *Cote St. Antoine Road*, near the City of *Montreal*;

Also, a Petition from *H. Brunet* and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *Ste. Genevieve*, in the County of *Montreal*, praying for some amendments in the Common School Law;

From Ste. Genevieve, (H. Brunet and others.)

Also, a Petition from *William Duncan* of *Coteau-du-Lac*, praying to be enabled to collect a certain sum of Money due to him for the building of a Bridge across the River *Delisle* in the County of *Vaudreuil*;

From the Coteau-du-Lac, (W. Duncan.)

Also, a Petition from the Honorable *Gabriel Roy* and others, inhabitants of the *Cote St. Laurent* in the Parish of *St. Laurent*, praying that the Public Highway which connects the *Sault-au-Recollet* and *St. Laurent* Turnpike Roads may be Macadamized; and

From St. Laurent, (Honorable G. Roy and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Henry Wilkes* and others, constituting the Ministerial Association of *Montreal*, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold in conformity with the provisions of the Imperial Act.

From the Reverend H. Wilkes and others.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *D. D. Calvin* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Wolfe Island*, praying for the amendment of the Act regulating Ferries;

From Wolfe Island, (D. D. Calvin and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Thomas L. Crooks* and others, inhabitants of the Townships of *Sarnia* and *Plympton*, praying that a Road may be constructed on the shore of *Lake Huron* through the said Townships;

From Sarnia and Plympton, (T. L. Crooks and others.)

Also, a Petition from *F. F. Carruthers*, of *Toronto*, praying that an Act may be passed authorising him to practice as an Attorney and Solicitor in the Court of Queen's Bench and Court of Chancery respectively in *Upper Canada*;

From F. F. Carruthers of Toronto.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *A. F. Atkinson* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland* in the Township of *Grantham*;

From Grantham, (Reverend A. F. Atkinson and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *B. Fuller* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland* in the Parish of *Thorold*; and

From Thorold, (Reverend B. Fuller and others.)

Also,

From Saltfleet and Binbrook, (D. K. Secord and others.)

Also, a Petition from *D. K. Secord* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the Townships of *Saltfleet, Binbrook* and parts adjacent, respectively praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no further proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of *England and Ireland* may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church ;

From the Wellington District, (T. Saunders and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Saunders* and others, inhabitants of the District of *Wellington*, praying for the passing of an Act to vest in the various Religious Denominations described in the Imperial Statute, such a proportion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves as may be found to belong to each Denomination respectively ;

From the Niagara District Council, (two Petitions.)

Also, two Petitions from the *Niagara Municipal Council*, praying that the Statute 8th Victoria cap. 20, may be so amended as to enable them to close up certain Road allowances in the Townships of *Grantham*, and praying that the 15th section of the 8th Victoria, cap. 20, may be repealed ;

From London, (H. Burwell and others.)

Also, a Petition from *H. Burwell* and others, inhabitants of the Town and District of *London*, praying that Building Societies may be established throughout the Province ; and

From the Wellington District, (T. Saunders and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Saunders* and others, inhabitants of the District of *Wellington*, praying against the passing of any Act having for its object to destroy the Religious character or invade the Chartered Rights of the University of *King's College, Toronto*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Bathurst District, (J. A. Gemmill and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from *J. A. Gemmill* and others, inhabitants of the *Bathurst District*, praying that a Road between the *St. Lawrence* and *Ottawa Rivers* may be surveyed, and an appropriation made for the formation of the same ;

From J. Graham of Hull.

Also, a Petition from *John Graham*, of the Township of *Hull*, praying for remuneration for his services during the late War with the *United States of America* ; and

From Richmond, (Reverend D. Evans and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *David Evans* and others, of the Congregation of

Richmond, belonging to the Presbyterian Church of *Canada* in connexion with the Church of *Scotland*, praying that the Charter of *King's College, Toronto*, may be amended.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne* presented a Petition from *Edouard Boudreau*, Physician, praying to be employed to vaccinate the inhabitants of the County of *Saguenay* at the expense of the Province ;

From E. Boudreau.

Also, a Petition from *Hiram Gilbert* and others, of *Hochelega*, praying that the Turnpike on the *St. Mary Road* may be removed one mile farther North ; and

From Hochelega, (H. Gilbert and others); and

Also, a Petition from *Paschal Lachapelle* and others, inhabitants of the Municipality of *Hochelega*, in the Parish of *Montreal*, praying that the said Municipality may be divided into five Municipalities.

From Hochelega, (P. Lachapelle and others,) presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne* presented to the House a Return from the Agricultural Society of the County of *Montreal*, for the year 1845.

Return from the Montreal Agricultural Society presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.)

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from *G. H. Ryland*, Registrar of the County of *Montreal*, praying for relief in consequence of the Government having neglected to perform certain engagements entered into with him ;

From G. H. Ryland.

Also, a Petition from *William Greer* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the Townships of *Yonge and Elizabethtown*, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of *England and Ireland* may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church ; and

From Yonge and Elizabethtown, (W. Greer and others,) and

Also, a Petition from *Harmannus Smith* and others, inhabitants of the Town of *Hamilton* and Township of *Barton*, praying that an Act may be passed to vest in *Robert Jarvis Hamilton* a certain Concession Road in the said Township of *Barton*.

From Hamilton, (H. Smith and others,) presented.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Return from the Agricultural Society of the Township of Clinton, presented.

The Honorable Mr. Hamilton presented to the House a Return from the Agricultural Society of the Township of Clinton, for the year 1845.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(For the Return, vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.)

Petitions :—

From St. Joseph. (P. M. Mignault and others.)

The Honorable Mr. Massue presented a Petition from P. M. Mignault and others, inhabitants of the Parish of St. Joseph, of Chambly and Longueuil, praying that a Law may be passed to regulate the construction of Winter Vehicles.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Brockville, Reverend E. Denroche and others.)

The Honorable Mr. M'Gill presented a Petition from the Reverend E. Denroche and others, Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Mission of Brockville, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of England and Ireland may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Champlain, (D. Trudel and others.)

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from Daniel Trudel and others, inhabitants of the County of Champlain, praying that a new Bridge may be erected over the River Champlain.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From C. H. Lassiseraye.

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from Charles Hubert Lassiseraye, praying for £200 by way of indemnity for his services as a School Master ;

From Dorchester, (W. Dawson and others.)

Also, a Petition from William Dawson and others, inhabitants of the County of Dorchester, praying for a grant of £525 to enable them to improve the Main Road from Point Lévi to Kennebec in the State of Maine ;

From Percé, (L. Winter and others.)

Also, a Petition from L. Winter and others, inhabitants of the Township of Percé in the County of Gaspé ;

From Gaspé Bay, (B. Coffin and others.) and

Also, a Petition from B. Coffin and others, inhabitants of Gaspé Bay, respectively praying

for the passing of an Act to secure the means of preserving the legal proof of certain Baptisms and Marriages performed before Justices of the Peace, in the said District of Gaspé ; and

Also, a Petition from Murdock Mackenzie, From Quebec, of Quebec, praying for indemnification for the (M. Mackenzie,) presented. loss of his House which was destroyed by order of the authorities, for the purpose of arresting the progress of the late fire at Quebec.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. McKay presented to the House a Bill intituled, " an Act for defining and establishing the course of the side " lines of Lots in the Gore of the Township " of Gloucester, in the District of Dalhousie."

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next. Second reading on Wednesday.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the Talbot District Agricultural Society, for the year 1845. Return of the Talbot District Agricultural Society, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.)

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Report of the Quebec Library Association. Report of the Quebec Library Association, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(For Return, vide Appendix No 9.)

The Honorable Mr. J. Morris presented to the House a Bill intituled, " an Act to provide for vesting in Trustees the Sites of " Schools in that part of this Province called " Upper Canada." Schools Sites Bill presented.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time, on Wednesday next. Second reading on Wednesday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be printed for the use of Members. Ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, " an Act to authorize the Devises and Trustees of the Will of the late Honorable " able Jones Trustees' Bill read second time, and

“able *Charles Jones* to convey a Town Lot therein mentioned to the President and Board of Police of *Brockville* for the uses and purposes therein mentioned,” was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton, J. Morris,* and *Gordon* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Petitions:—

From Ancaster (Reverend W. M. Murray and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from the Reverend *William M. Murray* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Village of *Ancaster*;

From Port Burwell, (Reverend T. B. Reade and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *T. B. Reade* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Parish of *Port Burwell*;

From West Flamborough, (Reverend W. M. Murray and others.) and

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *William M. Murray* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Township of *West Flamborough*, respectively praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Toronto Mechanics Institute, presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *Thomas G. Ridout* and others, President and Members of the *Toronto Mechanics Institute*, praying that the same may be incorporated.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

TUESDAY.

Tuesday, 7th April, 1846.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M. Gill,</i>	<i>Moore,</i>
<i>Morris, W.</i>	<i>Dionne, A.</i>
<i>Joliette,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>de Boucherville,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>M. Kay,</i>	<i>Gordon.</i>

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Return from the Agricultural Society for the County of *Chambly*, for the year 1845; Returns from the Chambly Agricultural Society.

Also, a Return from the Agricultural Society for the District of *Dalhousie*, for the year 1845; and From the Dalhousie Agricultural Society; and

Also, a Return from the Agricultural Society for the *Simcoe* District, for the year 1845. From the Simcoe Agricultural Society, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Joliette* presented a Petition from *Charles Edmond* and others, Directors of the *Berthier Academy*, praying for the Annual Grant of £100 to that Institution; and Petitions:— From the Berthier Academy.

Also, a Petition from *John Morrison* and others, praying for an aid of £300 to enable them to open a Road from *Lake Maskinongé* to the *St. Lawrence*. From Maskinongé, (J. Morrison and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne* presented a Petition from *Thomas M. Gobrick* and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *St. Sylvester*, praying for a repeal of the Ordinances of *Lower Canada*, 3d and 4th Victoria, cap. 25, and 4th Victoria, cap. 33, so far as respects the use of Sleighs in certain Districts. From St. Sylvester, (T. M. Gobrick and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the College of *l'Assomption*, praying for pecuniary aid; and From L'Assomption College.

Also, a Petition from *Jean Bte. Lacombe* and others, inhabitants of *Lachine, Pointe Claire* and *Ste. Anne*, praying for an extension of the powers of the Trustees of the *Montreal Turnpike Roads*, in order that they may have controul over the Road leading from *Lachine* to the Village of *Ste. Anne* through the Village of *Pointe Claire*. From Lachine, &c., (J. B. Lacombe and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *M. Gill* presented a Petition from *Frederick S. Neve* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and From the Diocese of Quebec, (F. Neve and others.)

From the Diocese of Quebec, (F. Neve and others.)

and *Ireland* in the Diocese of *Quebec*, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves, as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Diocese of Quebec, (Reverend W. Dawes and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from the Reverend *William Dawes* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Diocese of *Quebec*, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Ottawa Baptist Association, (2 Petitions.)

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented two Petitions from the Baptist Association of the District of *Ottawa*, praying that all Denominations of Christians may be allowed to participate equally in the benefits of the University of *King's College*; and

Also, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold in conformity with the provisions of the Imperial Act.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From W. Power and J. C. Bruneau.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from *William Power* and *Jean C. Bruneau*, Esquires, Circuit Judges in and for the District of *Quebec*, praying that they may be allowed for their Travelling Expenses in future, and also, that they may be indemnified for those which they have already incurred.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Montreal (N. B. Desmarteau and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *de Boucherville* presented a Petition from *N. B. Desmarteau* and others, inhabitants of the County of *Montreal*, praying for an alternation in the mode of charging at the Toll Gates.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Beverly, (D. Rintoul and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *David Rintoul* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Beverly*, praying that the endowment of the University of *King's College, Toronto*, may not be divided amongst the various Religious Denominations,

and also that the Charter may be altered and modified.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *Thomas C. Allis* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Shipton*, praying that the Charter of the University of *King's College, Toronto*, may be amended;

Also, a Petition from *William Ritchie* and others, inhabitants of the District of *Saint Francis*, praying that a Lunatic Asylum may be erected in *Lower Canada*; and

Also a Petition from *L. C. Cleeve* and others, inhabitants of the Townships of *Shipton* and *Melbourne*, praying that the Bridge about to be erected over the River *St. Francis* may be sufficiently strong to allow the Railroad Cars to cross the same.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from *H. Davidson* and others;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Edward G. Sutton* and others; and

A Petition from *J. Taylor* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Diocese of *Quebec*, severally praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves, as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church; and

Also, a Petition from *E. P. Wilgress* and others, inhabitants of *Lachine* in the County of *Montreal*, praying that the Common School Act may be amended.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from *James M. Gill Des Rivières* and others, inhabitants of the City of *Montreal*, praying that the Municipal Elections in and for the said City may be conducted by ballot.

Ordered, that the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly

Ordered,

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Vanzandt's relief Bill, read second time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act for the relief of *Juliet Vanzandt*, wife of *Jacob L. Vanzandt*, who "claims as Sister of the half blood of *Richard Duncan*, late of *Williamsburg*, in the Eastern District of this Province," was read the second time.

Third reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be engrossed, and the same read a third time to-morrow.

Real property conveyance Bill, brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* and others, with a Bill intituled "An Act to facilitate the conveyance "of Real Property" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading on Thursday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Niagara District debt Bill, brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Cummings* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal the "Act therein mentioned, authorising the raising of a sum of Money in the District of "Niagara for the purpose of relieving the said "District from debt," to which they desire the concurrence of the House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Petitions:— From L. M. Cressé, of Nicolet; and. The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented a Petition from *Luc Michel Cressé*, Notary Public of *Nicolet*, praying for an Act to enable him to dispose of his Archives to another Notary on leaving this Province.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From S. Wood and others, presented. The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *Samuel Wood* and others, praying for the adoption of such measures as will be the means of promoting the science of Agriculture.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourn. The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

Wednesday, 8th April, 1846. WEDNESDAY.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M^cGill,</i>	<i>Moore,</i>
<i>Morris, W.</i>	<i>Dionne, A.</i>
<i>Joliette,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>de Boucherville,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>M^cKay,</i>	<i>Gordon.</i>

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John F. Taylor*, senior, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

Hon. G. J. Goodhue sworn.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the Agricultural Societies of the District of *Prince Edward* for the year 1845.

Return from the Prince Edward Agricultural Societies, and a

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of *Gaspé*, for the year 1845.

Return of Baptisms in Gaspé, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letters I. I. I.*)

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne* presented a Petition from *J. O. Chevretils* and others, inhabitants of the Counties of *Yamaska* and *Nicolet*, praying for the erection of Bridges over the Rivers *Saint Francis*, *Yamaska*, and *Nicolet*.

Petitions:— From Yamaska and Nicolet, (J. O. Chevretils and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from *Jean Louis Poyart*, of the Township of *Durham* in *Lower Canada*, farmer, praying to be indemnified for loss sustained through the neglect of the Clerk of a District Court.

From J. L. Poyart, of Durham.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Niagara,
&c. (G Ball
and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from *George Ball* and others, Householders and Freeholders of the Townships of *Niagara, Grantham, Louth, Clinton* and *Grimsby*, praying that the Petition of sundry inhabitants of the Village of *Jordon* may not be entertained, and that the Road from *Queenston* to *Grimsby* may not be diverted from the line now surveyed in order to its passing through the said Village;

From Bertie,
(J. Kerby and
others.)

Also, a Petition from *James Kerby* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Bertie* in the District of *Niagara*;

From Wain-
fleet, (J. Gray-
bie and others.)

Also, a Petition from *John Graybie* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Wainfleet*, in the said District of *Niagara*;

From Crow-
land, (O. Buck-
ner and others.)

Also, a Petition from *O. Buckner* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Crowland* in the said District of *Niagara*; and

From Hum-
berstone, (J.
Weaver and
others.)

Also, a Petition from *John Weaver* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Humberstone* in the aforesaid District of *Niagara*, severally praying that the Village of *Port Robinson* may be constituted the District Town of the said District;

From Canboro,
(S. Berdrau
and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Samuel Berdrau* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Canboro* in the said *Niagara* District; and

From Gainsbo-
rough, (T. O.
Parry and
others.)

Also, a Petition from *Thomas O. Parry* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Gainsborough* in the *Niagara* District aforesaid, severally praying that the District Town may be removed to a more central situation.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Dum-
fries, (J. K.
Andrews and
others.)

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *James K. Andrews* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Dumfries*, praying that a new line of Road through the seventh and eighth Concessions of the said Township may be established, and that the former Road allowance may be granted to the said *James K. Andrews* as compensation for the land appropriated for the New Road.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Bertie,
(Reverend J.
Anderson.)

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from the Reverend *John Anderson* and others, Members of the United Church

of *England* and *Ireland* in the Township of *Bertie*; and

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *T. G. Elliott* and others, Members of the said Church in the Township of *Colchester*, severally praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no further proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

From Colches-
ter, (Reverend
T. G. Elliott
and others,) and,

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from *John Hale* and others, Manufacturers and Dealers in Leather, praying that the duty imposed on foreign Leather and Leather Manufactures may not be altered.

From J. Hale
and others,
presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the De-
"visees and Trustees of the Will of the late
"Honorable *Charles Jones* to convey a Town
"Lot therein mentioned to the President and
"Board of Police of *Brockville*, for the uses
"and purposes therein mentioned," reported that they have in obedience to the order of reference examined the said Bill, and now beg leave to report their observations thereon and an amendment thereto, which they think it their duty to recommend.

Report of Se-
lect Committee
on Jones' Trus-
tee Bill.

The Committee find that the application to Your Honorable House for this Bill has not been preceded by the publication of any notice in the Gazette, but under the circumstances of the case, (the object of the Bill being solely to provide for the vesting of property in a public body for public purposes, and the managing Trustee and eldest surviving son of the Testator being among the Petitioners,) the Committee would recommend to Your Honorable House to overlook the want of notice, and waive the further formalities required to be observed in the case of Bills of a private nature.

The Committee would recommend the adoption of the following amendment to be incorporated in the Bill and stand as Section 2, the remaining Sections to be numbered accordingly, viz:

"And

Report of Select Committee on Jones' Trustee Bill.

"And be it enacted, that if at any time hereafter the said Corporation of the President and Board of Police of *Brockville* shall be dissolved, and be replaced by any other Corporation of a like nature, then and in that case the said Town Lot shall pass to, and be held in trust by the said new Corporation, for the purposes and uses aforesaid, unless otherwise expressly provided by the Act creating such new Corporation."

Ordered, that the Report be received, and

Read.

The same was then read by the Clerk.

To be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Report be taken into considered to-morrow.

Third reading, Vanzandt's relief Bill discharged and

The Order of the Day being read for a third reading of the Bill intituled, "An Act for the relief of *Juliet Vanzandt*, wife of *Jacob L. Vanzandt*, who claims as Sister of the half blood of *Richard Duncan*, late of *Williamsburgh*, in the Eastern District of this Province;

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the same be discharged, and that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bruneau*, *J. Morris* and *Gordon*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Gloucester Boundary Bill, read second time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act for defining and establishing the course of the side lines of Lots in the Gore of the Township of *Gloucester*, in the District of *Dalhousie*," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton*, *Knoulton* and *M'Kay* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Schools Sites Bill, read second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the vesting in Trustees the Sites of Schools in that part of this Province called *Upper Canada*," was read the second time.

Third reading, to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed, and the same read a third time to-morrow.

Niagara District Debt Bill, read second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act therein mentioned, authorising the raising of a sum

"of Money in the District of *Niagara* for the purpose of relieving the said District from debt," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow. Third reading, to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *G. H. Ryland* and others, Registrars of Deeds in the District of *Montreal*, praying that they may be more amply compensated for discharging the Duties of their respective Offices; and From Montreal, (G. H. Ryland and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Committee of Management of the *Quebec National Schools*, praying for pecuniary aid. From the Quebec National Schools, and

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from the Board of Police of the Town of *Belleville*, praying for the amendment of their Act of Incorporation. From the Belleville Board of Police, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing. Adjourn.

Thursday, 9th April, 1846.

THURSDAY.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M' Gill,</i>	<i>Dionne, J.</i>
<i>Morris, W.</i>	<i>Goodhue,</i>
<i>Joliette,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>de Boucherville,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>M'Kay,</i>	<i>Gordon.</i>
<i>Dionne, A.</i>	

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a General Statement of the affairs of the City Bank on Monday, 2d March, 1846. Statement of the Affairs of the City Bank, and

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter U.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the Mechanics Institute of *Montreal*. A Return from the Montreal Mechanics Institute, presented.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(For Return, vide Appendix No. 10.)

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Robert Harding* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland* in the Township of *Emily* in the District of *Colborne*, praying that the sale of Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of *England and Ireland* may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto* for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *M'Kay*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled "An Act for defining and establishing the course of the side lines of Lots in the Gore of the Township of *Gloucester* in the District of *Dalhousie*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

And that the Committee beg leave further to report, that the application for the said Bill was not preceded by the notice required by the Standing Rules of Your Honorable House ;—but that in consideration of the Petitioners being all interested in or rather proprietors of the said Gore of the Township of *Gloucester* the want of such notice may safely, in the opinion of the Committee, be overlooked.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Report be adopted.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Engrossed, and the same read a third time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Christie* and others, as follows :

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Wednesday, 8th April, 1846.

Resolved, that a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, praying their Honors will permit *Charles de Léry*, Esquire, one of the Clerks Assistant of their

Honorable House, to attend the Select Committee appointed by this House to enquire into and report upon the state and condition of the Rolls, Records, Journals, and other Papers appertaining to the late Parliaments of *Upper and Lower Canada*, and of the Judicial Registers, Records, Archives and Papers appertaining to the several Courts of Justice in *Lower Canada*, and whether the same are kept and classed in an orderly and systematic manner, and due precautions taken for their safe keeping and preservation, on Saturday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* do carry the said Message to the Honorable the Legislative Council.

Attest,

G. B. FARIBAUT,
Clk. Asst. L. Assy.

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in and informed, that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

It was moved that *Charles de Léry*, Esquire, one of the Clerks Assistant of this House, may have leave to go to the Committee of the Legislative Assembly as desired by that House in their Message of this day.

Ordered, that *Charles de Léry*, Esquire, Leave granted. have leave to go to the said Committee.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council do give leave to *Charles de Léry*, Esquire, one of their Clerks Assistant to attend the Select Committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly, to inquire into and report upon the state and condition of the Rolls, Records, Journals and other Papers appertaining to the late Parliaments of *Upper and Lower Canada*, and of the Judicial Registers, Records, Archives and Papers appertaining to the several Courts of Justice in *Lower Canada*, and whether the same are kept and classed in an orderly and systematic manner, and due precautions taken for their safe keeping and preservation, on Saturday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference.

The

Message from Assembly for C. de Léry to attend a Select Committee.

Petition:— From Emily, (Rev. R. Harding and others) presented.

Report of Select Committee on Gloucester Boundary Bill.

Report adopted.

Bill for third reading on Monday.

Message from Assembly for C. de Léry to attend a Select Committee.

Report of Select Committee on Vanzandt's Relief Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act for the relief of *Juliet Vanzandt*, wife of *Jacob L. Vanzandt*, "who claims as sister of the half blood of *Richard Duncan* late of *Williamsburg*, in "the Eastern District of this Province," reported the same with certain amendments.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and
The same was then read by the Clerk.

Bill for third reading on Monday.

Ordered, that the said Bill as amended be Engrossed, and the same read a third time on Monday next.

School Sites Bill read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the vesting "in Trustees the Sites of Schools in that part "of this Province called *Upper Canada*," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Title ordered.

Ordered, that the title be "An Act to provide for the vesting in Trustees the Sites of "Schools in that part of this Province called "*Upper Canada*."

And Bill sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill to which they desire their concurrence.

Niagara District Debt Bill read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act therein "mentioned, authorising the raising of a sum "of Money in the District of *Niagara* for "the purpose of relieving the said District "from debt," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.

Real Property Conveyance Bill read 2nd time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to facilitate the conveyance of Real Property," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Gill*, *W. Morris*, *Hamilton*, *Goodhue* and *Gordon*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House proceeded to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to "authorise the Devises and Trustees of the "Will of the late Honorable *Charles Jones* to "convey a Town Lot therein mentioned to the "President and Board of Police of *Brockville*, "for the uses and purposes therein mentioned."

Report of Select Committee on Jones' Trustee Bill considered.

The said Report was then read by the Clerk.

Read.

Ordered, that the said Report be adopted.

Report adopted.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Engrossed and the same read the third time on Monday next.

Bill ordered for a third reading on Monday.

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from *G. W. Brooks* and others, inhabitants of the Town and vicinity of *Sherbrooke*, praying that the intentions of the Legislature expressed during their last Session on the subject of a Branch Road from *Sherbrooke* to the Eastern Townships may be carried out.

Petitions:—
From *Sherbrooke* (*G. W. Brooks* and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *L. S. Brown* and others, inhabitants of the County of *Beauharnois*, praying that their claims on account of Losses incurred during the late Rebellion may be speedily liquidated; and

From *Beauharnois* (*L. S. Brown* and others) and

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Saint Hyacinthe*, praying for the repeal of all Laws concerning Winter Vehicles.

From the *Saint Hyacinthe* Municipal Council, Presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

Adjourn.

Monday,

Monday, 13th April, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M^cGill,</i>	<i>Dionne, A.</i>
<i>Morris, W.</i>	<i>Dionne, J.</i>
<i>Joliette,</i>	<i>Goodhue,</i>
<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	<i>Gordon.</i>
<i>M^cKay,</i>	

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *A. U. Rainsford* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the Township of *Osnabruck*; and

Also, a Petition from *John Barton* and others, Members of the same Church in *Richmond* and its vicinity, respectively praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with; but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of *England and Ireland* may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *Green Island*, praying for the division of the County of *Rimouski*; and

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *F. X. Delage*, Cure of *L'Islet*, and others, praying for liberty to carry on a trade in Timber on the Banks of the *Saguenay* and its tributaries.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne* presented a Petition from *J. B. Beaudry* and others, inhabitants of the City and Parish of *Montreal*, praying that no further or more extensive powers may be given to the Trustees of the *Chambly* Turnpike Road in relation to the Ferry between *Longueuil* and *Montreal*; and

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Hochelaga*, praying that no exclusive right of ferry over the River *St. Lawrence* or Beach-lots for the purpose of such Ferry

be granted to the Trustees of the *Longueuil* and *Chambly* Turnpike Road.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *M^cGill* presented a Petition from *R. W. Harwood* and others, praying that certain Bridges over the River *Ottawa* may be constructed at the *St. Ann's* and *Vaudreuil* Ferries; and also, that a Turnpike Road may be made from *St. Ann's* through the centre of the Island to the City of *Montreal*;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Job Deacon* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the Parishes of *Frédéricksburg* and *Adolphustown*, praying that the School Act may be repealed, and that a Committee be appointed to make such an equitable apportionment of the funds appropriated for Educational purposes, as may be proportioned to the population, the amount of assessment, or if preferred to the sum raised by each Congregation; and

Also, a Petition from *George Bowie* and others, Contractors, Master Builders, Masons and Carpenters, praying for the repeal of a certain Law by which they are made responsible for the stability of all buildings erected by them in *Lower Canada*, for the term of ten years.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the President and Members of the *Quebec* British and Canadian School Society, praying for pecuniary aid in support of that Institution.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from *D. E. Boulton* and others, praying to be incorporated as a Joint Stock Company for the purpose of constructing a Turnpike Road from *Cobourg* to *Port Hope*;

Also, a Petition from *H. Gildersleeve* and others, praying to be incorporated for the purpose of constructing a Railroad from *Wolf Island* near *Kingston* to the City of *Toronto*; and

Also, a Petition from the President, Directors and Company of the Commercial Bank

From R. W. Harwood and others.

From Fredericksburg and Adolphustown (Rev. J. Deacon and others.)

From G. Bowie and others.

From Quebec (British and Canadian School Society.)

From D. E. Boulton and others.

From H. Gildersleeve and others, and

From the Commercial Bank, presented.

MONDAY.

Petitions:—

From Osnabruck (A. U. Rainsford and others.)

From Richmond (J. Barton and others.)

From Green Island Municipal Council.

From L'Islet (Rev. F. X. Delage and others.)

From Montreal (J. B. Beaudry and others.)

From the Hochelaga Municipal Council.

From the Commercial Bank, presented.

of the *Midland* District, praying that the Act imposing a Tax upon the circulating paper of the Banks in this Province may be repealed, or that the amount of Taxation may be reduced to more reasonable limits.

Ordered, that the last mentioned Petition be now read.

Last Petition read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Petitions:—

From Three Rivers (E. L. Pacaud and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *J. Dionne* presented a Petition from *E. L. Pacaud* and others, inhabitants of the District of *Three Rivers*, praying for the erection of Piers on the Shoals at *Cap à la Roche*, for the purpose of ensuring an Ice Bridge over the River *St. Lawrence*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Bathurst District Council, (two petitions.)

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* presented two Petitions from the *Bathurst* District Municipal Council, praying that the School grant of 1846 may be paid to them, notwithstanding that no tax was imposed upon the Inhabitants of the said District for that year, and praying that a Professor may be appointed in the University of *King's* College, qualified to give instruction in Agriculture, Agricultural Chemistry, and kindred Sciences; and

Also, a Petition from the Medico Chirurgical Society of *Toronto*, praying for a re-organization of the College of Physicians and Surgeons therein.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Kingston Lot 24, (Very Rev. G. O'Kill Stuart and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from the Very Reverend *George O'Kill Stuart* and others, inhabitants and proprietors of Lot No. 24, in the Township of *Kingston*, praying that the said Lot may not be incorporated with the Town of *Kingston*;

From Johnstown (P. Adams and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Peter Adams* and others, inhabitants of the District of *Johnstown*, praying for the construction of a Road from *Point Cardinal* through the Township of *Edwardsburgh* to *Hick's Corners*, in the Township of *South Gower*;

From Augusta (Rev. R. Blakey and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Robert Blakey* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland* in the Township of *Augusta*;

Also, a Petition from *W. H. Bottum* and others, Members of the same Church in the Parish of *Kemptville*, respectively praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with; but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of *England and Ireland* may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church;

From Kemptville, (W. H. Bottum and others.)

Also, a Petition from *G. Crawford* on behalf of the inhabitants of the Town of *Brockville*, convened at a Public Meeting, praying for an alteration in the mode of assessing property;

From Brockville, (G. Crawford.)

Also, a Petition from *John Evans* and others, Members of the Baptist Church in the Village of *Paris*;

From Paris, (J. Evans and others.) and

Also, a Petition from *J. M. Cramp*, on behalf of the *Canada* Baptist Union, respectively praying that the Endowment of the University of *King's* College may not be divided amongst the various Religious Denominations, but that the Charter may be altered and modified; and

From J. M. Cramp presented, (three petitions.)

Also, two Petitions from the said *J. M. Cramp*, on behalf of the *Canada* Baptist Union aforesaid, praying against the passing of any Act having for its object the partition of the Clergy Reserve Lands amongst the various Religious Denominations; and,

Praying that no appropriation may be made from the Public Revenues for the support of any Theological School or College.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Laurin* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to Winter Roads in that part of the Province heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the District of *Quebec*, the District of *Gaspé*, and that part of the District of *Three Rivers* which is or was in the Municipal District of *Portneuf*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Winter Roads Bill, L. C., brought up from the Assembly.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

The

Petitions :—
From Bytown, (the Electors of,) and
The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from the Electors and Inhabitants of *Bytown*, in the District of *Dalhousie*, praying that the said Town may not be incorporated; and

From St. Lawrence. (F. Roy and others,) presented.
Also, a Petition from *Féréol Roy* and others, Inhabitants of the *South Bank* of the River *St. Lawrence*, praying that the exclusive right of Ferry over that River asked for by *Horatio N. Patton* and others, may be refused.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Supplementary Return from Leinster District Council, and
The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Supplementary Return from the Warden of the late Municipal District of *Leinster*; and

A Return from the Agricultural Society for the County of *Sherbrooke* for the year 1845.
Also, a Return from the Agricultural Society for the County of *Sherbrooke* for the year 1845.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow :

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter K.)

Petitions :—
From A. Wells; and
The Honorable Mr. Knoulton presented a Petition from *Alphonzo Wells*, late Commissioner for defining the Boundary line between the Provinces of *Canada* and *New Brunswick*, praying for remuneration for his services as such; and

From the Stanstead Seminary, presented.
Also, a Petition from the Trustees of the *Stanstead Seminary*, praying for aid.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Gloucester Boundary Bill read third time.
Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act for defining and establishing the course of the Side Lines of Lots in the Gore of the Township of *Gloucester*, in the District of *Dalhousie*," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Title ordered.
Ordered, that the title be, "An Act for defining and establishing the course of the Side Lines of Lots in the Gore of the Township of *Gloucester*, in the District of *Dalhousie*."

And the Bill sent to the Assembly for concurrence.
Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative

Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act for the relief of *Juliet Vanzandt*, wife of *Jacob L. Vanzandt*, who claims as Sister of the half blood of *Richard Duncan*, late of *Williamsburg*, in the Eastern District of this Province," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the title be, "An Act for the relief of *Juliet Vanzandt*, wife of *Jacob L. Vanzandt*, who claims as Sister of the half blood of *Richard Duncan*, late of *Williamsburg*, in the Eastern District of this Province."

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to authorise the Devises and Trustees of the Will of the late Honorable *Charles Jones*, to convey a Town Lot therein mentioned to the President and Board of Police of *Brockville*, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the title be, "An Act to authorise the Devises and Trustees of the Will of the late Honorable *Charles Jones*, to convey a Town Lot therein mentioned to the President and Board of Police of *Brockville*, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned."

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

Tuesday,

TUESDAY.

Tuesday, 14th April, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

M^cGill,
Morris, W.
Hamilton,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knoulton,
M^cKay,
Dionne, A.

The Honorable Messieurs

Dionne, J.
Goodhue,
Taché,
de Boucherville,
Morris, J.
Neilson,
Gordon.

PRAYERS.

His Excellency
the Administrator,
present.

His Excellency Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl Cathcart, of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, Knight Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Administrator of the Government of the Province of *Canada*, and Commander of the Forces in British *North America*, having come down to the House, and being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know, "it is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Assembly attend.

Who being come,

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* said :

Honorable Mr. Morin informs His Excellency that the Assembly had chosen him to be their Speaker.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Legislative Assembly having upon the application of their Speaker Sir *Allan Napier MacNab*, knight, for the reason assigned by him of an impending severe domestic calamity, granted to him leave of absence from his duties, I have the honour to state that they have been pleased to appoint me to be their Speaker until the return of Sir *Allan Napier MacNab*.

If in the performance of the important duties they intrusted to me, I should at any time fall into error, I trust that the fault will be imputed to me alone and not to the Assembly whose servant I am, and that while I have the honour to fill the high and important office, nothing may occur to affect or diminish that harmony between the different branches of the Legislature, which has hitherto so happily prevailed.

Then the Speaker of this House said :

MR. SPEAKER,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government to declare to you, that he receives the communication just made by you with full confidence in the wisdom and judgment of the Assembly, who have thus appointed you to be their Speaker during the absence of Sir *Allan Napier MacNab*.

The choice of the Assembly confirmed by His Excellency.

Then His Excellency the Administrator of the Government was pleased to retire, and the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

His Excellency retires, and the Assembly withdraw.

The Honorable Mr. *M^cGill* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Toronto*, praying for various amendments to the Acts incorporating the said City ; and

Petitions:— From the Toronto Corporation, and

Also, a Petition from *J. B. Pouliot* and others, inhabitants of the Counties of *Rimouski* and *Kamouraska*, praying that the said Counties may be erected into a Judicial District, with *Rivière du Loup* for its centre.

From Rimouski and Kamouraska, (J. B. Pouliot and others,) presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act for the substitution of more "simple modes of Assurance, in lieu of Fines "and Recoveries," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Fines and Recoveries Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to remove certain doubts "as to the jurisdiction conferred upon the "Court of Chancery in *Upper Canada*, in "matters relating to Lunatics, Idiots and persons of unsound mind, and their Estates, and "to amend and extend the Laws in force in "*Upper Canada*, relating to Lunatics, Idiots "and persons of unsound mind, and their Estates," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Court of Chancery Jurisdiction Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

A

Message from the Assembly transmitting for concurrence an Address to His Excellency respecting the Magdalen Islands.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Christie* and others, as follows :

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Thursday, 9th April, 1846.

Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, requesting that His Excellency will be graciously pleased to interpose his good offices with the Home Government in behalf of the inhabitants of the *Magdalen Islands*, for the most part *Acadians* of French origin, descendants of the Colonists of *l'Acadie* (now the Province of *Nova Scotia*) originally colonized by *France*, whose Religion, Language, Usages and Interests are identified with those of a majority of the inhabitants of *Lower Canada*, to prevent the annexation they apprehend of those Islands to the Government of *Prince Edward's Island*.

Resolved, that the said Resolution be communicated to the Legislative Council by Message, requesting the concurrence of their Honors thereto.

Ordered, that Mr. *Christie* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

G. B. FARIBAUT,
Clerk Asst. L. Assy.

The said Message was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Message be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee upon the said Message to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from *Jean Baptiste Rousseau* and others, inhabitants of *Forsyth* and other Townships, in *Megantic*, praying an aid for the improvement of the *Lambton Road*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *George W. Powell* and others, Ministers and Members of the Christian Universalist Association, praying that the rights and privileges conferred upon the Unitarians in *Montreal*, may be bestowed upon them.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from the *Montreal School of Medicine and Surgery*, praying that they may be allowed to participate in the bounty of the Legislature equally with the Medical Faculty of *M'Gill College*.

From the Montreal School of Medicine.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *James Morris* presented a Petition from *Peter Perry* and others, inhabitants of the Townships of *Whitby, Pickering, Reach, Uxbridge, Scott, Brock, Thora, Georgina* and adjacent Townships, praying for the construction of a Plank Road from *Windsor Harbour* on *Lake Ontario* to *Sturgeon Bay* on *Lake Huron*;

From Whitby, Pickering, &c. (P. Perry and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Chester Draper* and others, inhabitants of the Townships of *Cartwright, Mariposa, Eldon, Ops* and adjoining Townships, praying that the main Road leading from the said Townships to *Scugog* landing may be Planked or Macadamized;

From Cartwright, Mariposa, &c. (C. Draper and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Luther H. Cronk* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Whitby*, praying that the Endowment of the University of *King's College, Toronto*, may not be divided amongst the various Religious Denominations, but that the Charter may be altered and extended;

From Whitby, (L. H. Cronk and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Moshier* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Whitchurch*; and

From Whitchurch, (T. Moshier and others.) and

Also, a Petition from *Luther H. Cronk* and others, inhabitants of the said Township of *Whitby*, respectively praying that the Clergy Reserve Lands may not be partitioned amongst the various Religious Denominations, but that they may be sold, and the proceeds applied to the purposes of general Education.

From Whitby (L. H. Cronk and others.) presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Watts* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act" for the encouragement of Agriculture by the establishment of Agricultural Societies in "*Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Agricultural Societies Bill. (L. C.) brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

The

To be committed to-morrow.

Petitions:—

From Forsyth, (J. B. Rousseau and others.)

From the Universalist Association, (G. W. Powell and others.)

Petition:—
From the Ste. Rosalie Parish Corporation, presented.

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from the Corporation of the Parish of *Ste. Rosalie*, praying for a repeal of the ordinances relating to Winter Vehicles in *Lower Canada*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Report of the Select Committee on Lands Partition Bill, (L. C.)

The Honorable Mr. Knoulton, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to facilitate the partition of Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in certain cases in *Lower Canada*," together with the Petition from Sir James Stuart and another, presented to this House on the thirty-first day of March last; and

Also, the Petition from *J. Austin*, Junior, and others, presented to this House on the second day of April instant, on the subject of the said Bill, reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment. They beg leave further to report as their opinion, that the first blank in the second section of the said Bill should be filled up with the word "two," and that the second blank in the same section should be filled up with the word "fifteen."

Ordered, that the Report be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Bill, together with the Report and Petitions, be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Bill and Report to be committed to-morrow.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee upon the said Bill, Report and Petitions to-morrow.

Return from the Wellington District Agricultural Society, presented.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House Returns from the Agricultural Societies of the Districts of *Wellington* and *Niagara*, for the year 1845.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.*)

Petition from Eliz. Armour, referred to the Select Committee on Contingencies.

Ordered, that the Petition presented to this House on the 23d March last from *Elizabeth Armour*, widow of *Robert Armour*, Esquire, late Law Clerk to the Legislative Council, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to Winter Roads in that part of the Province heretofore *Lower Canada* in so far as regards the District of *Quebec*, the District of *Gaspé*, and that part of the District of *Three Rivers* which is or was in the Municipal District of *Portneuf*," was read the second time.

Winter Roads Bill, read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bruneau*, *A. Dionne*, *Taché*, *J. Morris* and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Ordered, that the several Petitions presented to this House during the present Session on the subject of Winter Roads, be referred to the said Committee.

Certain Petitions referred to same Select Committee.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

Adjourn.

Wednesday, 15th April, 1846. WEDNESDAY.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M. Gill,</i>	<i>Dionne, A.</i>
<i>Morris, W.</i>	<i>Dionne, J.</i>
<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>Goodhue,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>de Boucherville,</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>M. Kay,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>Moore,</i>	<i>Gordon.</i>

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from *John C. Hawley* of the Township of *Osgoode*, praying that the Road which has been surveyed from *Bytown* to the River *St. Lawrence* may be completed;

Petitions:—
From J. C. Hawley of Osgoode.

Also, a Petition from *J. D. Lanoire* and others, inhabitants of the Parishes of *Ste. Thérèse*, *Ste. Rose*, *St. Martin*, and *St. Jérôme*, praying that the Registry Office may be removed from *Terrebonne* to *Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*.

From Ste. Thérèse, Ste. Rose, &c., (J. D. Lanoire, and others.)

Ordered,

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Wellington District, (G. J. Grange)

The Honorable Mr. J. Morris presented a Petition from George J. Grange on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Wellington District, praying that the Endowment of the University of King's College, and the Clergy Reserve Lands, may not be partitioned amongst the various Religious Denominations.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Chatham (R. Mercer and others.)

The Honorable Mr. Goodhue presented a Petition from Robert Mercer and others, inhabitants of the Township of Chatham, praying for the construction of a Plank Road from Queenston in the Niagara District to Windsor in the Western District.

Ordered, that the said Petition be now read.

Last Petition Read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

From the Diocese of Quebec, (Rev. J. Bethune and others.)

The Honorable Mr. M'Gill presented a Petition from the Reverend John Bethune and others, Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the Diocese of Quebec; and

From the Diocese of Quebec, (H. O'Hara and others.)

Also, a Petition from H. O'Hara and others, Members of the said Church in the Diocese aforesaid, respectively praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves, as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Darlington and Clarke, (F. Cubitt and others.)

The Honorable Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from Frederick Cubitt and others, Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Townships of Darlington and Clarke, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of England and Ireland may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, for the use and benefit of the said Church;

From Sandwich, (S. Gardiner and others.)

Also a Petition from Samuel Gardiner and others, inhabitants of Sandwich and its neighbourhood, praying for the full payment

of their Rebellion Claims as allowed to them by the Commissioners;

Also, a Petition from William Charles Hume, of Orillia, praying that the Windsor Harbour Bay Road connecting Lakes Huron and Ontario may be completed; and

From W. C. Hume, of Orillia.

Also, a Petition from Thomas Fisher, and others, inhabitants of the Home District, praying to be incorporated under the name and style of the Dundas Street and Sixth-line Road Company.

From the Home District, (T. Fisher and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Moore presented a Petition from John Gibson and others, inhabitants of the Townships of Clarke and Manvers, praying for the construction of a Road through the said Townships to a Shipping port on Lake Ontario; and

From Clark and Manvers, (J. Gibson and others.)

Also, a Petition from M. Townsend and others, Directors of the Clarenceville Academy, praying for pecuniary aid in support of the said Institution.

From the Clarenceville Academy.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from Joseph Ireland and others, inhabitants of the Gore District, praying that the Dundas Road from the Eastern limits of the Gore District to the Town of Hamilton may be improved.

From the Gore District, (J. Ireland and others,) and

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Knoulton presented a Petition from J. H. Maitland and others, Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Diocese of Quebec, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church.

From the Diocese of Quebec, (J. H. Maitland and others,) presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act for the substitution of more simple modes of Assurance in lieu of Fines and Recoveries," was read the second time.

Fines and Recoveries Bill Read second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

To be Committed on Monday.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee upon the said Bill on Monday next.

The Breviate thereof to be Printed.

Ordered, that the Breviate of the said Bill be printed for the use of Members.

Huron District Taxes Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Cayley* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the recovery of the Rates or Taxes intended to be imposed by certain Bye Laws of the District Council of the District of *Huron*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second Reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Court of Chancery Jurisdiction Bill Read Second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to remove certain doubts as to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Court of Chancery in *Upper Canada* in matters relating to Lunatics, Idiots and persons of unsound mind and their Estates, and to amend and extend the Laws in force in *Upper Canada* relating to Lunatics and persons of unsound mind and their Estates," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

To be Committed to-morrow.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee upon the said Bill to-morrow.

House in Committee on the Message from Assembly respecting the *Magdalen Islands*.

The House according to Order was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House upon the Resolution received by Message yesterday from the Legislative Assembly on the subject of addressing the Administrator of the Government of this Province in behalf of the inhabitants of the *Magdalen Islands*.

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *M'Gill* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Resolution, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

It was then moved to resolve,

That this House doth concur with the Legislative Assembly in the said Resolution.

Resolution of the Assembly concurred in, and

The Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of this Province, in conformity with the said Resolution.

An Address to His Excellency founded thereon, ordered.

Ordered, that a Select Committee of three Members be appointed to prepare the said Address.

A Select Committee appointed to prepare the same.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Gill*, *W. Morris*, and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture by the establishment of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*," was read the second time.

Agricultural Societies Bill, (L. C.) Read Second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bruneau*, *Knoulton*, *Moore*, *de Boucherville* and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The House according to Order was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, "An Act to facilitate the partition of Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in certain cases in *Lower Canada*," together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon; as also the Petition presented to this House on the thirty-first day of March last, from Sir *James Stuart* and another; and the Petition presented to this House on the second day of April instant, from *J. Austin*, Junior, and others, on the subject of the said Bill.

House in Committee on Lands Partition Bill, (L.C.)

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same with certain amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk.

Amendments Reported.

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Same Adopted.

Ordered,

Bill, as amended, for third Reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill (as amended) be engrossed, and the same read the third time to-morrow.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

THURSDAY.

Thursday, 16th April, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

*M^r Gill,
Morris, W.
Hamilton,
Bruneau,
Feric,
Knoulton,
M^r Kay,
Moore,*

The Honorable Messieurs

*Dionne, A.
Dionne, J.
Goodhue,
Taché,
de Boucherville,
Morris, J.
Neilson,
Gordon.*

PRAYERS.

A Statement from the Bank of Upper Canada, and a

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Statement of the Affairs of the Bank of Upper Canada on the 8th April, 1846.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows.

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter U.)

Return from Durham Agricultural Society, presented.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the Agricultural Society of the County of Durham for the year 1845.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.)

Petitions:—

From Willoughby, (J. Lemon, Junr. and others.)

The Honorable Mr. Hamilton presented a Petition from John Lemon, Junior, and others, inhabitants of the Township of Willoughby in the District of Niagara; and

From Bertie West, (D. Elsworth and others.)

Also, a Petition from D. Elsworth and others, inhabitants of the Township of Bertie West, respectively praying that the Village of Port Robinson may be constituted the District Town of the said District ;

Also, a Petition from Archibald Thompson and others, inhabitants of the Township of Stamford in the said District of Niagara; and

From Stamford, (A. Thompson and others.)

Also, a Petition from Robert Hobson and others, inhabitants of the Township of Thorold, in the District of Niagara aforesaid, respectively praying that the District Town may be removed to a more central situation.

From Thorold, (R. Hobson and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from the Reverend J. W. M^r Grath and others, Members of the United Church of England and Ireland in the Township of Toronto, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of England and Ireland may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Toronto Township, (Rev. J. W. M^r Grath and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Taché presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of St. Paschal, praying for an aid to open a Road from the Seigniori of Kamouraska to the State of Maine.

From St. Paschal Municipal Council.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. A. Dionne presented a Petition from Jean Baptiste Lebel and others, inhabitants of the Parish of St. Ambroise, praying that the Road called, "la Route de la Misère," may be placed under the controul of the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads, for the purpose only of being Macadamized.

From St. Ambroise, (J. B. Lebel and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. J. Morris presented a Petition from the Reverend J. Pylke and others, Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the Diocese of Quebec, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese, such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves, as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church.

From the Diocese of Quebec, (Rev. J. Pylke and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

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From the Diocese of Quebec, (Rev. C. Jackson and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from the Reverend *C. Jackson* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Mission of *Hatley*, in the Diocese of *Quebec*, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese, such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From *Tay* and *Tiny*, (W. Simpson and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* presented a Petition from *W. Simpson* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the Townships of *Tay* and *Tiny*, praying for the repeal of the School Act, and the apportionment of the School funds amongst the various Religious Denominations; also, that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be stopped, and that the proportion belonging to the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church; and

From the Eastern District, (J. Laing and others.)

Also, a Petition from *John Laing* and others, inhabitants of the Eastern District, praying that the Road from the Township of *Matilda*, to the River *Nation* may be improved.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From *W. Rogerson* and others.

The Honorable Mr. *M. Kay* presented a Petition from *William Rogerson* and others, Manufacturers of Lumber; and

From *B. Clarke* and others.

Also, a Petition from *Benjamin Clarke*, and others, Manufacturers of Lumber, residing along the borders of the *St. Lawrence*, praying that the salary of the Supervisor of Cullers may be augmented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the *Chambly College*.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Pierre M. Mignault*, Founder and Superior of the College of *Chambly*, praying for an additional aid.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From *J. Sharples*, of *Quebec*, and

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *John Sharples* of the City of *Quebec*, Supervisor of Cullers, praying for an increase of salary; together with a Petition from the Merchants of *Quebec*, in support thereof.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from *G. T. Bony* on behalf of a public meeting of the inhabitants of *Malahide*, praying for a grant of money to complete *Port Burwell Harbour*.

From *Malahide*, (G. T. Bony and others,) presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris*, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, presented to the House a Report on the state of the Registry Offices in the Districts of *Montreal*, *Three Rivers* and *St. Francis*; as also, a Report on the same subject for the Districts of *Quebec* and *Gaspé*.

Reports on Registry Offices in (L. C.) presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter B.)

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *Joseph Smith* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Compton*, praying for pecuniary aid for the purpose of making a Road from the Province Line at *Hereford* to the said Township of *Compton*.

Petitions:— From *Compton*, (J. Smith and others,) and

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *L. Malo* and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *Trois Pistoles*, in the County of *Rimouski*, praying for aid to open a Road from the River *des Trois Pistoles* to the Lake *Témiscouata*, and for the erection of Wharves on the South Bank of the *St. Lawrence* below *Quebec*.

From *Trois Pistoles*, (Rev. L. Malo and others,) presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* from the Select Committee appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, in behalf of the inhabitants of the *Magdalen Islands*, reported an Address drawn by them as follows:

Address to His Excellency respecting *Magdalen Islands* reported by the Select Committee.

To His Excellency Lieutenant General the Right Honorable CHARLES MURRAY, Earl Cathcart, of Cathcart, in the County of Renfrew, Knight Commander of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Administrator of the Government of the Province of Canada, and Commander of Her Majesty's Forces in British North America, &c. &c. &c.

MAY

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council and of Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly pray that Your Excellency will be graciously pleased to interpose your good offices with Her Majesty's Government in behalf of the inhabitants of the *Magdalen Islands*, for the most part Acadians of French origin, descendants of the Colonists of *l'Acadie* (now the Province of *Nova Scotia*) originally colonized by *France*, whose Religion, Language, Usages and Interests are identified with those of a majority of the inhabitants of *Lower Canada*, to prevent the annexation they apprehend of those Islands to the Government of *Prince Edward's Island*.

Which Address being read twice by the Clerk was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the said Address be Engrossed.

Ordered, that the Speaker of this House do sign the said Engrossed Address on behalf of this House.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council do concur in the Resolution communicated to them on the fourteenth day of April instant, and have agreed to an Address to be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government thereupon, to which Address the Legislative Council desire their concurrence, and also that it may be signed on their behalf.

The Honorable Mr. *M. Gill* presented a Petition from *James Ferrier* and others, Members of the Municipal Council of the City of *Montreal*, praying for the passing of an Act to remove certain doubts as to the legality of certain proceedings in the said Council.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to facilitate the partition of Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in certain cases in *Lower Canada*," was read the third time,

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that the title be "An Act to facilitate the partition of Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in certain cases in *Lower Canada*."

Title.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the recovery of the Rates or Taxes intended to be imposed by certain By-laws of the District Council of the District of *Huron*;"

Motion to postpone the Second Reading of *Huron District Taxes Bill* till Monday.

It was moved that the said Order be discharged, and that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Which being objected to,

After a long debate,

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was resolved in the negative.

Same negatived.

It was then moved that the said Bill be now read a second time.

Motion for a second reading of the Bill instant.

Which being objected to,

After debate,

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was resolved in the affirmative.

Adopted, and

Whereupon the said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

The Bill read second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *W. Morris*, *A. Dionne*, *Goodhue*, *Taché* and *J. Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read, for putting the House into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill intituled, "An Act to remove certain doubts as to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Court of Chancery in *Upper Canada*, in matters relating to Lunatics, Idiots

Committee of Court of Chancery Jurisdiction Bill postponed till tomorrow.

Lands Partition Bill, (L. C.) Read third time.

Petition:— From Montreal, (J. Ferrier and others,) presented.

Same agreed to.

Committee of Court of Chancery Jurisdiction Bill postponed till to-morrow.

" Idiots and persons of unsound mind and their Estates, and to amend and extend the laws in force in *Upper Canada* relating to Lunatics, Idiots and persons of unsound mind and their Estates," it was

Ordered, that the same be discharged, and that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Petitions:—

From Ste. Croix and Lotbinière, (J. C. Rival and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *J. C. Rival* and others, inhabitants of the Parishes of *Ste. Croix*, and *Lotbinière* and adjacent Parishes, praying that a Wharf may be built at the expense of the Province at the place called *Pointe Platon*;

From St. Louis de Lotbinière, (J. Viller and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Jean Viller* and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *Saint Louis de Lotbinière*, praying that the said Parish may be made the *chef lieu* of the County of *Lotbinière*; and

From M. N. Toussignant, of Lotbinière, and

Also, a Petition from *M. Noël Toussignant* of the County of *Lotbinière*, praying for redress in consequence of his having been superseded in the Militia.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Toronto Mechanics' Institute, presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from the Mechanics Institute of *Toronto*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Message from His Excellency Leave of absence granted to Hon. G. Pemberton.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read as follows:

CATHCART.

The Administrator of the Government informs the Honorable the Legislative Council, that leave was granted by the late Governor General in October last to the Honorable *George Pemberton* to absent himself from the Province for the space of one year, without vacating his seat in the Legislative Council.

Government House,
Montreal, 16th April, 1846.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

Friday, 17th April, 1846.

FRIDAY.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

M' Gill,
Morris, W.
Hamilton,
Ferrie,
Knoulton,
M' Kay,
Dionne, A.

The Honorable Messieurs

Dionne, J.
Goodhue,
Irving,
Morris, J.
Neilson,
Gordon.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Report of the Agricultural Society for the *Eastern District*, for the year 1845. A Report from the Eastern District Agricultural Society, and

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a supplementary Return from the Warden of the late Municipal District of *Chaudière*. A Return from Chaudière Municipal Council, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows.

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter K.*)

The Honorable Mr. *William Morris* presented a Petition from the Trustees of the *Durham High School*, praying for pecuniary aid; and Petitions:— From Durham High School.

Also, a Petition from *Ebenezer Wilson* of the District of *Bathurst*, praying that an Act may be passed to relieve all persons in this Province from Legal question, disqualification or punishment on account of Religious belief. From E. Wilson, of Bathurst District.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from *C. Henwood*, Secretary to the Medical Board at *Toronto*, praying that the said Board may be furnished with a copy of any Bill which may have a tendency to affect the interests of the said Board, before it is finally enacted by the Legislature. From the Toronto Medical Board.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The

Simcoe District Council,
(6 Petitions.)

The Honorable Mr. *Irving* presented six Petitions from the Municipal Council of the *Simcoe* District, praying that the School Act may be so amended as that the several Municipal Councils may have the power to collect, as well as assess the Taxes, in the several School Districts;

Also, praying that authority may be given them to levy a Tax of one penny per acre on all Lands not included in the Assessment Rolls of the said District;

Also, praying that the Act 1st Victoria, chap. 14, may be so amended as that the Assessors may be empowered to enforce the payment of Taxes on improved Farms, when owned by Non-residents;

Also, praying that authority may be given to them to impose a Tax on each Lot in the Town of *Barrie*;

Also, praying that authority may be given to them to assess and collect Taxes on Wild Lands, being the property of Absentees; and

Also, praying that the Registry Office may be removed to the Town of *Barrie*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

G. S. Tiffany
and others.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *George S. Tiffany* and others, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate them for the purpose of constructing a Railroad from *Montreal* to *Kingston*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From *Uxbridge*, Rev. R. Garratt and others.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Richard Garratt* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Townships of *Uxbridge* and *Brock*; and

Also, a Petition from *John Armstrong* and others, Members of the said Church, in the Townships of *Markham* and *Vaughan*, respectively praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with; but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From *Markham* and *Vaughan*, (J. Armstrong and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from the Reverend *R. R. Burrage* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Diocese of *Quebec*; and

From the Diocese of *Quebec*, (Rev. R. R. Burrage and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Andrew Balfour* and others, Members of the said Church in the same Diocese, respectively praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese, such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church.

From the Diocese of *Quebec*, (Rev. A. Balfour and others.) and

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *J. B. Couillard* and others, inhabitants of the County of *Dorchester*, praying that it may be divided for purposes of Registration into two Counties.

From *Dorchester* (J. B. Couillard and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The House according to Order was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled, "An Act to remove certain doubts as to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Court of Chancery in *Upper Canada*, in matters relating to Lunatics, Idiots and persons of unsound mind, and their Estates, and to amend and extend the Laws in force in *Upper Canada*, relating to Lunatics, Idiots and persons of unsound mind, and their Estates."

House in Committee on Court of Chancery Jurisdiction Bill.

After some time the House was resumed,

And the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Reported.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on the next sitting day.

Third reading next sitting day.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Christie* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act for the better Administration of Justice in the General Sessions of the Peace for *Gaspé*, and for preventing charges upon the Treasury of the Province for unnecessarily summoning Jurors thereto," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Gaspé General Sessions Bill brought up.

The

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second Reading on Monday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Petitions:—
From Elmsly (A. Pellet and others.)
The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *Andrew Pellet* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Township of *Elmsly*, praying that the School Act may be repealed, and that a Committee may be appointed to make such an equitable apportionment of the funds appropriated for Educational purposes as may be proportioned to the population, the amount of assessment, or if preferred to the sum raised by each Congregation ;

From Niagara (Rev. T. Green and others.)
Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Thomas Green* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Town of *Niagara* ;

From Kingston (Very Rev. G. O'Kill Stewart and others.)
Also, a Petition from the Very Reverend *George O'Kill Stuart* and others, Members of the said Church in the Parish of *St. George, Kingston* ; and

From Grimsby (W. Nelles and others.)
Also, a Petition from *William Nelles* and others, Members of the aforesaid Church in the Township of *Grimsby*, respectively praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto* for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourns. The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

Monday.

Monday, 20th April, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs
Morris, W.
Crooks,
Hamilton,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knoulton,
M'Kay,
Roy,
Moore,

The Honorable Messieurs
Dionne, A.
Dionne, J.
Goodhue,
Irving,
Taché,
Morris, J.
Neilson,
Gordon.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the *Clinton Agricultural Society*. Return from Clinton Agricultural Society, and

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Statement of the Affairs of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland District*, on the 25th March, 1846. Statement of Commercial Bank's affairs, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter U.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *N. B. Doucet* and another, on behalf of the Public Notaries in the District of *Montreal*, praying that the Bill for regulating the formalities of Notarial Deeds may not be passed into a Law. Petitions:— From N. B. Doucet and another.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne* presented a Petition from the Municipality of *St. Denis*, praying that a Sum of Money may be appropriated for the completion of the Road from the *St. Lawrence* between *la Rivière Ouelle* and *Kamouraska* to the River *St. John* in the State of *Maine*. From St. Denis Municipality.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *M. Townsend* and others, School Commissioners of *Clarenceville*, praying for the amendment of the School Act. From Clarenceville (M. Townsend and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Irving* presented a Petition from *David Coutts* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Chinguacousy*, praying that the Lands called Clergy Reserves may be sold, and the proceeds applied to the purposes of general Education ; and From Chinguacousy (D. Coutts and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Trustees of the *Toronto Hospital* Endowment, praying for a pecuniary grant for the purpose of erecting a New Hospital, and also that they may be incorporated for the purposes of the said Institution. Toronto Hospital.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Brock (H. Shaw and others.)

The Honorable Mr. J. Morris presented a Petition from *Hosea Shaw* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Brock*, praying for the construction of a Road from *Windsor Bay* on *Lake Ontario* to *Sturgeon Bay* by the Narrows of *Lake Simcoe*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From W. Y. Sullivan of Gloucester.

The Honorable Mr. M. Kay presented a Petition from *W. Y. Sullivan* of the Township of *Gloucester*, praying for compensation for services rendered as a School Teacher in 1841.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Toronto, (Bishop of Toronto and others.)

The Honorable Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from the Honorable and Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Toronto* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the City of *Toronto*, praying that the School Act may be repealed, and that a Committee may be appointed to make such an equitable apportionment of the funds appropriated for Educational purposes, as may be proportioned to the population, the amount of assessment, or if preferred to the sum raised by each Congregation.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Sutton, (A. Billing and others.) and

The Honorable Mr. Knoulton presented a Petition from *Andrew Billing* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Sutton*, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold in conformity with the provisions of the Imperial Act.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Shefford Granby, &c. (J. M. Ferres and others.) presented.

The Honorable Mr. Moore presented a Petition from *James M. Ferres* and others, inhabitants of the Townships of *Shefford*, *Granby*, *Farnham*, *Brome*, and *Dunham*, in the District of *Shefford*, praying for the restoration of the Territorial division of the District of *Missisquoi* for Judiciary purposes, as it existed under the late Municipal Ordinance of *Lower Canada*, and that *Ailsonville* be appointed as the place for holding the Courts.

Ordered, that the said Petition be now read.

Last Petition read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to remove certain doubts as to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Court of Chancery in *Upper Canada* in matters relating to Lunatics, Idiots, and persons of unsound mind and their Estates, and to amend and extend the Laws in force in *Upper Canada* relating to Lunatics, Idiots, and persons of unsound mind and their Estates," was read the third time.

Court of Chancery, Jurisdiction Bill read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

The House according to Order was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the substitution of more simple modes of Assurance in lieu of Fines and Recoveries."

House in Committee on Fines and Recoveries Bill.

After some time the House was resumed,

And the Honorable Mr. Bruneau reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Reported without amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Bill for a third reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Bouthillier and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate *La Communauté des Filles de la Charité* of the Parish of *Saint Hyacinthe* in the District of *Montreal*, for the care of infirm and sick persons and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

St. Hyacinthe Filles de la Charité Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better administration of Justice in the General Sessions of the Peace for *Gaspé*, and for preventing charges upon the Treasury of the Province for unnecessarily

Gaspé General Sessions Bill read second time.

"cessarily summoning Jurors thereto," was read the second time.

Third reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Petitions:—

From the Quebec British and Canadian School Society and

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from the Officers and Members of the *Quebec* British and Canadian School Society, praying that An Act may be passed for incorporating them by the name of the British and Canadian School Society of the District of *Quebec*; and

From the Toronto Board of Trade, presented

Also, a Petition from the Board of Trade of the City of *Toronto*, praying that the Act imposing a duty of three shillings per quarter upon American Wheat when imported into this Province may be repealed.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

TUESDAY.

Tuesday, 21st April, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M^cGill,</i>	<i>Moore,</i>
<i>Morris, W.</i>	<i>Dionne, A.</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Dionne, J.</i>
<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>M^cKay,</i>	<i>Gordon.</i>

PRAYERS.

Return from Bonaventure Agricultural Society, presented.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Report of the Agricultural Society for the County of Bonaventure for the year 1845.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.*)

Petitions:—

From the St. Roch les Aulnets Municipal Council.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *Saint Roch les Aulnets*, praying for aid in the completion of a Wharf and Road; and

Also, a Petition from *Olivier Grégoire* and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *St. Nicholas*, praying that the Seigniorship of *Lauzon* may be erected into a County for purposes of Registration.

From St. Nicholas, (O. Grégoire and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *M^cGill* presented a Petition from *William Morrin* and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *St. Augustin*, in the County of *Two Mountains*, praying that the line of Road Surveyed under the direction of the Board of Works from *St. Eustache* to *Grenville* may be approved by the Legislature; and

From St. Augustin, (W. Morrin and others.)

Also, a Petition from *James Dobie* and others, inhabitants of the said Parish of *St. Augustin*, praying for relief in consequence of the English School Teacher being removed from his office by order of the Commissioners elected under the New School Act for *Lower Canada*.

From St. Augustin, (J. Dobie and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Irving* presented a Petition from *John Bogart* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Whitchurch*, praying that the Endowment of the University of *King's College, Toronto*, may not be divided amongst various denominations of Christians, but that the Charter may be altered and modified; and

From Whitchurch, (J. Bogart and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Joseph M. Sanders* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Markham*, praying that the Lands called Clergy Reserves may be sold, and the proceeds applied to the purposes of Education.

From Markham, (J. M. Sanders and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *A. Proudfoot* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland* in the Township of *Trafalgar*, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves, as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church.

From Trafalgar, (A. Proudfoot and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Irving* presented a Petition from *John O. Hatt* and others, Mem-

From Hamilton, (J. O. Hatt and others.)

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Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Town of *Hamilton*, praying that no Bill may be passed whose object may be to destroy the Religious Character, and to invade the Chartered Rights of the University of *King's College*; and

From Hamilton, (J. O. Hatt and others.)

Also, a Petition from *John O. Hatt* and others, Members of the said Church in the Town of *Hamilton* aforesaid, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Ottawa, (R. Austin and others.) and

The Honorable Mr. *M'Kay* presented a Petition from *Richard Austin* and others, inhabitants of the County of *Ottawa*, praying for pecuniary aid, to be expended towards improving the Roads on the banks of the River *Gatineau*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Amherstburg, (F. Mark and others.) presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *Frederick Mark* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Town of *Amherstburgh*, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no further proceeded with; but that the proportion belonging to the said Church may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Two Messages from His Excellency presented.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* acquainted the House that he had two Messages from His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of this Province, under His Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to the House.

And the same were then severally read as follows:

CATHCART,

Respecting the Boundary between Canada and New Brunswick, and

The Administrator of the Government has within the last few days received from the Lieutenant Governor of *New Brunswick* a Despatch relating to the Boundary Line between that Province and *Canada*, which he hastens to communicate for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Council.

Although the question has been submitted for the decision of the Imperial Government, in consequence of all attempts to adjust it satisfactorily by negotiation between the two Provinces having failed, and the subject is still under the consideration of that authority with a view to its immediate settlement, the Administrator of the Government conceives it to be right that the Legislative Council should be made acquainted with the proceedings adopted by the Executive to protect the Territorial rights and interests of *Canada*; and these will be found explained in the additional documents which the Administrator of the Government at the same time transmits for the information of the Legislative Council.

Report of Messrs. Draper and Pincus.

Sir W. Colebrook to Earl Cathcart, 5th January.

Earl Cathcart to Sir W. Colebrook, 16th January.

Do. 2d February.

Sir W. Colebrook, 13th February.

Government House,

April, 1846.

(For Despatch, &c. vide Appendix No. 11.)

CATHCART.

The Administrator of the Government transmits for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Council, a Copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State relating to the formation of a Railroad between *Quebec* and *Halifax*; also, Copies of Despatches from the Lieutenant Governor of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick* communicating resolutions adopted by the Legislative Assemblies of those Provinces in reference to the same important subject.

Respecting the Boundary between Canada and New Brunswick, and

Respecting a Railway between Quebec and Halifax.

Government House,

April, 1846.

(For Despatches, vide Appendix No. 12.)

Ordered, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government of this Province, to return him the thanks of this House for his Messages just received.

An Address of thanks ordered.

Ordered, that such Members of the Executive Council who are Members of this House do wait on His Excellency the Administrator of the Government with the said Address.

Ordered, that the said Messages and Documents be printed in both Languages for the use of Members.

The Messages and Documents to be printed.

The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented a Petition from *Julien Chouinard* and others, inhabitants of the City of *Quebec*, praying that Pedlars may be prohibited from exercising

From Quebec, (J. Chouinard and others.) presented.

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ing their calling within the limits of the said City.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Fines and Recoveries Bill, read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act for the substitution of "more simple modes of Assurance in lieu of "Fines and Recoveries," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Gaspé General Sessions Bill, read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better Administration of Justice in the General Sessions "of the Peace for *Gaspé*, and for preventing "charges upon the Treasury of the Province "for unnecessarily summoning Jurors thereto," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills without any amendment.

St. Hyacinthe Filles de la Charité Bill, read second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate *La Communauté des Filles de la Charité* of the Parish of *Saint Hyacinthe*, in the District of *Montreal*, for the care of infirm and sick "persons, and for other purposes," was read the second time.

Third reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Queen's College Estates Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented to the House a Bill intituled, "An Act to transfer to *Queen's College*, at *Kingston*, certain "Estates, Rights, and Liabilities of the University at *Kingston*."

Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

Wednesday, 22d April, 1846. WEDNESDAY.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

M'Gill,
Morris, W.
Crooks,
Hamilton,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knoulton,
Roy,

The Honorable Messieurs

Moore,
Dionne, A.
Goodhue,
Irving,
Massue,
Morris, J.
Neilson,
Gordon.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Supplementary Return from the Warden of the late Municipal Council of the County of *Bonaventure*.

Return from Bonaventure Municipal Council presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter K.*)

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne* presented a Petition from *Jean Baptiste Laliberté*, of the Parish of *Lotbinière*, praying for redress in consequence of having been superseded as an Officer of Militia; and

Petitions:—
From J. B. Laliberté, of Lotbinière.

Also, a Petition from *Charles Déry* and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *Saint Jean Deschailions*, praying that the Registry Office for the County of *Lotbinière* may continue to be held therein; and that a Circuit Court may be held in the Parish of *St. Louis de Lotbinière*.

From St. Jean Deschailions, (C. Déry and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Irving* presented a Petition from *William Chalmers* and others, inhabitants of *Sherbrooke Forest*, in the District of *Niagara*, praying that the District Town may be removed to the Village of *Port Robinson*;

From Sherbrooke Forest, (W. Chalmers and others.)

Also, a Petition from *James Blott* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Dunn* in the said District of *Niagara*, praying that the District Town may be removed;

From Dunn, (J. Blott and others.)

Also, a Petition from the *Niagara District Council*, praying for the adoption of a more equitable mode of Assessment;

From Niagara District Council.

Also,

From the Gore Bank.

Also, a Petition from the President, Directors and Company of the *Gore Bank*, praying for a repeal of the Act which imposes a duty of one per cent on the circulation of the Chartered Banks ;

From Haldimand, (R. H. Bruce and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Robert Hay Bruce* and others, Freeholders residing along the *Grand River* in the County of *Haldimand*, praying that the embankments of certain Rivulets which intersect the Road between *Cayuga* and *Dunnville* may be raised ; and

From Chippawa, (Rev. W. Leeming and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *William Leeming* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the Parish of *Chippawa*, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the said Church may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From J. Beecher, of Brockville.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Isaac Beecher* of *Brockville*, praying for the passing of an Act conferring upon him the Patent-right to a certain Invention ; and

Also, a Petition from *Philip Austin*, President of the *Talbot District Agricultural Society*, praying for the establishment of a Professorship of Chemistry in the University of *King's College*, and also, that Model Farms may be encouraged.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From R. Julyan, of Quebec.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *Robert Julyan*, Assistant Harbour Master of the Port of *Quebec*, praying that the *Quebec Trinity House Bill* may not become Law in its present form.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Diocese of Quebec, (Rev. R. Knight and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *M'Gill* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Robert Knight* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Diocese of *Quebec*, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese, such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church ; and

Also, a Petition from *William Parks* and others, of the Parish of *St. Benoit*, in the County of *Two Mountains*, praying for the improvement of a certain line of Road in the said County, surveyed under the direction of the Board of Works.

From St. Benoit, (W. Parks and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Edward Hollingsworth* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Township of *Tyendinaga*, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the said Church may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

From Tyendinaga, (E. Hollingsworth and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to facilitate the conveyance of Real Property," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Report of Select Committee on Real Property Conveyance Bill without Amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Bill for third reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Williams* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to extend the benefit of a certain Act of the Parliament of *Upper Canada* therein mentioned, to the Ministers of the Denomination calling themselves '*Bible Christians*,' and also, to extend the benefit of the said Act, to a certain other Denomination styling themselves "*Christians*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Bible Christians Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second Reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Christie* and others, in the following words :

Message from the Assembly agreeing to the Address to His Excellency respecting the Magdalen Islands.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Monday, 20th April, 1846.

Resolved, that a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, acquainting their Honors that this House hath agreed to

Message from the Assembly agreeing to the Address to His Excellency respecting the Magdalen Islands.

the Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, on the subject of the *Magdalen Islands*.

Ordered, that Mr. *Christie* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clk. Assy.

Ordered, that the said Address be presented on the part of this House to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, by such Members of the Executive Council who are Members of this House.

Committee appointed to know when the Address would be received.

Ordered, that such Members of the Executive Council who are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, humbly to know what time His Excellency will please to appoint to be attended with the said Address.

Time appointed, and

The Honorable Mr. *William Morris* reported that he had, according to Order, waited upon His Excellency the Administrator of the Government humbly to know what time His Excellency would please to appoint to be attended with the Joint Address to His Excellency on the subject of the *Magdalen Islands*, and that His Excellency had named to-morrow at one o'clock in the afternoon, for that purpose.

The Assembly informed thereof.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that His Excellency the Administrator of the Government has appointed to-morrow at one o'clock to be attended with the Address of both Houses on the subject of the *Magdalen Islands*, and that the Legislative Council have ordered that such Members as are of the Executive Council do attend His Excellency at that time on the part of this House.

Bronté Harbor Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chalmers* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to revive and extend an Act of the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, third Victoria, chapter thirty-three, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the President, Directors and Company of the *Bronté Harbour*,' to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *William Morris* reported that he had, according to Order, waited on His Excellency the Administrator of the Government with the Address of this House of yesterday, and that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same graciously.

Presentation of an Address to His Excellency, reported.

Ordered, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to issue his Warrant in favour of *Charles de Léry*, Esquire, the Acting Clerk of this House, for the sum of three thousand pounds, to enable him to defray the present demands against the Legislative Council, for which he will afterwards account.

An Address to His Excellency for £3,000 for Contingent Expenses ordered.

Ordered, that such Members of the Executive Council who are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency with the said Address.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate *La Communauté des Filles de la Charité* of the Parish of *Saint Hyacinthe* in the District of *Montreal*, for the care of infirm and sick persons and for other purposes," was read the third time.

St. Hyacinthe Filles de la Charité Bill, read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to transfer to *Queen's College*, at *Kingston*, certain Estates, Rights, and Liabilities of the University at *Kings-ton*," was read the second time.

Queen's College Estates Bill read second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

And referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks*, *Hamilton* and *Gordon* to meet and adjourn as they please.

The

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

THURSDAY.

Thursday, 23d April, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

M^r Gill,
Morris, W.
Crooks,
Fergusson,
Hamilton,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knoulton,

The Honorable Messieurs

Moore,
Dionne, A.
Goodhue,
Irving,
Massue,
Morris, J.
Neilson,
Gordon.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from *Thomas Helliwell* and others, Distillers of the *Home* District, praying that the Act imposing a duty upon Spirituous Liquors may not be passed in its present shape ; and

Petitions:—
From Home District, (T. Helliwell and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Daniel MacNab* and others, inhabitants of the Town of *Hamilton*, praying that the endowment of the University of *King's College, Toronto*, may not be divided amongst various denominations of Christians ; but that the Charter may be altered and modified.

From Hamilton, (D. MacNab and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne* presented a Petition from *Michel Honoré Saint Jorre*, of the Parish of *La Rivière Ouelle*, praying for payment of his account for taking part of the Census of that Parish.

From M. H. St. Jorre, of La Rivière Ouelle.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from *W. Tremain* and others, Lumberers on the River *Moir*, and its Tributaries, praying that an Act may be passed compelling Owners or Occupiers of Mill-dams on the said River to erect Aprons to their respective Dams of a certain description and dimension ; and

From the River Moira, (W. Tremain and others.)

Also, a Petition from *J. Browitt* and others, inhabitants of the Townships of *Derham*,

From Derham, &c., (J.

North and West *Oxford, Nissouri*, and *Zorra*, praying that a Road may be made through the said Townships to *Port Burwell*, and also, that the Township of *Bayham* may be annexed to the District of *Brock*.

Browitt and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *James L. Biscoe*, Schoolmaster, of the Parish of *St. George de Henryville*, praying for pecuniary aid as such.

From J. S. Biscoe of St. George de Henryville, and

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from the Reverend *N. Guerout* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Diocese of *Quebec*, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese, such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church.

From the Diocese of Quebec, (Rev. N. Guerout and others.) Presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to transfer to *Queen's College* at *Kingston*, certain Estates, Rights " and Liabilities of the University at *Kingston*," reported that they have in pursuance of the Order of Reference examined the said Bill and now beg leave to report the same for adoption by this Honorable House, with the following Amendments, viz :

Report of Select Committee on Queen's College Estates Bill, with amendments.

Preamble, line 20.—After the word "divers" insert "contracts, agreements and" strike out the word "contracts" at the end of the same line.

Preamble, line 21.—Strike out the words "agreements, lands and premises."

Ordered, that the said Report be received.

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk.

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Read twice and adopted.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the said Bill as amended be engrossed.

Motion respecting an adjournment of the House.

It was moved that when the House adjourns to-morrow, it do stand adjourned to Tuesday next the twenty-eighth instant.

Agreed to.

The Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was carried in the affirmative.

Real Property Conveyance Bill read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to facilitate the conveyance of Real Property," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Unitarians Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Price* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to afford relief to a certain Religious Congregation at *Toronto*, denominated Unitarian Christians," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Gloucester Boundary Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Stuart* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act for defining and establishing the course of the Side Lines of Lots in the Gore of the Township of *Gloucester* in the District of *Dalhousie*," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have passed this Bill without any amendment.

Bible Christians Bill, read second time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to extend the benefit of a certain Act of the Parliament of *Upper Canada* therein mentioned, to the Ministers of the Denomination calling themselves '*Bible Christians*,' and also to extend the benefit of the said Act to a certain other Denomination styling themselves '*Christians*,'" was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Fergusson*, *Hamilton* and *Moore*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to revive and extend an Act of the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, third Victoria, chapter thirty-three, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the President, Directors and Company of the *Bronté Harbour*,'" was read the second time.

Bronté Harbour Bill Read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks*, *Fergusson* and *Ferrie*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *G. M'Donald* and others, as follows:

Message from the Assembly requesting the evidence on which Vanzandt's Relief Bill was founded.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Wednesday, 22nd April, 1846.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, to request that their Honors will be pleased to communicate to this House, a Copy of the Minutes of Evidence taken before their Honorable House on the Bill intituled, "An Act for the relief of *Juliet Vanzandt*, wife of *Jacob L. Vanzandt*, who claims as sister of the half blood of *Richard Duncan*, late of *Williamsburg*, in the Eastern District of this Province."

Ordered, that Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*, do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clk. Assy.

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in and informed, that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *George Chambers, Junior*, and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in *Ingersoll*, and *West* and *North Oxford*, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded

Petitions:—
From Ingersoll &c. (G. Chambers, Jr. and others.)

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(G. Chambers, jun., and others.)

ceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the said Church may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church; and

From Brock, (E. Nellis and others,) and

Also, a Petition from *Elijah Nellis* and others, inhabitants of the District of *Brock*, praying that the Registry Office may be removed from *Ingersollville* to *Woodstock*, and that suitable Buildings may be provided by the said District for such Registry Office prior to its removal.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Quebec, (P. Ballergeon and others) Presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *P. Ballergeon* and others, Pilots for and below *Quebec*, praying for certain Amendments (as far as regards their Branch,) in the *Quebec* Trinity House Incorporation Bill.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY.

Friday, 24th April, 1846.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M. Gill,</i>	<i>Moore,</i>
<i>Morris, W.</i>	<i>Dionne, A.</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Goodhue,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	<i>Gordon.</i>
<i>Roy,</i>	

PRAYERS.

Petitions:—
From Dunham, (M. Lang and others.)
two Petitions.

The Honorable Mr. *M. Gill* presented two Petitions from *Mathew Lang* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Dunham*, praying that the Lands called Clergy Reserves may be sold; and

Also, praying that the Universities of *King's* College, *Toronto*, and *M. Gill* College, *Montreal*, may be placed on such a footing as that all Denominations of Christians may have an equal share in the administration of their affairs.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. Gunne* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Townships of *Dawn, Zone, Camden, Mosa, Ekfred, Metcalfe* and *Sombra*;

From Dawn, Zone, &c. (Rev. J. Gunne and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Hamilton M. Carroll* and others, Members of the aforesaid Church in the Township of *Warwick*; and

From Warwick (H. M. Carroll and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Richard Flood* and others, Members of the aforesaid Church in the Townships of *Delaware* and *Carradoc*, respectively praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with; but that the proportion belonging to the said United Church may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

From Delaware and Carradoc, (Rev. R. Flood and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from the Board of Trade of *Toronto*, praying that the rates of Postage in this Province may be reduced.

From the Toronto Board of Trade.

Ordered, that the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Last Petition read.

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* presented a Petition from the Honorable and Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Toronto* and others, inhabitants of the City of *Toronto*, praying that a grant of money may be authorised for the purpose of erecting a suitable building therein for a House of Industry.

From Toronto, (The Bishop and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *James Rosamond* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the Village of *Carlton Place*, and its vicinity, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with; but that the proportion belonging to the said United Church may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

From Carlton Place, (J. Rosamond and others.)

Ordered,

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Quebec
(P. Young
and others)

The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented a Petition from *Paterson Young* and others, inhabitants of *Quebec*, praying that no action may be taken on that portion of the Petition from the *Quebec* Board of Trade which represents that the increased duty might be imposed on certain articles imported into this Province.

Ordered, that the said Petition be now read.

Last Petition
read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

From W. Price
of Quebec.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne* presented a Petition from *William Price* of *Quebec*, praying that the Petition of certain persons who have requested that an Act may be passed to give them excluding rights as Pilots for the River *Saguenay* may not be entertained.

Ordered, that the said Petition be now read.

Last Petition
read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on Table.

From J.
Hovington and
E. Tremblay,
of Tadousac.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne* presented a Petition from *Joseph Hovington* and *Ephraim Tremblay*, of *Tadousac*, Mariners, praying that no exclusive privilege of piloting Vessels in the River *Saguenay* may be granted to other persons.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Oxford,
South Gower,
&c., (J. Leeming
and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* presented a Petition from *Joseph Leeming* and others, inhabitants of the Townships of *Oxford*, *South Gower* and *Mountain*, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold in conformity with the provisions of the Imperial Statute.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Shefford,
(C. Allen and
others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from *Charles Allen* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Shefford*, praying that the Universities of *King's College*, *Toronto*, and *M'Gill College*, *Montreal*, may be placed on such a footing as that all Denominations of Christians may have an equal share in the administration of their affairs;

Also, a Petition from *Orin Dorman* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Potton*, praying for a pecuniary grant to enable them to construct a Road from *Sutton Line* to *Magog Lake*;

From Potton,
(O. Dorman
and others.)

Also, a Petition from *Chester Hovey* and others, occupiers of Clergy Reserves in the Township of *Hatley*, praying that the amount in arrear as well as the interest on the purchase money for the said Lands may be remitted; and

From Hatley,
(C. Hovey and
others.)

Also, a Petition from *A. A. Adams* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Barnston*, praying that the Road from *Montreal* to the Province Line, through the Townships of *Granby*, *Shefford*, *Stukely*, *Bolton* and *Hatley* may be put into repair.

From Barn-
ston, (A. A.
Adams and
others.) and

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented two Petitions from the Reverend *Edward Denroche* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Township of *Elizabethtown*, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the said Church may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church; and

From Eliza-
bethtown,
(Rev. E.
Denroche and
others.) two
Petitions
Presented.

Also, praying that no Bill may be passed whose object may be to destroy the Religious Character and to invade the Chartered Rights of the University of *King's College*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the *Saint Lawrence Inland Marine Assurance Company* for the year 1845.

Return from
the St. Law-
rence Inland
Marine Assu-
rance Com-
pany, pre-
sented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows.

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter U.)

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to revive and extend an Act of the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, third Victoria, chapter thirty-three, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the President, Directors and Company of the *Bronté Harbour*,' reported that the Committee had

Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on
Bronté Har-
bour Bill.

had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on Tuesday next.

The Bill intituled, "An Act to transfer to *Queen's College at Kingston*, certain Estates, Rights and Liabilities of the University at *Kingston*," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the title be, "An Act to transfer to *Queen's College at Kingston*, certain Estates, Rights and Liabilities of the University at *Kingston*."

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to afford relief to a certain Religious Congregation at *Toronto* denominated Unitarian Christians," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks*, *Fergusson*, and *Irving*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under His Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

And the same was read as follows:—

CATHCART.

The Governor General informs the Honorable the Legislative Council, with reference to their Address of the 22nd instant, that he has issued his Warrant in favor of *Charles de Léry*, Esquire, acting Clerk of their Honorable House, for the sum of Three Thousand Pounds, to enable him to defray the present demands against the Legislative Council.

Government House,
Montreal, April, 1846.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* reported that he had, according to Order, waited upon His Excellency the Governor General, on the part of this House, with the Address of both Houses of Parliament to His Excellency, on the subject of the annexation of the *Magdalen Islands* to the Government of *Prince Edward Island*, and that His Excellency was pleased to return the following most gracious answer thereto.

His Excellency's Answer to the Joint Address respecting the *Magdalen Islands* reported.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

The Answer.

And Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

I entirely concur in the sentiments expressed in your Joint Address against the Annexation of the *Magdalen Islands* to the Government of *Prince Edward Island*, and I shall have much pleasure in recommending the subject to the Secretary of State, for the favorable consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, in conformity with the Order of the House made yesterday.

Adjourn.

Tuesday, 28th April, 1846.

TUESDAY.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

M'Gill,
Morris, W.
Joliette,
Crooks,
Fergusson,
Irving,
Massue,

Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knoulton,
Roy,
Moore,
Neilson,
Gordon.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Statement of the Affairs of the *Gore Bank*, to the 13th of April, 1846.

Return from the *Gore Bank* presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter U.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* presented a Petition from *Thomas Morton*, and others, Distillers, of the *Midland District*, praying to be heard by Counsel against the Bill for imposing

From the *Midland District*, (*T. Morton* and others.)

Bill for third reading on Tuesday.

Queen's College Estates Bill read third time.

And Passed.

Title Ordered.

And the Bill sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Unitarians' Bill read second time, and

Referred to a Select Committee.

Message from His Excellency;

Acquainting the House of having issued his Warrant in favor of *C. de Léry, Esq.*, for £3,000.

imposing a Duty on Spirits manufactured in this Province.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From G. Durand, of Port Sarnia.

The Honourable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from *George Durand*, of *Port Sarnia*, praying that the Bill granting a certain allowance for Road to *R. E. Vidal*, may not be passed into a Law during the present Session;

From the Montreal Agricultural Society.

And also, a Petition from the Honourable *A. N. Morin*, Vice President of the Agricultural Society for the County of *Montreal*, praying that the time limited by the Act, for making certain payments from the funds of the Society, may be extended.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Terrebonne (J. Masson and others.)

The Honourable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *Joseph Masson* and others, inhabitants of the Village of *Terrebonne*, praying that the County Registry Office may not be removed thence to the Village of *Therese de Blainville*;

From Farnham, (J. J. Williams and others.)

Also, a Petition from *J. J. Williams* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Farnham*, in the County of *Shefford*;

From Brome, (B. H. Shepherd and others.)

And also, a Petition from *Benjamin H. Shepherd* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Brome*, respectively praying that the Lands called Clergy Reserves may be sold;

From Farnham, (J. J. Williams and others.)

Also, a Petition from *J. J. Williams* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Farnham*, in the County of *Shefford*;

From Brome, (J. Millar and others.)

And also, a Petition from *James Millar* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Brome*, respectively praying that the Universities of *King's College, Toronto*, and *M^cGill College, Montreal*, may be placed on such a footing as that all Denominations of Christians may have an equal share in the administration of their affairs.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Hamilton, (H. B. Willson and others.)

The Honourable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *H. B. Willson* and others, inhabitants of the Town of *Hamilton*, praying that the School Act may be repealed, and that a Committee may be appointed to make such an equitable apportionment of the funds appropriated for Educational purposes, as may

be proportioned to the population, the amount of assessment, or, if preferred, to the sum raised by each Congregation;

Also a Petition from the Reverend *William M^cMurray* and others, inhabitants of the Village of *Ancaster*, praying that no Bill may be passed whose object may be to destroy the Religious Character, and to invade the Chartered Rights of the University of *King's College*;

From Ancaster, (Rev. W. M^cMurray and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *G. M. Armstrong* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the Township of *Louth*;

From Louth, (Rev. G. M. Armstrong and others.)

And also, a Petition from *George S. Cotter* and others, Members of the said United Church in the Mission of *Newmarket*, respectively praying that the Sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the aforesaid Church may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

From Newmarket, (G. S. Cotter and others.)

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *William M^cMurray* and others, Members of the said United Church, in the Village of *Ancaster*, praying that the School Act may be repealed, and that a Committee may be appointed to make such an equitable apportionment of the funds appropriated for Educational purposes as may be proportioned to the population, the amount of assessment, or, if preferred, to the sum raised by each Congregation.

From Ancaster, (Rev. W. M^cMurray and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honourable Mr. *Irving* presented a Petition from *Thomas Augustus Haines, Junior*, on behalf of the Baptist Congregation assembling in the Town of *London*;

From London, (T. A. Haines, Jun., and others.)

And also, a Petition from *Dugald Sinclair*, on behalf of a similar Congregation at *Lobo*, respectively praying that the Clergy Reserves may not be divided among the Religious Denominations, but that they may be sold under the provisions of the Imperial Act;

From Lobo, (D. Sinclair and others.)

And also, two Petitions from *Charles Matthews* and others, inhabitants, of the Township of *Pickering*, praying that the Endowment of the University of *King's College at Toronto*, may not be divided amongst various

From Pickering, (C. Matthews and others.) two Petitions.

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various Denominations of Christians, but that the Charter may be altered and modified, and praying that the Lands called Clergy Reserves may be sold, and the proceeds applied to the purposes of Education.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Quebec, (H. Dubord and others.)

The Honorable Mr. Massue presented a Petition from Hyppolite Dubord and others, Ship Builders and Carpenters of Quebec, praying that such protection to the Ship-building interests may be afforded by means of a drawback, or otherwise, as will give them equal advantages to those similarly employed in New Brunswick.

Ordered, that the said Petition be now read.

Last Petition read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

From Quebec, (C. N. Montizambert and others;) and,

The Honorable Mr. Massue presented a Petition from Charles N. Montizambert and others, Registrars of Deeds in the District of Quebec, praying for an increase of their Fees:

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

From J. Wilson of London, presented.

The Honorable Mr. W. Morris presented a Petition from John Wilson of the Town of London, complaining of the conduct of Henry Allen, Esquire, Judge of the London District Court, and praying for the adoption of such measures as the nature of the complaint would justify.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Copy of a Despatch respecting the duty imposed on Wheat, presented.

The Honorable Mr. W. Morris, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, presented to the House a copy of a Despatch in answer to the Memorial of the Montreal Board of Trade, on the subject of the duty imposed on Wheat when imported into this Province.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:

(For Despatch, vide Appendix No. 13.)

Petitions:— From Quebec, (A. Campbell and others;) and,

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from Archibald Campbell and others, inhabitants of the City of Quebec, praying for the improvement of certain cross Roads in the vicinity of the said City.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Knoulton presented a Petition from the Reverend A. Duransaux and others, inhabitants of St. Michael, Eachine, praying that in any Bill for incorporating a Railway Company a clause may be inserted to prevent them from violating the Lord's Day.

From St. Michael, Eachine, (Rev. A. Duransaux and others, presented.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Taschereau and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to enforce the attendance of Witnesses before Magistrates in Lower Canada," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Witnesses before Magistrates Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Taschereau and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Law in cases of Forgery," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Forgery Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Boulton and others, with a Bill intituled, "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," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Building Societies Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Second reading on Thursday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Leslie and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to indemnify Anthony Leslie, Inspector of Licenses, for having in ignorance of the Law voted at the late Election for the County of Lanark," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Leslie's Indemnity Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered,

Second reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Trafalgar Road Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chalmers* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons as the *Trafalgar, Esquesing,* and *Erie Road Company,*" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading on Thursday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Vidal's Road Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Woods* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to vest in *Richard E. Vidal*, his Heirs and Assigns, the Government allowance for a Road across certain Lots of Land in the Township of *Sarnia*, in the *Western District*, now being longed to him," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Wild Fowl in L'Islet Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Taché* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act for the better preservation of certain Wild Fowl in the County of *L'Islet*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading on Thursday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

An Address of Congratulation to His Excellency upon being appointed Governor General, moved.

It was moved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to express to His Excellency the congratulations of this House upon his having been appointed by Our Most Gracious Sovereign as Her Majesty's Representative in British *North America*.

Adopted unanimously.

The Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved unanimously in the affirmative.

Appointment of a Select Committee to prepare the same.

Ordered, that a Select Committee of three Members be appointed to draft and report the said Address.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Gill*, *Massue* and *Gordon*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* from the Select Committee just appointed, reported the draft of an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, drawn by them as follows:

To His Excellency the Right Honorable
CHARLES MURRAY, EARL CATHCART, K.
C. B., Governor General of British
North America, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of *Canada* in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to express to Your Excellency our sincere congratulations upon your appointment by our Most Gracious Sovereign as Her Majesty's Representative in British *North America*, and at the same time to renew the assurance of our ardent attachment to Her Majesty's Person and Government.

Which Address being read by the Clerk, was agreed to unanimously by the House.

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 who are Members of the Honorable the Executive Council, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General, humbly to know what time His Excellency will be pleased to appoint to be attended with the said Address.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *M'Donald* (of *Kingston*) and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act for the relief of *John Macara*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire, and of other Solicitors, Writers and Advocates before the Sheriff's Courts of *Scotland*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General

Common School Bill, brought up.

General *Draper* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act for the better establishment " and maintenance of Common Schools in " *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Presbyterian Marriage Bill, brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Colville* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the " Ministers of the Associate Presbyterian " Synod of *North America*, to keep Registers " of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials performed by them, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading on Thursday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Message from the Assembly requesting the evidence upon which Jones' Trustee Bill was founded. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Jessup* and others, as follows :

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Monday, 27th April, 1846.

Resolved, that a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, requesting that their Honors may be pleased to communicate to this House, the Documents, Evidence, or Proofs upon which is founded the Engrossed Bill received from their Honors, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Devizees " and Trustees of the Will of the late Honorable " *Charles Jones*, to convey a Town Lot therein mentioned, to the President and Board " of Police of *Brockville*, for the uses and " purposes therein mentioned."

Ordered, that Mr. *Jessup* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk. Assy.

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in and informed, that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

Penitentiary Bill. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attor-

ney General *Draper* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend " the Laws relating to the Provincial Peni- " tentiary."

Penitentiary Bill, and

And also a Bill intituled, "An Act to " amend an Act passed during the last Session " of this Parliament intituled, 'An Act to " ' amend, consolidate and reduce into one " ' Act the several Laws now in force, esta- " ' blishing or regulating the practice of Dis- " ' trict Courts, in the several Districts of " ' that part of this Province formerly *Upper " ' Canada*,' " to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

First District Court Bill, brought up.

The said Bills were severally read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bills be read the second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Christie* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act relating to the " *Magdalen Islands* in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, and to enable the inhabitant house- " holders therein, to establish a Municipal " Council in the said Islands, and to extend " the like advantages to certain localities in " the County of *Saguenay* and to those parts " of the Counties of *Rimouski* and *Kamouraska*, known as the *Madawaska Territory*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Magdalen Islands Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Second reading on Thursday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to revive and extend an " Act of the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, " third Victoria, chapter thirty-three, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate certain persons " ' under the name and style of the President, " ' Directors, and Company of the *Bronté " ' Harbour*,' " was read the third time.

Bronté Harbour Bill read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Dempsey's Attorney Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Gowan and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the Courts of Queen's Bench and of Chancery in *Upper Canada*, in their discretion, to admit *John W. Dempsey* to practice as "an Attorney and Solicitor therein," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Government Roads Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. George Sherwood and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to prevent the opening of Government Allowances for Roads, without an order from the District Council of the District in which the said Allowances are situate," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading on Friday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Adjourn. The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

WEDNESDAY. **Wednesday, 29th April, 1846.**

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M'Gill,</i>	<i>Knoulton,</i>
<i>Morris, W.</i>	<i>Roy,</i>
<i>Joliette,</i>	<i>Moore,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Gordon.</i>

PRAYERS.

Time named for receiving the Address upon His Excellency's appointment as Governor General.

The Honorable Mr. *William Morris* reported that he had, according to order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General, for the purpose of knowing when His Excellency would be pleased to receive this House with their Address of congratulation upon His Excellency's appointment as Her Majesty's Representative in *British North America*; and that His Excellency had appointed this Day

at a quarter past three o'clock P. M. for that purpose.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable the Speaker reported that the House did this day present to His Excellency the Governor General their said Address of congratulation, to which His Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

I beg leave to offer you my warmest thanks for your kind congratulations on my appointment as Representative of Our Gracious Queen in Her Majesty's *North American Dominions*.

In the discharge of the important trust confided to me, it will be my earnest endeavour to promote the best interests of the Province, and the prosperity of every class of the People of *Canada*.

I place the most implicit reliance on your ardent attachment to the Person and Government of Her Majesty, who takes the deepest interest in the happiness and welfare of Her subjects in every portion of Her extended Empire.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from *James Hamilton* and others, inhabitants of the Townships of *Dumfries, Waterloo, Wilnot, Blenheim*, and the adjoining Townships, praying that the *Dundas* and *Waterloo Road* may be completed, and that a further sum may be expended on the most direct Line of Road, from *Galt* to the Eastern Boundary of the *Huron District*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *Joseph Heywood* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Townships of *Burford* and *Norwich*, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with; but that the proportion belonging to the said United Church may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Ordered; that the same do lie on the Table.

The

From Dundas,
(H. M' Cargar
and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *Hugh M' Cargar* and others, inhabitants of *Mountain*, in the County of *Dundas*, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold in conformity with the terms of the Imperial Statute.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Farnham,
(J. L. Herrick and
others,) and

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from *John L. Herrick* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Farnham*, in the County of *Shefford*, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Montreal,
(G. L. Perry and
others,) presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented a Petition from *G. L. Perry* and others, inhabitants of the Island of *Montreal*, praying that the Road between the Roads leading from the City of *Montreal* to *Lachapelle's* Bridge and to *Sault-au-Récollet* may be Macadamized.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Return from
Rouville Agricultural
Society.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the Agricultural Society of the County of *Rouville*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.*)

Witnesses before
Magistrates Bill,
(L. C.) read second
time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to enforce the attendance of Witnesses before Magistrates in *Lower Canada* in certain cases," was read the second time.

Motion for
third reading
to-morrow.

It was moved, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow;

Which being objected to,

Motion in
amendment.

It was moved in amendment, to leave out all the words after "be," in the original motion, and to insert "referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Which motion in amendment being also objected to,

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was resolved in the affirmative.

Same agreed
to.

The Question of Concurrence being then put on the main motion, (as amended,) the same was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bruneau*, *Moore*, and *Massue*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Bill referred to a Select Committee.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Smith* (of *Wentworth*) and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate a Company to extend the *Great Western* Railroad from *Hamilton* to *Toronto*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Hamilton and Toronto Railroad Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next. Second Reading on Monday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Stewart* (of *Bytown*) and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to increase the Salary of the Supervisor of *Cullers*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Supervisor of Cullers Salary Bill brought up

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Friday next. Second Reading on Friday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Roblin* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act therein mentioned relating to the appropriation of Monies derived from the sale of *School Lands* in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. School Lands Bill brought up

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Friday next. Second Reading on Friday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Law in cases of *Forgery*," was read the second time. Forgery Bill Read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Johiette*, *Bruneau*, and *Ferrie*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to indemnify *Anthony Leslie*, Inspector of Licences, for having in ignorance of the Law voted at the late Election for the County of *Lanark*," was read the second time. Leslie's Indemnity Bill, read second time.

Ordered,

Third reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Motion for reading Vidal's Road Bill the second time. The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill intituled, "An Act to vest in *Richard E. Vidal*, his Heirs and Assigns, "the Government allowance for a Road "across certain Lots of Land, in the Town- "ship of *Sarnia*, in the *Western District*, "now belonging to him," being read ;

It was moved, that the said Bill be now read the second time ;

Objected to. Which being objected to, After a short debate,

Question put and carried. The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read the second time, and Whereupon the said Bill was read the second time accordingly.

Referred to a Select Committee. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Fergusson*, *Knoulton*, and *Gordon*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Certain Petitions referred to last Committee. *Ordered*, that all the Petitions presented during the present Session, either for or against the said Bill, be referred to the same Select Committee.

Macara's Attorney Bill read second time, and Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for the Relief of *John Macara*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire, "and of other Solicitors, Writers, and Advocates, before the Sheriff's Courts of *Scotland*," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks*, *Bruneau*, and *Irving*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Common School Bill read second time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better establishment and maintenance of Common Schools "in *Upper Canada*," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee upon the said Bill on Friday next. To be Committed on Friday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend "the Laws relating to the Provincial Penitentiary," was read the second time. Penitentiary Bill read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of seven Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *W. Morris*, *Joliette*, *Crooks*, *Fergusson*, *Massue*, *Neilson*, and *Gordon*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed "during the last Session of this Parliament, "intituled, 'An Act to amend, consolidate, "and reduce into one Act, the several Laws "now in force establishing or regulating the "practice of District Courts in the several "Districts of that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*,"" was read the second time. First District Court Bill read second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee upon the said Bill on Friday next. To be Committed on Friday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts "of *Queen's Bench*, and of *Chancery*, in *Upper Canada*, in their discretion, to admit "*John W. Dempsey* to practice as an Attorney and Solicitor therein," was read the second time. Dempsey's Attorney Bill read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks*, *Neilson*, and *Gordon*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks*, *Fergusson*, and *Gordon*, be added to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the recovery of the rates or taxes "intended to be imposed by certain By-laws of the District Council of the District of *Huron*." Members added to Select Committee on Huron District Taxes Bill.

The

Petition :—
From Montreal, (T. Seed and others,) presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *Thomas Seed* and others, inhabitants of the City of *Montreal*, praying for the repeal of the Act imposing a duty on Wheat, when imported into this Province from the United States of America.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

THURSDAY.

Thursday, 30th April, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

- M. Gill,*
- Morris, W.*
- Joliette,*
- Crooks,*
- Fergusson,*
- Bruneau,*
- Ferrie,*

The Honorable Messieurs

- Knoulton,*
- Moore,*
- Irving,*
- Massue,*
- Walker,*
- Neilson,*
- Gordon.*

PRAYERS.

Petitions :—
From London District, (L. Lawrason and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *William Morris* presented a Petition from *L. Lawrason* and others, inhabitants of the *London District*, praying that *Henry Allan*, Esquire, may be removed from his respective offices of Judge of the *London District Court*, Judge of the *Division Court*, and Chairman of the *Quarter Sessions*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Quebec, (Bishop of Montreal and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal*, and others, inhabitants of the City of *Quebec*, praying that in all Bills for authorizing the construction of Railways, a clause may be inserted to prevent either passengers or goods being carried on them upon the Lord's Day ;

From the Diocese of Quebec, (Rev. E. F. Simpson and others.)

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *E. F. Simpson* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the Diocese of *Quebec*, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese, such portion of the Lands called *Clergy Reserves*, as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church ;

And also, a Petition from *Archibald Campbell* and others, inhabitants of the Lower and Upper Towns of the City of *Quebec*, praying that the Representation and Assessment of the said City may be equalized.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from the Reverend *R. Whitwell* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the Diocese of *Quebec*, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese such portion of the Lands called *Clergy Reserves*, as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Councillors of the Municipality of *La Riviere du Loup*, in the County of *Rimouski*, praying for the division of that County into two, for all purposes except that of Representation in Parliament.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to vest in *Richard E. Vidal*, his Heirs and Assigns, the Government allowance for a Road across certain "Lots of Land in the Township of *Sarnia* in "the Western District, belonging to him," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of "Queen's Bench, and of Chancery, in *Upper Canada*, in their discretion, to admit *John W. Dempsey* to practice as an Attorney "and Solicitor therein," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The

Registry Office Bill, (L.C.) presented.	The Honorable Mr. <i>Bruneau</i> presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the safe keeping of Books, Records, and Papers, and the prompt Registration of Deeds and Memorials, in the Registry Offices of <i>Lower Canada</i> ."	Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.	Second reading to-morrow.
Read first time.	The said Bill was read the first time.	A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. <i>Robinson</i> and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of any County in <i>Upper Canada</i> , when the Public convenience may require such removal," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.	Registry Office Removal Bill, (U. C.) brought up.
Second reading on 6th May.	Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday, the sixth day of May next.	The said Bill was read the first time.	Read first time.
To be printed.	Ordered, that the said Bill be printed in both Languages for the use of Members.	Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.	Second Reading on Monday.
Leslie's Indemnity Bill read third time.	Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to indemnify <i>Anthony Leslie</i> , Inspector of Licences, for having in ignorance of the Law voted at the late Election for the County of <i>Lanark</i> ," was read the third time.	A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. <i>Robinson</i> and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to alter the mode of Assessment in the Towns of <i>Niagara</i> and <i>Queenston</i> ," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.	Niagara and Queenston Assessment Bill brought up.
	The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?	The said Bill was read the first time.	Read first time.
Passed.	It was resolved in the affirmative.	Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.	Second reading to-morrow.
	Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.	A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. <i>Gowan</i> and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the District of <i>Bathurst</i> to receive the School Monies apportioned to it in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, notwithstanding the failure of the District Council to levy an equal sum," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.	Bathurst District School Monies Bill brought up.
Consideration of the motion respecting King's College postponed till Monday.	It was moved that all Copies of Papers and Correspondence which may have passed between His Excellency the Governor General, as Chancellor of <i>King's College</i> or otherwise, with the Council of that Institution, since the Union of the Provinces, relative to the creation or regulation of Offices or Appointments in the University or Council, with any Schedule of Salaries or Allowances connected therewith, and names of Individuals proposed to fill the same, be communicated to this House.	The said Bill was read the first time.	Read first time.
	Ordered, that the consideration of the said motion be postponed until Monday next.	Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.	Second reading on Monday.
Female Penitents Bill brought up.	A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. <i>Leslie</i> and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate <i>Les Dames Religieuses de Notre Dame de Charité du Bon Pasteur</i> at <i>Montreal</i> , for the Care and Reformation of Female Penitents," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.	A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General <i>Sherwood</i> and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of <i>Hastings</i> in <i>Upper Canada</i> ," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.	Hastings Registration Bill brought up.
Read first time.	The said Bill was read the first time.	The said Bill was read the first time.	Read first time.
		Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.	Second reading on Monday.
		Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to encourage the establishment	Building Societies Bill read second time, and

Building Societies Bill read second time, and

"ment of certain Societies commonly called "Building Societies, in that part of the Province of Canada formerly constituting Upper "Canada," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of seven Members, with power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Crooks, Fergusson, Bruneau, Massue, Walker, Neilson and Gordon, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Instruction to Committee.

Ordered, that it be an instruction to the said Committee to report to the House, whether in their opinion it would be advisable or not, to extend the provisions of the said Bill to the whole Province.

Trafalgar Road Bill, read second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons as the Trafalgar, Esquesing, and "Erie Road Company," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of four Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Crooks, Fergusson, Ferrie and Gordon, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Wild Fowl in L'Islet Bill, read second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better preservation of certain Wild Fowl in the County of "L'Islet," was read the second time.

Motion to refer the same to a Select Committee.

It was moved that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

Objected to.

Which being objected to,

Motion in Amendment.

It was moved, in amendment, to leave out all the words after "be," in the original motion, and insert, "committed to a Committee of the whole House this day six months."

Objected to.

Which motion in amendment being also objected to,

Amendment negatived by Speaker's Casting Vote.

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the House being equally divided, the Honorable the Speaker gave his casting vote against the Amendment, and the same was resolved in the negative.

Main motion agreed to, and the

The Question of Concurrence being then put on the main motion, the same was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Irving, Massue, Walker and Neilson, to meet and adjourn as they please. Bill referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the Ministers of the Associate Presbyterian Synod of "North America, to keep Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials performed by "them, and for other purposes," was read the second time. Presbyterian Marriage Bill, read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to afford relief to a certain Religious Congregation "at Toronto, denominated Unitarian Christians." Referred to the Select Committee on Unitarians' Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act relating to the Magdalen "Islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and "to enable the inhabitant householders therein "to establish a Municipal Council in the said "Islands, and to extend the like advantages "to certain localities in the County of Saguenay, and to those parts of the County of "Rimouski and Kamouraska, known as the "Madawaska Territory, was read the second "time. Magdalen Islands Bill, read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs M'Gill, Joliette, Massue, Walker and Neilson, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Ordered, that the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, "An Act "to extend the benefit of a certain Act of the "Parliament of Upper Canada therein mentioned, to the Ministers of the Denomination "calling themselves 'Bible Christians,' and "also to extend the benefit of the said Act to "a certain other Denomination styling themselves 'Christians,'" be discharged, and that the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to afford relief to a "certain Religious Congregation at Toronto "denominated Unitarian Christians." Bible Christians' Bill referred to the Select Committee on Unitarians' Bill.

The Honorable Mr. Crooks, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the recovery of the Rates or Taxes intended to be "imposed Report of the Select Committee on Huron District Taxes Bill.

Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on Hu-
ron District
Taxes Bill.

"imposed by certain By-laws of the District
"Council of the District of *Huron*," reported
that the Committee had gone through the
said Bill, and had directed him to report
the same with certain Amendments, which
he was ready to submit whenever the House
would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received
and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

To be con-
sidered to-
morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be
taken into consideration to-morrow.

Bill, (as
amended,) to
be printed.

Ordered, that the said Bill (as proposed to
be amended) be printed in both Languages
for the use of Members.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued
until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY.

Friday, 1st May, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

M'Gill,
Morris, W.
Joliette,
Crooks,
Fergusson,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,

The Honorable Messieurs

Knoulton,
Roy,
Irving,
Massue,
Walker,
Neilson,
Gordon.

PRAYERS.

Petitions :—
From Rev. T.
Phillips.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a
Petition from the Reverend *Thomas Phillips*,
D. D., late Chaplain to the Legislative Coun-
cil of the former Province of *Upper Canada*,
praying that a retiring Pension may be granted
to him ; and

From Canada
West, (A.
Campbell and
others.)

Also, a Petition from *A. Campbell* and
others, Medical Practitioners in *Canada West*,
praying for the passing of An Act to autho-
rize the formation of Medical District Boards.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Toronto,
(Gooderham
and Worts and
others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a
Petition from *Gooderham* and *Worts*, and
others, Distillers of *Toronto*, praying that
the Bill to impose a duty on Spirituous Li-
quors, may not be passed in its present shape.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *M'Gill* presented a Petition from *Hyacinthe St. Germain* and
others, inhabitants of the Parish of *St. Eus-
tache*, praying that the Road recently surveyed
from the said Parish to join the Toll Road at
L'Abord-à-Plouffe may be Macadamized ; and

From St. Eus-
tache, (H. St.
Germain and
others.)

Also, a Petition from *John Earle* and
others, inhabitants of the Parish of *St. Scho-
lastique*, praying that a certain line of Road
which has been surveyed from the Parish of
St. Eustache to *Grenville* may be completed.

From St.
Scholastique,
(J. Earle and
others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* presented a Petition from *William Ramsay* and others,
Members of the Baptist Denomination at
Kingston, praying that the Clergy Reserves
may be sold in conformity with the provisions
of the Imperial Statute.

From King-
ston, (W. Ram-
say and
others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Councillors of
the Municipality of *Saint Antoine de la Baie
du Febvre*, praying that the Ordinance 3rd
and 4th Vict. chap. 25, respecting Winter Ve-
hicles, may not be allowed to be revived ; and

From St. An-
toine de la Baie
du Febvre Mu-
nicipality.

Also, a Petition from *Edouard E. Dugré*
and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *St.
Michel d'Yamaska*, praying to be permitted
to use *Traines* and *Trainaux* for the purpose
of drawing Firewood from the Forest.

From St. Mi-
chel d'Yamas-
ka, (E. G. Du-
gré and
others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Irving*, from the Select
Committee to whom was referred the Bill in-
titled, "An Act for the Relief of *John Ma-
cara*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire, and
"of other Solicitors, Writers, and Advocates,
"before the Sheriff's Courts of *Scotland*,"
reported that the Committee are of opinion
that the Gentleman named in the Bill is fully
entitled to the specific relief it is calculated to
afford him, inasmuch as it appears that he
was admitted to practice before the Sheriff's
Courts of *Scotland* upon qualifications which
would have entitled him to admission to the
Supreme Court of *Scotland*, but the Commit-
tee entertain very strong doubts of the expedi-
ency of extending to Practitioners before the
Sheriff's Courts of *Scotland* generally the pri-
vileges

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cara's Attor-
ney Bill.

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privileges conferred by the Statute of *Upper Canada*, 7th William 4, cap. 15, on Practitioners before the Higher Courts in *Scotland*, as proposed to be done by the third Section of the Bill.

The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the Bill with the following Amendments, viz:

IN THE BILL.

Amendments to same.

Press 2, Line 37.—Leave out from "And" to "only" inclusively in the 9th line of the 3d press.

PREAMBLE.

Press 1, Line 12.—Leave out "this Province" and insert "Upper Canada."

" " Line 14.—Leave out "this Province" and insert "Upper Canada."

" " Line 26.—Leave out "this Province" and insert "Upper Canada."

" " Line 29.—Leave out "this Province" and insert "Upper Canada."

Press 2, Line 5.—Leave out "this Province" and insert "Upper Canada."

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the Amendments reported by the said Committee be taken now into consideration.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the same accordingly, and,

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk.

Amendments agreed to.

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Bill, (as amended,) for third reading on Monday.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be En-grossed, and the said Bill, (as amended,) read the third time on Monday next.

Report of the Superintendent of Education for L. C.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Report of the Superintendent of Education for *Lower Canada*, for the year 1845.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter P.)

Ordered, that the said Report be printed in both Languages for the use of Members.

To be printed.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture by the establishment of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*," reported that they had, in obedience to the Order of Reference of the 15th instant, examined the said Bill, and now beg leave to report thereon as follows:

Report of the Select Committee on Agricultural Societies Bill.

The Committee are of opinion that the provisions of the first clause of the said Bill are unexceptionable, and that it is advisable to remove, as is proposed to be done by the second clause, the restrictions imposed by 8th Vic. cap. 53, s. 15, on the Importation of Animals, Grain, or Seeds of improved kinds, by Agricultural Societies; but inasmuch as it is not quite clear from the wording of the second clause of the Bill that the restriction on District Agricultural Societies would be removed, the Committee recommend that the clause in question be amended by leaving out the words to "fifty pounds currency," in the thirty-eighth line of the first Press.

With respect to the *Ryder* to the Bill, the Committee are of opinion that the alteration proposed to be introduced by it as to the authority by which the times and places of future Agricultural exhibitions are to be fixed would not be found beneficial, they therefore recommend that all the words in the second Press, from the word "*Ryder*" in the first line to the word "*heretofore*" in the seventh, both inclusive, be left out.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the Amendments reported by the said Committee be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Proposed Amendments to be considered on Monday.

The

Report of Select Committee on Penitentiary Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Provincial Penitentiary," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Amendments to same.

Press 10, line 2.—Leave out "the" and insert "such."

" " " 47.—After the word "unemployed" insert "Provided always that nothing herein contained shall be construed to oblige any Convict of the Roman Catholic persuasion to labour on any of the following obligatory holidays of that Church, that is to say, Circumcision, Epiphany, Annunciation, Ascension, Corpus Christi, Saint Peter and Saint Paul, All Saints and Conception."

" 13, " 26.—After the word "Convict" insert, "under sentence of Imprisonment for a term of seven years or upwards."

" " " 32.—After the word "situate" insert, "and whenever a Convict under sentence of Imprisonment for a less term than seven years shall die, it shall be the duty of the Warden to cause the body of such Convict to be decently interred at the expence of the Province and according to the forms, rites and ceremonies of the Church to which such Convict be-

"longed, unless the said Amendments to same. body shall have been taken away by the friends or relations of the deceased within twenty-four hours as aforesaid."

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be En-grossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to vest in *Richard E. Vidal*, his Heirs and Assigns, the Government allowance for a Road across certain Lots of Land in the Township of *Sarnia*, in the *Western* District, belonging to him," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and of Chancery in *Upper Canada*, in their discretion to admit *John W. Dempsey* to practice as an Attorney and Solicitor therein," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to prevent the opening of Government allowances for Roads, without an order from the District Council of the District, in which the said allowances are situate," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to increase the Salary of the Supervisor of Coilers' Salary," was read the second time.

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Supervisor of "the Supervisor of Cullers," was read the Cullers' Salary Bill, read second time.

Referred to a Select Committee. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Joliette, Crooks, Massue, Walker* and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

School Lands Bill, read second time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act therein mentioned, relating to the appropriation of "Monies derived from the sale of School "Lands in *Upper Canada*," was read the second time.

Third reading on Monday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

House in Committee on Common Schools Bill. The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better Establishment and Maintenance of Common Schools "in *Upper Canada*."

After some time the House was resumed.

Reported. And the Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Third reading on Monday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Committee of the whole on First District Court Bill postponed till Monday. The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an "Act passed during the last Session of this "Parliament, intituled, 'An Act to amend, "consolidate, and reduce into one Act, the "several Laws now in force, establishing or "regulating the practice of District Courts "in the several Districts of that part of this "Province formerly *Upper Canada*.'"

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Second reading Female Penitents Bill postponed till Monday. The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled, "An Act "to Incorporate *Les Dames Religieuses de "Notre Dame de Charité du bon Pasteur*, "at Montreal, for the Care and Reformation "of Female Penitents."

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill Niagara and Queenston Assessment Bill, read second time. intituled, "An Act to alter the mode of "Assessment in the Towns of *Niagara* and "Queenston," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next. Third reading on Monday.

The House according to Order proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments reported by the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the recovery of the Rates or Taxes "intended to be imposed by certain By-laws "of the District Council of the District of "Huron."

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow: Read.

Press 2, line 9.—After "By-law" leave out to "and" in the eleventh line inclusively. The amendments.

" line 14.—Leave out "before or with "regard to such succeeding "ing year," and insert, "altered or amended by "any subsequent By-law, "or unless any arrangement or compromise shall "have been made, by By-law or otherwise, between "the said District Council "and any Body Corporate, "or other person or party, "for the satisfaction of the "Taxes imposed by any "previous By-law, in which "case the sum paid under "such arrangement or compromise shall be taken "and held to be in full "satisfaction of the sum "or sums accruing due "under any such previous "By-law."

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House. Amendments agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read the third time on Monday next. Bill (as amended) for third reading on Monday.

Toronto and
Lake Huron
Railroad Bill
brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, 'An Act to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate the City of ' ' *Toronto* and Lake *Huron* Railroad Company,' " to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second Reading on Monday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Andrews' Road Allowance Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Webster* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to vest in *James K. Andrews* a certain allowance for " Road in the Township of *Dumfries*, in the " District of *Gore*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Niagara Suspension Bridge Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Merrit* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act for erecting a Suspension Bridge over the *Niagara* River, at " or near the Falls of *Niagara*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Albion Road Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Price* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Albion* " Road Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Universalists Relief Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Powell* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to afford relief to " the Religious Society denominating themselves the Christian Universalist Association " of *Canada West*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Last Bill Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second Reading on Monday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Cobourg Railroad Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Williams* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to revive and " amend the Act of *Upper Canada* incorporating the *Cobourg* Railroad Company, and " for other purposes therein mentioned." to

which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next. Second Reading on Monday.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing. Adjourn.

Monday, 4th May, 1846.

MONDAY.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

M. Gill,
Morris, W.
Crooks,
Fergusson,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knoulton,

The Honorable Messieurs

Dickson,
Irving,
Massue,
Walker,
Neilson,
Gordon.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* presented a Petition from the President and Board of Police of the Town of *Niagara*, praying against the passing of the Bill for removing the Site of the District Town for the District of *Niagara* to the Village of *Port Robinson*; and

From Niagara Board of Police.

Also, a Petition from *George S. Tiffany*, Chairman of the *Great Western* Railroad Company, praying that the Bill for Amending the *Toronto* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Charter may not be passed without certain restrictions.

From the Great Western Railroad Company.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the Reverend *A. O. Giroux* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne des Plaines* in the County of *Terrebonne*, praying that the Registry Office for that County may not be removed from the Village of *Terrebonne*.

From Ste. Anne des Plaines, (Rev. A. O. Giroux and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

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From Barnston, (J. Bellows and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from *John Bellows* and others, Members of the Baptist Congregation of *Barnston*, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold in conformity with the provisions of the Imperial Statute; and

From L. A. dit Flamme, of Longueuil.

Also, a Petition from *Louise Armand dit Flamme*, of the Parish of *Longueuil*, praying for a Pension as the Widow of a Militiaman, who died in consequence of a Bayonet wound received during the late war with the *United States*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Adelaide and Metcalfe, (T. Rundell and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *Thomas Rundell* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland* in the Townships of *Adelaide and Metcalfe*, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no further proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of *England and Ireland* may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Report of the Select Committee on Supervisor of Cullers' Salary Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Massue*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to increase the Salary of the Supervisor of Cullers," reported that they have in obedience to the Order of Reference examined the said Bill.

They have also taken cognizance of several Petitions to Your Honorable House in favor of the measure, emanating from Merchants of the highest standing in *Quebec*, many of whom are engaged in the Timber trade, and from Manufacturers of Lumber in various parts of the Province.

The Committee consider that they cannot object to an increase of Salary which is prayed for, not only by the Officer himself, but by numerous representatives of the two great classes which contribute to, and are interested in the fund from which such an increase is to be supplied.

They accordingly beg leave to report the said Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, that the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Bill for third reading to-morrow.

Report of the Select Committee on Forgery Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Brunéau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to Amend the Law in cases of Forgery," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

The Committee beg leave further to observe, that the first section of the said Bill embraces an Amendment of the Law of Forgery in this Province, similar to that which was introduced into the same branch of the law in England, by the Statute of 1832, 2nd and 3rd William 4, c. 123, s. 3.

The second section does away with an exception to the general rules, by which testimony in Criminal cases is regulated, which was long complained of by English Judges and legal Commentators as an anomaly in the law of evidence, and which was finally removed by the Statute of the Imperial Parliament 9 Geo. 4. c. 32.

Ordered, that the said Report be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

To be considered on Wednesday.

The Honorable Mr. *Brunéau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to enforce the attendance of Witnesses before Magistrates in Lower Canada in certain cases," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on Witnesses before Magistrates Bill.

The Committee are aware that in *England* as well as in this Country, it is considered questionable whether Justices of the Peace have by their Commissions power to compel the attendance of Witnesses for the purpose of summary trials of offences of a less degree than felony or misdemeanor; and that accordingly in Statutes creating such offences, such power is usually given by the enactment of a penalty for non-attendance.

But the attention of the Committee has been drawn to a provision similar to that proposed to be introduced by this Bill, contained in the Imperial Statute, 6 Geo. 4. c. 125, s. 79, and they are of opinion that its enactment, as a general measure, would have a beneficial effect upon the community in *Lower Canada*, by promoting the due administration of Justice in such matters.

Ordered,

To be considered on Wednesday. *Ordered*, that the said Report be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

Macara's Relief Bill, (as amended,) read third time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for the Relief of *John Macara*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire, "and of other Solicitors, Writers, and Advocates, before the Sheriff's Courts of *Scotland*," was (as amended) read the third time.

A further amendment ordered. Then the following Amendment was made to the Title of the said Bill:

Title, line 2.—Leave out from "and" to "*Scotland*," inclusively, in the third line.

Bill (as amended) passed. Then the Question was put whether this Bill, with the Amendments, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Penitentiary Bill (as amended) read third time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend "the Laws relating to the Provincial Penitentiary," was (as amended) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed, *It was resolved* in the affirmative.

And sent to the Assembly for concurrence. *Ordered*, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Government Roads Bill, read third time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to prevent the opening of "Government Allowances for Roads, without "an Order from the District Council of the "District in which the said Allowances are "situate," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed. *It was resolved* in the affirmative.

School Lands Bill, read third time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act therein "mentioned relating to the appropriation of "Monies derived from the sale of School "Lands in *Upper Canada*," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed,

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills without any amendment.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill intituled, "An Act "for the better establishment and maintenance of Common Schools in *Upper Canada*," it was,

Order for reading Common School Bill the third time discharged, and

Ordered, that the same be discharged, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

The Bill referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *W. Morris*, *Fergusson* and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to alter the mode of "Assessment in the Towns of *Niagara* and *Queenston*," was read the third time.

Niagara and Queenston Assessment Bill, read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed,

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the recovery of the Rates or Taxes intended to be "imposed by certain By-laws of the District "Council of the District of *Huron*," was (as amended) read the third time.

Huron District Taxes Bill, (as amended,) read third time.

Then it was moved that the said Bill with the Amendments do pass;

Which being objected to,

After debate,

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Dissentient.

Protest of the Honorable Messrs. *M'Gill*, *Brunéau*, *Knoulton*, and *Neilson*, thereon.

Because this Bill is substantially the same as the Bill rejected by this House on the 5th February,

Protest of the Honorable Messrs. M'Gill, Bruneau, Knoulton, and Neilson, thereon.

February 1845, and nothing is recorded on the Journals of this House to justify a contrary vote on the present Bill.

Because this Bill has a retroactive effect, and compels to the payment of Taxes which could not be recovered in the Courts of Law, and may subject many purchasers of property thus made subject to Taxes, with which it was not supposed to be encumbered when the purchase was made, and will give rise to Law-suits, expenses and ill feeling between the buyers and sellers.

Because it is of dangerous precedent, and the present Act may be pleaded in favor of the passing of similar Acts in future.

J. NEILSON,
P. M'GILL,
P. H. KNOULTON,
FRS. P. BRUNEAU.

Assembly requested to concur in the Amendments to the Bill.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Hamilton and Toronto Railroad Bill, read second time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate a Company to extend the *Great Western* Railroad from *Hamilton* to *Toronto*," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks*, *Fergusson*, *Bruneau*, *Ferrie* and *Walker*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Motion for an Address to His Excellency, respecting King's College, considered.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House took into consideration the motion, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be laid before this House, Copies of all Papers and Correspondence which may have passed between the Governor General as Chancellor of the University of *King's College*, and the Council of the said University, since the Union of the Provinces, relative to the creation or regulation of Offices or Appointments in the University or Council, with any Schedule of Salaries or Allowances connected therewith, and of the names of Indi-

viduals proposed to fill the same; and also of any Correspondence which may have taken place between the Governor General as Chancellor of the University aforesaid, and any individual Member of *King's College* Council.

The Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative. Same agreed to.

Ordered, that such Members of the Honorable the Executive Council, who are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of any County in *Upper Canada*, when the public convenience may require such removal," was read the second time. Registry Office Removal Bill, read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill do lie on the Table. Ordered to lie on the Table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the District of *Bathurst* to receive the School Moneys apportioned to it in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, notwithstanding the failure of the District Council to levy an equal Sum," was read the second time. Bathurst District School Money's Bill, read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks*, *Fergusson*, and *Bruneau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Ordered, that the Petition presented to this House on the thirteenth day of April last, from the *Bathurst* District Municipal Council, be referred to the last mentioned Committee. Certain Petitions referred to same Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of *Hastings*, in *Upper Canada*," was read the second time. Hastings Registration Bill, read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Gill*, *Crooks*, and *Fergusson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

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Amendments reported by the Select Committee to Agricultural Societies Bill, considered.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments reported by the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture by the establishment of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*."

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Press 1, line 38.—Leave out the words "to fifty pounds currency."

" " Leave out the "Ryder."

Adopted.

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Bill, (as amended,) for third reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow.

House in Committee on First District Court Bill.

The House according to Order was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed during the last Session of this Parliament, intituled 'An Act to amend, consolidate and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in force establishing or regulating the practice of District Courts in the several Districts of that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*.'"

After some time the House was resumed.

Reported.

And the Honorable Mr. *Irving* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Third reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Female Penitents Bill, read second time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate *Les Dames Religieuses de Notre Dame de Charité du Bon Pasteur* at *Montreal*, for the Care and Reformation of Female Penitents," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of four Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bruneau, Massue, Neilson, and Gordon*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate the City of *Toronto* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company,'" was read the second time.

Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Bill, read second time.

It was moved that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

Motion to refer the same to a Select Committee.

Which being objected to,

It was moved in Amendment, to leave out all the words after "to" in line 1 of the original motion, and insert "the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, 'An Act to Incorporate a Company to extend the *Great Western* Railroad from *Hamilton* to *Toronto*.'"

Motion in Amendment.

Which being objected to,

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was resolved in the negative.

Same negative.

The Question being then put on the main motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Main motion adopted.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Gill, Knoulton, Irving, Neilson, and Gordon*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

It was then moved, that the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate a Company to extend the *Great Western* Railroad from *Hamilton* to *Toronto*" be discharged.

Motion to discharge the Select Committee on *Hamilton and Toronto Railroad Bill*.

Which being objected to,

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was resolved in the negative.

Same negative, and a

Ordered, that the Petition presented to this House on the sixth day of April last, from the *Great Western* Railroad Company, be referred to the last mentioned Committee.

Certain Petition referred to the Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to afford relief to the Religious Society denominating themselves the "Christian

Universalists Relief Bill, read second time, and

“Christian Universalist Association of Canada West,” was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee on Unitarians' Bill.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, “An Act to afford relief to a certain Religious Congregation at Toronto, denominated Unitarian Christians.”

Cobourg Railroad Bill, read second time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “An Act to revive and amend the Act of Upper Canada incorporating the Cobourg Railroad Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs M'Gill, Crooks, and Ferrie, to meet and adjourn as they please.

St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Moffatt and others, with a Bill intituled, “An Act to amend the Act incorporating the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Saguenay Pilots Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Laterrière and others, with a Bill intituled, “An Act to make Special provision for the Pilotage of Vessels bound to the River Saguenay,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading on Wednesday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Customs Duties Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General Cayley and others, with a Bill intituled, “An Act to alter and amend the Laws imposing Provincial Duties of Customs,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Ordered, that all the Petitions presented to this House during the present Session, from the Members of the United Church of England and Ireland, and others, inhabitants of this Province, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no further proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the United Church of England and Ireland may be vested in the respective Church Societies of the Dioceses of Toronto and Quebec, for the use and benefit of the Members of the said Church, be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

All the Petitions, which contain prayers against the sale of the Clergy Reserves, referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs M'Gill, Bruneau, Knoulton, Walker, and Gordon, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Ordered, that all the Petitions presented to this House during the present Session, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold in conformity with the provisions of the Imperial Statute, or otherwise, be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Certain other Petitions, praying for the sale of the Clergy Reserves, referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Crooks, Fergusson, and Ferrie, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. Massue presented a Petition:— Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of St. Jean Baptiste de L'Isle Verte, in the County of Rimouski, praying for the division of that County.

From St. Jean Baptiste de L'Isle Verte Municipal Council, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

Adjourn.

Tuesday, 5th May, 1846.

TUESDAY.

The Members convened were: The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker.

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| The Honorable Messieurs | The Honorable Messieurs |
| M'Gill, | M'Kay, |
| Morris, W. | Roy, |
| Crooks, | Irving, |
| Fergusson, | Walker, |
| Bruneau, | Morris, J. |
| Ferrie, | Neilson, |
| Knoulton, | Gordon, |

PRAYERS.

Ordered,

Members added to the Select Committee on the Petitions praying for the sale of the Clergy Reserves.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs *M'Kay* and *James Morris* be added to the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Petitions presented to this House during the present Session, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold in conformity with the provisions of the Imperial Statute.

Petition;— From Stoney Creek, (J. Williamson and others,) presented, and

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* presented a Petition from *John Williamson* and others, inhabitants of the Village of *Stoney Creek*, praying that the projected Railroad from *Hamilton* to *Buffalo* may pass through the said Village.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Referred to the Select Committee on Hamilton and Toronto Railroad Bill.

Ordered, that the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee, to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate a Company to extend the *Great Western* Railroad from *Hamilton* to *Toronto*."

Petition from Quebec, (J. Hamel and others,) presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *Joseph Hamel* and others, Citizens of *Quebec*, praying for a loan at three per cent to enable them to rebuild certain houses destroyed by the fires of May and June 1845.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Message from the Assembly for the attendance of J. F. Taylor, Esquire, before a Select Committee.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Christie*, and others, as follows :

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Monday, 4th May, 1846.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, praying that their Honors will permit *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Clerks Assistant of their Honorable House, to attend the Select Committee on Parliamentary and other Public Records, on Thursday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clk. Assy.

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in and informed, that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

Ordered, that *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Clerks Assistant of this House, have leave to go to the Committee as desired by the Legislative Assembly in their Message of this Day. Leave granted.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council do give leave to *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Clerks Assistant of their House to attend the Select Committee on Parliamentary and other Public Records, on Thursday next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference. And that House informed thereof.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Paul Glassford* and others, inhabitants of the Town of *Brockville*, praying that the Bill for Assessing the property in the said Town may not be passed into a Law. Petition from Brockville, (P. Glassford and others,) presented.

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Irving*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better preservation of certain Wild Fowl in the County of *L'Islet*," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment. Report of the Select Committee on Wild Fowl in L'Islet Bill.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow. Bill for third reading to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act relating to the *Magdalen* Islands in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, and to enable the inhabitant householders therein to establish a Municipal Council in the said Islands, and to extend the like advantages to certain localities in the County of *Saguenay*, and to those parts of the Counties of *Rimouski* and *Kamouraska*, known as the *Madawaska* Territory," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same. Report of the Select Committee on Magdalen Islands Bill.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

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The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill and Report to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons as the *Trafalgar, Esquesing and Erin Road Company*," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received.

And the said Amendments were then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to increase the Salary of the Supervisor of Cullers," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture by the establishment of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*," was (as amended) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative

Council have passed this Bill with certain Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed during the last Session of this Parliament, intituled, 'An Act to amend, consolidate and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in force establishing or regulating the practice of District Courts in the several Districts of that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any Amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Laws imposing Provincial Duties of Customs," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill presently.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed,

And the Honorable Mr. *Walker* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Ordered,

To be committed to-morrow.

Report of the Select Committee on Trafalgar Road Bill.

To be considered to-morrow.

Supervisor of Cullers' Salary Bill read third time.

Passed,

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Agricultural Societies Bill, (as amended), read third time.

Passed,

And sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

First District Court Bill read third time.

Passed.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Bill, read second time.

Third reading to-morrow.

Customs duties Bill, read second time.

Committed.

Reported without Amendment.

Third reading
to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Fifty-eighth
Rule read.

It was moved that the fifty-eighth Rule of this House, limiting the proceeding on Private Bills from the Legislative Assembly to the fortieth day of the Session, be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Report of the
Select Com-
mittee relating
to the Inde-
pendence of the
Council, read.

It was moved that the Report of the Select Committee of this House of the second day of April last, respecting the securing of the Independence of this House concurred in on the day following be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Motion to ex-
tend the time
for receiving
Private Bills
from the As-
sembly.

It was then moved that an extension of the time of proceeding on Private and Local Bills be allowed for ten days from the present date, but that such extension shall not be brought into precedent in future.

Which being objected to,

Motion in
Amendment.

It was moved in amendment, to leave out "ten" and insert "seven."

Which being also objected to,

Same negativ-
ed.

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was resolved in the negative.

Main motion
agreed to.

The Question of Concurrence being then put on the main motion, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Petition from
G. Ryland
read, and

Ordered, that the Petition presented to this House on the sixth day of April last, from *George Ryland*, be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Referred to a
Select Com-
mittee.

Ordered, that the said Petition be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Knoulton, M'Kay, Walker, Neilson, and Gordon*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Albion Road
Bill.

Ordered, that the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Albion Road Company*;"

Also, the Bill intituled, "An Act to vest in *James K. Andrews* a certain allowance and for Road in the Township of *Dumfries*, in the District of *Gore*;" and

Andrews' Road
Allowance Bill,
and

Also, the Bill intituled, "An Act for erecting a Suspension Bridge over the *Niagara River* at or near the Falls of *Niagara*," be now severally read.

Niagara Sus-
pension Bridge
Bill, read first
time.

The said Bills were then severally read for the first time accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Bills be severally read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading
to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Provincial Penitentiary," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Amendments
to Penitentiary
Bill, agreed to
by the Assem-
bly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Boulton* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act intituled, 'An Act to extend the Charter of the Bank of *Upper Canada*, and to increase the Capital Stock thereof,'" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Upper Canada
Bank Bill,
brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading
to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Cayley* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to impose a duty on Distillers and on the Spirituous Liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of such Duties," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Distillers'
Duty Bill,
brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading
to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Cayley* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the recovery of

Amendments
to Huron Dis-
tributive Taxes Bill
agreed to by
the Assembly

" of the Rates or Taxes intended to be imposed by certain By-laws of the District Council of the District of *Huron*," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill without any Amendment.

Commercial Bank Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *M'Donald* of *Kingston*, and others, with a Bill intituled, " An Act to amend an Act, intituled, ' An Act to extend the Charter of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland* District, and to increase its ' Capital Stock,' " to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Amendments to Macara's Attorney Bill, agreed to by the Assembly. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *M'Donald* of *Kingston*, and others, to return the Bill intituled, " An Act for the relief of *John Macara*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire, and of other Solicitors, Writers, and Advocates, before the Sheriffs Courts of *Scotland*," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Petition from Montreal, (Rev. J. Bethune and others,) presented. The Honorable Mr. *M'Gill* presented a Petition from the Reverend *John Bethune* and others, being the Rector and Church Wardens of Christ Church, *Montreal*, praying that a clause may be introduced into all Railway Bills to prevent the carrying of Goods and Passengers on the Lord's Day.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Report of the Select Committee on Bible Christians Bill. The Honorable Mr. *Crooks*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, " An Act to extend the benefit of a certain Act of the Parliament of *Upper Canada* therein mentioned, to the Ministers of the Denomination calling themselves ' Bible Christians,' " and also to extend the benefit of the said Act to a certain other Denomination styling themselves " Christians ;"

Unitarians Bill. Also, the Bill intituled, " An Act to afford relief to a certain Religious Congregation at *Toronto*, denominated Unitarian Christians ;"

Also, the Bill intituled, " An Act to enable the Ministers of the Associate Presbyterian Synod of *North America* to keep Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, performed by them, and for other purposes," and

Presbyterians Marriage Bill, and

Also, the Bill intituled, " An Act to afford relief to the Religious Society denominating themselves the Christian Universalist Association of *Canada West*," reported,

Universalists Relief Bill.

That the Bill first above named may be adopted, with the following Amendments.

Press 1, line 30.—After " Christians " insert " and any Minister of the Denomination calling themselves Unitarian Christians, and in any Denomination calling themselves ' Christian Universalists.' "

33.—After " Christians " insert " and the said Denomination called, " Unitarian Christians, " and the said Denomination called " Christian Universalists. "

40.—After " Canada " insert, " clause A. "

CLAUSE A.

" And be it enacted, that the Clerks of the Peace in and for the several Districts in the aforesaid part of this Province shall be respectively liable and bound to perform the same duties, and entitled to demand and receive the same fees, with respect to certified lists of Marriages returned to them under the provisions of this Act, or copies of the Registries of such Marriages as are imposed upon or granted to them by the sixth section of the Act above cited, and that the Register or Book kept by any such Clerk as mentioned in the said section, or a certified copy thereof, or any entry therein, shall be considered

Universalists
Relief Bill.

" considered in case of the
" death or absence of the
" Witnesses to any Marriage
" solemnized under the pro-
" vision of this Act, a suffi-
" cient evidence of such Mar-
" riage, and that all sums of
" Money forfeited under this
" Act shall be recovered, paid,
" applied, and accounted for
" in the same manner and to
" the same uses as provided
" in and by the said Act
" above cited, with respect to
" sums of Money forfeited
" under the provisions there-
" of."

Preamble, line 4.—After " Christians" insert
" and also certain inhabi-
" tants of the City of To-
" ronto, in the same part
" of this Province, calling
" themselves ' Unitarian
" ' Christians,' and also
" the Ministers and divers
" Members of the Reli-
" gious Society denomina-
" nating themselves the
" Christian Universalist
" Association of Canada
" West."

line 9.—After " passed " insert,
" by the Legislative Coun-
" cil and Assembly there-
" of."

line 10.—After " Fourth " insert,
" but which received the
" Royal sanction in the
" first year of the reign of
" His late Majesty King
" William the Fourth."

That the Bill secondly above named be no further proceeded with, the provisions of the same being embodied in the above Amendments.

That the Bill thirdly above named may be adopted with the following Amendments.

Press 1, line 33.—After " Minister " insert,
" authorized by law to keep
" such Register," after
" in " insert " that part of,"
after " Province " insert
called " Lower Canada."

Press 2, line 6.—After " shall " insert " be a
" subject of Her Majesty
" and shall." Universalists
Relief Bill.

" 3, line 4.—After " in " insert " that
" part of," after " Pro-
" vince " insert " called
" Lower Canada."

" 3, line 26.—After " be " insert " reco-
" verable."

That the Bill fourthly above named be no further proceeded with, the provisions of the same being embodied in the Amendments above recommended to be made to the Bill first above named.

Your Committee would respectfully submit the expediency of doing away with the necessity of Marriage Licences. It seems to have been created with the view of securing a pre-eminence to Marriages celebrated by Ministers of the Episcopal Church, which it would be desirable to remove, and to authorize and legalize all Marriages performed by Protestant Clergy of any recognized persuasion.

Marriage, by the tenets of the Church of Rome, stands upon different ground, and no interference should be allowed with the Clergy of that Church in regard to the celebration of Marriage as now established.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Report be committed To be commit-
ted to-morrow
to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee upon the said Report to-morrow.

The Speaker declared this House continued Adjourn.
until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

Wednesday, 6th May, 1846. WEDNESDAY

The Members convened were :

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

M^c Gill,

Morris, W.

Crooks,

Fergusson,

Bruneau,

Ferrie,

Knoulton,

The Honorable Messieurs

M^c Kay,

Irving,

Walker,

Morris, J.

Neilson,

Gordon.

PRAYERS.

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The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Supplementary Return from the late Municipal District of *Kamouraska*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter K.*)

Return from Kamouraska Municipal Council, presented.

Petitions:—

From Scarborough, (Rev. W. S. Darling and others,) and

The Honorable Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from the Reverend *W. Stewart Darling* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the Township of *Scarborough*, praying that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no further proceeded with; but that the proportion belonging to the said United Church may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Diocese of Quebec, (W. Morris and others,) presented.

The Honorable Mr. Knoulton presented a Petition from *William Morris* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the Diocese of *Quebec*, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves, as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Last Petition referred to the Select Committee appointed to report upon the several Petitions against the sale of the Clergy Reserves.

Ordered, that the last mentioned Petition be referred to the Select Committee appointed to report on the subject matter of the Petitions presented to this House from the Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, praying against the sale of the Clergy Reserves.

Message from His Excellency

The Honorable Mr. *William Morris*, acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under His Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

And the same was read as follows:

CATHCART.

Acquainted the House that leave of absence to the Honble. C. Widmer, had been granted.

The Governor General informs the Honorable the Legislative Council, that he has granted leave to the Honorable *Christopher Widmer* to be absent from his seat in the Council during the present Session.

Government House,

May, 1846.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *William Sheppard* and others, Trustees of the *Quebec Turnpike Roads*, praying for authority to borrow a certain sum of Money to Macadamize various Roads in the neighbourhood of *Quebec*.

Petition from the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "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*," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made an Amendment thereto, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

An Amendment reported by the Select Committee upon Building Societies Bill.

The Committee cannot recommend the extension to the whole of the Province of the provisions of the said Bill, inasmuch as no Petitions to that effect have been presented to Your Honorable House.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:

Press 6, line 13.—Leave out all the words from "and" to "Officer" both inclusive in line 22.

The said Amendment being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

The same agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow.

Bill (as amended) for a third reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly, to communicate to that House the Documents, Evidence, or Proofs upon which is founded the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorize the Devises and Trustees of the Will of the late Honorable *Charles Jones*, to convey a Town Lot therein mentioned to the President and Board of Police of *Brockville*, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned," as requested by their Message of the 27th April last, and to desire that the same may be returned to this House.

Evidence on Jones' Trustee Bill sent to the Assembly.

Ordered,

Evidence on Vanzandt's Relief Bill sent to the Assembly.

Ordered, that a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly, to communicate to that House the Documents, Evidence, or Proofs upon which is founded the Bill intituled, "An Act for the Relief of *Juliet Vanzandt*, wife of *Jacob L. Vanzandt*, who claims as "sister of the half blood of *Richard Duncan*, late of *Williamsburgh*, in the Eastern District "of this Province," as requested by their Message of the 22d April last, and to desire that the same may be returned to this House.

Wild Fowl in L'Islet Bill, read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better preservation "of certain Wild Fowl in the County of "L'Islet," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Which being objected to,

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any Amendment.

St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Bill, read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act "Incorporating the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Customs Duties Bill, read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the "Laws imposing Provincial Duties of Customs," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills without any Amendment.

Registry Offices Bill, (L.C.) read second time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the safe "keeping of Books, Records and Papers, and

"the prompt Registration of Deeds and Memorials in the Registry Offices of *Lower Canada*," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bruneau*, *Knoulton*, and *James Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Ordered, that the Reports presented to this House during the present Session, from the Inspectors of Registry Offices, be referred to the said Committee.

Reports from the Inspectors of Registry Offices referred to the same Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Law "in cases of Forgery.

Report of the Select Committee on Forgery Bill considered.

The said Report was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Report be adopted. Same adopted.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Bill for third reading to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to enforce the attendance "of Witnesses before Magistrates in *Lower Canada* in certain cases."

Report of the Select Committee on Witnesses before Magistrates Bill, considered.

The said Report was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Report be adopted. Same adopted.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Bill for third reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to make Special provision "for the Pilotage of Vessels bound to the "River *Saguenay*," was read the second time.

Saguenay Pilots Bill, read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Kay*, *Walker*, and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, "An Act relating to the *Magdalen Islands*,"

House in Committee on Magdalen Islands Bill.

House in Committee on Magdalen Islands Bill.

"Islands, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and to enable the Inhabitant Householders therein, to establish a Municipal Council in the said Islands, and to extend the like advantage to certain localities in the County of Saguenay, and to those parts of the Counties of Rimouski and Kamouraska, known as the Madawaska Territory," together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

After some time the House was resumed,

Reported and leave granted to sit again to-morrow.

And the Honorable Mr. J. Morris reported from the said Committee, that they had taken the said Bill and Report of the Select Committee into consideration; had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered, that leave be granted accordingly.

House in Committee on Amendments to Trafalgar Road Bill.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments reported by the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons as the Trafalgar, Esquesing, and Erin Road Company."

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk.

The Amendments agreed to.

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Bill (as amended) for third reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow.

Albion Road Bill, read second time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name of the Albion Road Company," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Irving, J. Morris, and Gordon, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Andrews' Road Allowance Bill, read second time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to vest in James K. Andrews a certain allowance for Road in the Township of Dumfries, in the District of Gore," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Crooks, Fergusson, and Ferrie to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for erecting a Suspension Bridge over the Niagara River, at or near the Falls of Niagara, was read the second time. Niagara Suspension Bridge Bill, read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Crooks, Ferrie, Knoulton, M'Kay, and Walker, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to extend the Charter of the Bank of Upper Canada, and to increase the Capital Stock thereof,'" was read the second time. Upper Canada Bank Bill, read second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow. Third reading to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to impose a duty on Distillers and on the Spiritous Liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of such duties;" Second reading Distillers Duty Bill postponed till Friday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act intituled, 'An Act to extend the Charter of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District, and to increase its Capital Stock,'" was read the second time. Commercial Bank Bill, read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs M'Gill, Crooks, Fergusson, Walker, and J. Morris, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Ordered, that the Order made this Day for reading a third time to-morrow the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act intituled, " The Order for reading Upper Canada Bank Bill, the third time, discharged, and

led, ' An Act to extend the Charter of the
" ' Bank of *Upper Canada*, and to increase
" the Capital Stock thereof," be discharged.

The same referred to the Select Committee on Commercial Bank Bill.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to the same Select Committee, to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, " An Act to amend
" an Act intituled, ' An Act to extend the
" ' Charter of the Commercial Bank of the
" ' *Midland District*, and to increase its Ca-
" ' pital Stock."

House in Committee upon the Report of the Select Committee on

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, " An Act to extend
" the benefit of a certain Act of the Parliament
" of *Upper Canada* therein mentioned, to the
" Ministers of the Denomination calling them-
" selves ' Bible Christians,' " and also to extend the benefit of the said Act to a certain other Denomination styling themselves
" Christians ;"

Bible Christians' Relief Bill;

Also, on Toronto Unitarians' Bill;

Also, the Bill intituled, " An Act to afford
" relief to a certain Religious Congregation
" at *Toronto*, denominated Unitarian Chris-
" tians ;"

Also, on Presbyterian Marriage Registry Bill;

Also the Bill intituled, " An Act to enable
" the Ministers of the Associate Presbyterian
" Synod of *North America*, to keep Registers
" of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials per-
" formed by them, and for other purposes," and,

And also, on Universalist Association Relief Bill.

Also, the Bill intituled, " An Act to afford
" relief to the Religious Society denominating
" themselves the Christian Universalist Asso-
" ciation of *Canada West*."

After some time the House was resumed, and

A Resolution reported.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* reported from the said Committee, that they had taken the Report of the Select Committee into consideration, and had agreed to a certain Resolution, which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The said Resolution was then read by the Clerk as follows :

The Resolution.

Resolved, that it is proper to recommend to the House that the Report of the Select Committee of this House be referred back to the

same Committee, with the following instruction (viz :) That they amend their Report by reporting a new Bill repealing the third clause of the Act 11th, George 4th, chap. 34, and extending to the Ministers of all Christian Religious Denominations the privilege of solemnizing Marriage, provided the said Ministers have been duly ordained to the Ministry according to the usages and rites of their respective Churches, and have taken the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and also repealing the fourth clause of the said Act.

The Resolution.

The said Resolution being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put thereon, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Same agreed to.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Laurin* and others, with a Bill intituled, " An Act for the better regulation of the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Notarial Profession Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chabot* and others, with a Bill intituled, " An Act to repeal the Act
" Incorporating the *Quebec Gas Light and
" Water Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Quebec Gas and Water Law Repeal Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chabot* and others, with a Bill intituled, " An Act for Lighting the
" City of *Quebec* with Gas," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Quebec Gas Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chabot* and others, with a Bill intituled, " An Act for supplying the
" City of *Quebec*, and parts adjacent thereto,
" with Water," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Quebec Water Bill, brought up.

The

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Petition from Barnston, (S. Child and others,) presented. The Honorable Mr. Knoulton presented a Petition from Samuel Child and others, inhabitants of the Township of Barnston, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold in conformity with the provisions of the Imperial Statute; and also, that the Universities of King's and M. Gill Colleges may not be supported from the Public Moneys as Theological Schools.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourn. The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

THURSDAY. Thursday, 7th May, 1846.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker.

- The Honorable Messieurs: M'Gill, Morris, W. Joliette, Crooks, Fergusson, Bruneau, Ferrie, Knoulton. The Honorable Messieurs: M'Kay, Roy, Irving, Walker, Morris, J. Neilson, Gordon.

PRAYERS.

Motion for giving leave of absence to the Hon. T. M'Kay. It was moved, that leave of absence be granted to the Honorable Mr. M'Kay for the purpose of enabling him to attend upon the Court of Queen's Bench at Toronto, on the twelfth instant, as a Witness.

Which being objected to,

Same negative. The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was resolved in the negative.

Petitions:— From Caistor, Gainsborough &c. (A. M'Intyre and others.) The Honorable Mr. J. Morris presented a Petition from Alexander M'Intyre and others, inhabitants of the Townships of Caistor, Gainsborough and Grimsby, praying against the removal of the Site of the Niagara District Town.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Walker presented a Petition from George O'Kill Stuart and others, inhabitants of the City of Quebec, praying that the Legislature of this Province will co-operate with the Legislatures of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in procuring the construction of the Railroad from Halifax to Quebec.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Ordered, that the said Petition be printed for the use of Members.

The Honorable Mr. M'Gill presented a Petition from William Hilles and others, inhabitants of the London District, praying that Henry Allen, Esquire, may be removed from his respective Offices of Judge of the District and Division Courts, and Chairman of the Quarter Sessions of the said District of London.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name of the Albion Road Company," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several Amendments.

Which Amendments were read by the Clerk as follow.

IN THE BILL.

Press 2, line 27.—After "expedient," insert, "Provided always, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Company, and they are hereby required to apply the proceeds of the Stock subscribed expressly for the purpose of making the branch road last named in the Preamble, in constructing the same."

" 12, " 31.—After "corner," insert, "and also to make a branch Macadamized or plank-ed road through the Townships of York and Vaughan, commencing " at

Amendments.

“ at the line of the Town-
 “ ship of *King*, between the
 “ eighth and ninth Con-
 “ cessions, and following
 “ the public highway laid
 “ out and known as the
 “ *King* road to the Town-
 “ ship of *York*, and to be
 “ continued through the
 “ said Township of *York*
 “ so as to intersect the
 “ *Albion* road at some
 “ point between its com-
 “ mencement in rear of lot
 “ number twelve in the
 “ fifth Concession and *Co-*
 “ *natt's* corner in Conces-
 “ sion A in the Township
 “ of *Etobicoke*.”

PREAMBLE.

Press 1, line 25.—After “ *Toronto* ” insert,
 “ and also to make a branch
 “ Macadamized or plank-
 “ ed road through the
 “ Townships of *York* and
 “ *Vaughan*, commencing
 “ at the line of the Town-
 “ ship of *King* between
 “ the eighth and ninth Con-
 “ cessions, and following
 “ the public highway laid
 “ out and known as the
 “ *King* Road to the Town-
 “ ship of *York*, and to be
 “ continued through the
 “ said Township of *York*,
 “ so as to intersect the *Al-*
 “ *bion* Road at some point
 “ between the commence-
 “ ment in rear of lot num-
 “ ber twelve in the fifth
 “ Concession and *Conatt's*
 “ corner in Concession A
 “ in the Township of *Eto-*
 “ *bicoke*.”

Amendments
 agreed to.

The said Amendments being read the second
 time, and the Question of Concurrence put on
 each, they were severally agreed to by the
 House.

Bill (as
 amended) for
 third reading
 to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be
 Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read
 the third time to-morrow.

Report of the
 Select Com-
 mittee on Sa-

The Honorable Mr. *Walker*, from the Se-
 lect Committee to whom was referred the Bill

intituled, “ An Act to make special provision ^{Saguenay Pilots}
 “ for the pilotage of Vessels bound to the ^{Bill.}
 “ *River Saguenay*,” reported that they have
 in obedience to the Order of reference of the
 sixth instant, examined the said Bill, and inas-
 much as it appears to the Committee that the
 Merchants, Shipowners and underwriters inte-
 rested in the trade of the *River Saguenay*,
 have not sought for the establishment of
 Branched Pilots, the Committee beg leave to
 report that the said Bill be no further pro-
 ceeded with.

Ordered, that it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Report be adopted. ^{Same adopted.}

It was moved that an humble Address be ^{Motion for an}
 presented to His Excellency the Governor ^{Address to His}
 General, praying that His Excellency will be ^{Excellency}
 pleased to cause to be laid before this House ^{respecting Pa-}
 a return of all Patents issued under the Sta- ^{tents granted}
 tute of the late Province of *Upper Canada* ^{to certain per-}
 passed in the seventh year of the reign of His ^{sons.}
 late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled,
 “ An Act to encourage the progress of
 “ useful Arts within this Province,” containing
 the date of each Patent, the name of the Pa-
 tentee, and the purpose for which the said
 Patent had been issued.

The Question of Concurrence being put
 thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative. ^{Same agreed}

Ordered, that such Members of the Honor-
 able the Executive Council who are Members
 of this House, do wait on His Excellency the
 Governor General with the said Address.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill ^{Building So-}
 intituled, “ An Act to encourage the esta- ^{cieties Bill,}
 “ blishment of certain Societies, commonly ^{(as amended,}
 “ called Building Societies, in that part of the ^{read third}
 “ Province of *Canada* formerly *Upper Cana-* ^{time.}
 “ *da*,” was (as amended) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as
 amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. ^{Passed,}

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chan- ^{And sent to the}
 cery do go down to the Legislative Assembly ^{Assembly for}
 and acquaint that House, that the Legislative ^{concurrence.}
 Council have passed this Bill with several
 Amendments,

Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Forgery Bill,
read third
time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Law in "cases of Forgery," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Witnesses be-
fore Magis-
trates Bill,
read third
time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to enforce the attendance "of Witnesses before Magistrates in *Lower* "Canada in certain cases," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Which being objected to,

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Dissentient :

Protest of the
Hon. Mr. Nel-
son thereon.

Because the said Bill confers new and extraordinary inquisitorial powers on Justices of the Peace on "any complaint, information or "investigation, which he may judge that he "can lawfully entertain, such power to be "enforced at his discretion by imprisonment "in the House of Correction for any time "not exceeding ten days.

That such powers are liable to be abused throughout the Country where the means of redress in the Courts of Law cannot be obtained by the sufferers without great loss of time and expenses, by action against Justices of the Peace, who have powerful means of protection for any thing done by them in the execution of their Office.

That there is no evidence before this House to authorize the granting of such inquisitorial and arbitrary powers to each and all of the Justices of the Peace throughout the Country, the existence of such powers, excepting in special and well defined cases, being unexampled in the United Kingdom, and contrary to the rights and liberties of British Subjects.

J. NEILSON.

Assembly re-
quainted of the
passing of the
two last men-
tioned Bills.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills without any Amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain "persons as the *Trafalgar, Esquesing* and "*Erin Road Company*," was (as amended) read the third time.

Trafalgar Road
Bill, (as
amended,) read
third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with certain Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

And sent to the
Assembly for
concurrence.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was again put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, "An Act relating to the *Mag-* "*dalen Islands* in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, "and to enable the inhabitant householders "therein to establish a Municipal Council in "the said Islands, and to extend the like ad- "vantages to certain localities in the County "of *Saguenay*, and to those parts of the "County of *Rimouski* and *Kamouraska*, known as the *Madawaska Territory*," together with the Amendments reported by the Select Committee.

Magdalen
Islands Bill,
re-committed.

After some time the House was resumed,

And the Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* reported from the said Committee; that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made several Amendments thereto, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Amendments
reported.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow,

Press 1, line 24.—After "year" insert, "and "being respectively of the "male sex, of the full age "of twenty-one years, and "subjects of Her Majesty "by birth or naturaliza- "tion."

" 1, " 25.—After "sixth" insert "and."

" 1, " 25.—Leave out "eighth, ninth, "and tenth."

Press

Amendments. Press 2, line 32.—Leave out from “as” to “same” in line 35, both inclusive, and insert, “qualified to vote at such election.”

“ 4.—Leave out “person or persons” and insert “such inhabitant householder or householders.”

“ 5.—After “to” leave out “the” and insert “this.”

“ 6.—Leave out “said.”

“ 7.—After “fit” insert “or from being elected thereat.”

“ 9.—After “limited to” insert “such freeholders as aforesaid and to.”

“ 13.—After “to” insert “mere.”

“ 19.—After “householders” insert, “not being freeholders, but being otherwise qualified to vote under this Act.”

Press 3, line 2.—After “places” leave out “from the first” and “to *ex officio*” both inclusive, and insert, “Provided always that no person shall be elected as a Councilor, or act as such under the provisions of this Act unless he shall be a qualified voter for the Municipality for which he is elected, and possessed of real property therein to the value of fifty pounds currency, over and above every charge or incumbrance thereon.”

Same agreed to.

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Bill (as amended) for third reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “An Act for the better regulating of the Notarial profession of *Lower Canada*,” was read the second time.

Notarial Profession Bill, read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Joliette, Bruneau, Walker, J. Morris, and Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “An Act to repeal the Act Incorporating the *Quebec Gas Light and Water Company*,” was read the second time.

Quebec Gas and Water Law Repeal Bill, read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of four Members.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Joliette, Walker, J. Morris, and Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “An Act for Lighting the City of *Quebec* with Gas,” was read the second time.

Quebec Gas Bill, read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Joliette, Crooks, Walker, Neilson, and Gordon*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “An Act for Supplying the City of *Quebec*, and parts adjacent thereto, with “Water,” was read the second time.

Quebec Water Bill, read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to the last mentioned Select Committee.

Referred to the last mentioned Select Committee.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *McDonald* of *Kingston*, and others, to return the Bill intituled, “An Act to transfer to *Queen’s College* at *Kingston*, certain Estates, Rights and Liabilities of the University at *Kingston*,” and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have passed this Bill without any Amendment.

Queen’s College Estates Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Smith*, of *Wentworth*, and

Hamilton’s Road Conveyance Bill, brought up.

Hamilton's Road Conveyance Bill.

and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to convey a part of the Concession line between the third and fourth Concessions of the Township of Barton, in the Gore District, to Robert Jarvis Hamilton," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

School Sites Bill agreed to by the Assembly, with an Amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. George Sherwood and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the vesting in Trustees the Sites of Schools in that part of this Province called Upper Canada," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have passed this Bill with an Amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Amendment read first time.

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows:

Amendment made by the Legislative Assembly to the Engrossed Bill sent down by the Legislative Council intituled, "An Act to provide for vesting in Trustees the Sites of Schools in that part of this Province called Upper Canada."

The Amendment.

At the end of the first clause add the following Proviso, "Provided also, that nothing in this Act contained, shall be construed to extend to Common Schools."

Engrossed Amendment.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk Assy.

Read second time and adopted.

The said Amendment being read a second time, and the Question of Concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

Assembly acquainted thereof.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Assembly to this Bill without any Amendment.

Treason attainders Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Draper and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to restore the Rights of cer-

tain persons attainted for High Treason," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. M'Donald (of Kingston,) and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Wolf Island, Kingston and Toronto Railroad Company;" and

Wolf Island Railroad Bill, and

Also, a Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Kingston as a city," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Kingston Incorporation Bill brought up.

The said Bills were then severally read for the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bills be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from Louise H. Ritchie, Widow of the late Joseph Déroche, of the Parish of Beauport, praying against the passing of any Act, calculated to destroy her subsisting rights as such Widow, to any property, of which the said Joseph Déroche had died possessed.

From L. H. Ritchie, of Beauport; and

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Joliette presented a Petition from the Roman Catholic Archbishop, and Bishops of Lower Canada, praying that the proceeds of the Sale of the Jesuits' Estates, may be exclusively applied to the Education of the Members of the Roman Catholic Church.

From the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops in Lower Canada, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. William Morris acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under His Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

Message from His Excellency,

And the same was read as follows:

CATHCART.

The Governor General recommends to the Honorable the Legislative Council, that measures should be adopted to authorize the issue of Debentures on the credit of the Province,

Recommending the issue of Debentures for the Sufferers at Quebec.

to

Recommending the issue of Debentures for the Sufferers at Quebec.

to an extent not exceeding one hundred thousand pounds, at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent per annum, to be employed in assisting by Loan those persons who, having had their Houses and Buildings destroyed by the late fires in the City of *Quebec*, are desirous of rebuilding.

The Loan to the Sufferers to be at a rate of interest not exceeding £3 per cent, and to be secured on the Real Estate of the parties receiving the same, and, when necessary, further security to be given.

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The said Message was then again read by the Clerk.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY.

Friday, 8th May, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M^r Gill,</i>	<i>M^r Kay,</i>
<i>Morris, W.</i>	<i>Roy,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Walker,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	<i>Gordon.</i>

PRAYERS.

Petitions:—

From Clinton,
(*R. Kilborne*
and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *Rowley Kilborne* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Clinton*, in the District of *Niagara*, praying against the removal of the Site of the District Town of the said District.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Diocese of Quebec,
(*Rev. R. Armstrong* and others,) and

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Richard Armstrong* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Diocese of *Quebec*, praying that Her Majesty may be recommended to vest in the Church Society of the said Diocese, such portion of the Lands called Clergy Reserves as will equal the share of Income assigned by the Imperial Statute to the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from the Board of Police of the Town of *Hamilton*, praying that the Bill to vest in *Robert Jarvis Hamilton* a certain allowance for a Road may not be passed into a Law.

From the
Hamilton
Board of Police,
presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee appointed to superintend the Printing of this House during the present Session, presented their First Report.

First Report of
the Select
Committee on
Printing.

Ordered, that it be received, and the same was then read by the Clerk as follows :

The Select Committee appointed to superintend the Printing of Your Honorable House during the present Session have the honor to make their First Report.

That Your Committee deemed it advisable to advertize for Tenders for Daily Printing, and for Printing and Binding the Journals of Your Honorable House for the present Session.

That of four tenders made to Your Committee by Printers in the City of *Montreal*, that of Messrs. *Rollo Campbell* and *Louis Perrault* was by far the lowest, and was accordingly accepted by Your Committee.

That the said parties have since entered into a contract with Mr. *De Léry* as Acting Clerk of Your Honorable House, with Sureties approved by Your Committee, for the due performance of the work on the following terms, viz :

Composition, in English and French, 1s. 5d. per 1000 ems.

Press Work, 1s. 4d. per token.

Single Crown paper, 12s. 6d. per ream.

Foolscap paper, 10s. per ream.

Binding the Journals, colored calf 4s., and roan 2s. 10d. per volume.

The whole of the work is to be in every way equal to that performed last Session, and to be subject to approval by a Select Committee in the next.

Your

First Report of the Select Committee on Printing.

Your Committee further beg leave to report, that the question what number of copies of the Journals of this Session should be printed, has occupied a due share of their attention; and that with a view to its correct decision they called upon the Officer in charge of the Records of Your Honorable House; for a statement of the number of copies of the Journals of previous Sessions remaining undistributed, which is as follows, viz :

	English.	French.
1 Session, 1 Parliament,	81	213
2 do. 1 do.	81	154
3 do. 1 do.	60	211
1 do. 2 do.	128	206

exclusive of those scattered through the Offices and deposited in the Library of Your Honorable House.

The reason assigned for the number of English Copies of the Journals remaining being 80 much greater for the last Session than for the previous Sessions is, that the number of copies supplied to Members of the Legislative Assembly was reduced from one hundred to sixty.

And as the latter number will probably be found sufficient in future, and there appears to have been an unnecessary number of French copies printed each Session in proportion to the demand for them as compared with the English copies,—Your Committee are of opinion, that one hundred and fifty of the former and two hundred and fifty of the latter, would be amply sufficient, instead of three hundred and three hundred and fifty as heretofore.

Adopted.

Ordered, that the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. Gordon, from the Select Committee to whom were referred the Petitions of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto; of the Lord Bishop of Montreal and others, and many other Petitions, all praying that a share of the Clergy Reserves equal in proportion to the share of the proceeds of the Sales of such Reserves, which had been assigned by law to the Church of England, may be vested in the respective Church Societies of the Dioceses of Quebec and Toronto, to be managed or disposed of as may appear to them expedient for the benefit of the said Church, reported that they have considered the subject referred to them, and beg leave to report, that the Petitioners appear to be well aware that the object which they desire can only be obtained through an Act

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of the Imperial Parliament, and they request that the Legislative Council will assist their application by addressing Her Majesty in its favour.

Report of the Select Committee on the Petitions against the sale of Clergy Reserves.

The Committee is of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners is reasonable and just, and that the injury which they wish to avoid is one which all who feel a sincere concern for the religious instruction and character of the people, should be equally anxious to prevent. It is a matter too well known to be denied or doubted by any person, that the Reserves, if they should continue to be sold as they have hitherto been, will be in a very great measure sacrificed, and will utterly fail in providing a fund at all adequate to the support of religion and the maintenance of public worship. It appears to the Committee that it will be a matter of perpetual reproach to this Legislature, if the improvident sacrifice of a provision intended for such objects is allowed to proceed. If the Petitioners were desiring some exclusive advantage for themselves, or even for their Church, which they wished to be withheld from others, the Committee would not be disposed to recommend a compliance with their prayer, but they expressly disclaim any such, although it must of course rest with the Legislature and with the other religious communities concerned, to consider what course would be most beneficial and acceptable to the latter, and in what manner it could be most conveniently carried into effect.

The Church of England having in each division of the Province a Society, open and not exclusive in its composition, incorporated by an Act of the Legislature, with the necessary power of holding and disposing of Real Estate, the object desired, so far as that class of our population is concerned, can be conveniently provided for through the instrumentality of those Societies. The Church of Scotland being also entitled, under the Imperial Statute, 3 and 4 Victoria, chap. 78, to a definite interest in these Reserves, there could be no difficulty in placing an appropriate share of these Reserves, to be drawn by lot at the disposal and under the control of the members of that Church to be vested in such manner as they may suggest, either in a Society to be incorporated for that purpose or otherwise. This would complete the arrangement so far as regards one half of the Reserves which yet remain unsold. The other half, which by the seventh

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seventh clause of the Imperial Act is placed at the disposal of the Government to be applied to purposes of religious instruction and public worship, might, in the discretion of the Government, by similar measures, be made the means of securing a considerable and permanent support for the Ministers of such other denominations as it may be thought right to assist from these Reserves, and by such means these lands, instead of falling into the hands of speculators at prices very far below their present value, might be made to afford a lasting provision, and to a considerable extent for the support of religion among all classes of the people. The Committee can see no possible objection to such a policy, while on the other hand it appears to them that the adoption of it is recommended by the soundest and best motives that could be urged in favour of any measure.

It has, indeed, been suggested that inconvenience might be felt from large portions of the land being retained for a long time unoccupied, and that persons who have leased or gone upon these lands, either with or without authority, might be more rigorously dealt with by the several religious bodies than they would have been by the Government; but if there is any force in these objections, nothing, in the opinion of the Committee, would be easier than to guard against any such consequences. The Committee assumes, that from the moment the lands should become vested in any such Society, as proposed, they would become chargeable with the assessments imposed by law, and this would, of itself, be a very great security against the lands remaining long unoccupied; and it might be provided in any Act to be passed, that the Government of Canada should have power to make regulations, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, for preventing or remedying any such inconveniences.

Under these impressions, and considering that whatever may be done upon the prayer of these Petitions, can and undoubtedly would be done with equal readiness in favour of other religious communities who may apply for the same facilities for providing for the comfortable support of their Clergy, the Committee strongly recommend the prayer of these Petitioners to favorable consideration, and that this House should address Her Majesty expressing their willingness that the Imperial Parliament should provide as they may think fit for carry-

ing into effect the wishes of these Petitioners, and of any other religious bodies who may hereafter apply for a similar measure.

Ordered, that the said Report do lie on the Table. Ordered to lie on the Table, and

Ordered, that the said Report be printed for the use of Members. To be printed.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to vest in *James K. Andrews* a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *Dumfries*, in the District of *Gore*," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any Amendment. Report of the Select Committee on Andrews' Road Allowance Bill.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next. Bill for third reading on Monday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Albion Road Company*," was (as amended) read the third time. Albion Road Bill, (as amended,) read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act relating to the *Magdalen Islands*, in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, and to enable the Inhabitant Householders therein, to establish a Municipal Council in the said Islands, and to extend the like advantages to certain localities in the County of *Saguenay*, and those parts of the Counties of *Rimouski* and *Kamouraska*, known as the *Madawaska Territory*," was (as amended) read the third time. Magdalen Islands Bill, (as amended,) read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence. And sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Acts therein" Distillers Duty Bill, read second time.

Distillers Duty Bill, read second time. "therein mentioned, and to impose a duty on Distillers and on the Spiritous Liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of such duties," was read the second time.

Committed. Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee upon the said Bill presently.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed,

Reported. And the Honorable Mr. Fergusson reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

Third reading on Monday. Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Hamilton's Road Conveyance Bill, read second time, and Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to convey a part of the Concession Line between the third and fourth Concessions of the Township of Barton, in the Gare District, to Robert Jarvis Hamilton," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee. Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Crooks, Fergusson, and Ferrie, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Petition from the Hamilton Board of Police, referred to the last mentioned Committee. Ordered, that the Petition presented to the House this day from the Board of Police of the Town of Hamilton, praying against the passing of the said Bill, be referred to the Select Committee last appointed.

Treason Attainders Bill, read second time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to restore the rights of certain persons attainted for High Treason," was read the second time.

Third reading on Monday. Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Wolf Island Railroad Bill, read second time, and Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Wolf Island, Kingston, and Toronto Railroad Company," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee. Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Crooks, Fergusson, Ferrie, Irving, and J. Morris, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Town of Kingston as a City," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee just appointed.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Chauveau and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act further to amend the Ordinances Incorporating the City of Quebec, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Scott and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to allow the formation of more than one Agricultural Society in a County in Lower Canada, and for the relief of the Society for the County of Montreal," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Hall and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Peterborough and Port Hope Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Cummings and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to explain and amend a certain Act therein mentioned, and to make further provision concerning Ferries in Upper Canada," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

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Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading on Monday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Huntingdon Plank Road Bill, brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Colville and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate "the *Huntingdon Plank Road Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading on Monday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Amendments to Trafalgar Road Bill agreed to by the Assembly. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Chalmers and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons as the *Trafalgar, Esquesing and Erin Road Company*," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill without any Amendment.

Magistrates Appointment Bill, presented. The Honorable Mr. W. Morris presented to the House, a Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the appointment of Magistrates "for the more remote parts of this Province."

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading on Monday, and to be printed. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next; and that in the mean time the same be printed in both languages for the use of Members.

Adjourn. The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

MONDAY.

Monday, 11th May, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

M'Gill,
Morris, W.
Crooks,
Fergusson,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
M'Kay,

The Honorable Messieurs

Irving,
Massue,
Walker,
Morris, J.
Neilson,
Gordon.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *James Morris* presented a Petition from *J. Fennings Taylor, Jun.*, First Office Clerk, praying that the precedency originally conferred upon him may be confirmed, and that the decisions on the subject of his salary may be reconsidered. Petition from J. F. Taylor, jun., presented.

Ordered, that the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly. Read.

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Ordered, that the last mentioned Petition be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of the present Session. Referred to Select Committee on Contingent Accounts.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act to extend the Charter of "the Commercial Bank of the *Midland District*, and to increase its Capital Stock," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments. Amendments reported by the Select Committee to Commercial Bank Bill.

Which Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

In the Bill, line 34.—Leave out from "and" to "debts" in line 40, both inclusive. The Amendments.

In the Preamble, line 9.—After "prayer" insert "to the extent herein "after mentioned."

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House. Same agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill, (as amended,) read the third time to-morrow. Bill (as amended) for third reading to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act intituled, 'An Act to extend the Charter of "the Bank of *Upper Canada*, and to increase the Capital Stock thereof," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments. Amendments reported by the Select Committee to Upper Canada Bank Bill.

Which

Which Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

The Amend-
ments.

In the Bill, line 25.—Leave out from "and" to "debts," in line 33, both inclusive.

In the Preamble, line 6.—After "prayer" insert "to the extent herein" "after mentioned."

Same
agreed to.

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Bill (as amend-
ed) for third
reading to-
morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow.

Petitions:—

From Gloucester, W. Smith and others.

The Honorable Mr. M'Kay presented a Petition from William Smith and others, inhabitants of the Township of Gloucester, praying for the construction of a Road from Bytown to the St. Lawrence, through the County of Dundas; and

From Bytown, N. Sparks and others.

Also, a Petition from Nicolas Sparks and others, inhabitants of Bytown, praying for relief in consequence of certain proceedings being had against them by the Ordnance Department.

Ordered, that the last mentioned Petition be now read.

Last Petition read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Report de novo of the Select Committee on Bible Christians Relief Bill.

The Honorable Mr. Crooks, from the Select Committee to whom was referred de novo the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the benefit of a certain Act of the Parliament of Upper Canada therein mentioned, to the Ministers of the Denomination calling themselves Bible Christians, and also to extend the benefit of the said Act to a certain other Denomination styling themselves Christians."

Toronto Unitarians Bill.

Also, the Bill intituled, "An Act to afford relief to a certain Religious Congregation at Toronto, denominated Unitarian Christians."

Presbyterian Marriage Registry Bill.

Also, the Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the Ministers of the Associate Presbyterian

"Synod of North America, to keep Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials performed by them, and for other purposes;" and

And Universalist Association Relief Bill.

Also, the Bill intituled, "An Act to afford relief to the Religious Society denominating themselves 'The Christian Universalist Association of Canada West,' with an instruction to amend their former report by reporting a new Bill, repealing the third clause of the Act of Upper Canada, 11 George 4, c. 36, and extending to the Ministers of all Christian Religious Denominations the privilege of solemnizing Marriage, provided the said Ministers have been duly Ordained to the Ministry, according to the usages and rites of their respective Churches, and have taken the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors; and also, repealing the fourth clause of the said Act, beg leave to report thereon as follows, viz :

Your Committee recommend that the Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the Ministers of the Associate Presbyterian Synod of North America to keep Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials performed by them, and for other purposes," being restricted in its operation to Lower Canada, be adopted by Your Honorable House, with the Amendments suggested by Your Committee in their former Report.

Your Committee recommend that the three other Bills referred to them, and mentioned in their former Report, be no further proceeded with; the advantages intended to be conferred thereby on certain Religious Societies in Upper Canada being amply secured to all by the Bill which Your Committee beg leave to report herewith, in compliance with the instruction given to them by Your Honorable House.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee upon the said Report to-morrow. To be committed to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. M'Gill, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the

An amendment reported by the Select Committee to Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Bill.

“ the eighth year of Her Majesty’s Reign, intituled, ‘ An Act to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, ‘ ‘ An Act to Incorporate the City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Company, ’ ’ reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with a certain Amendment.

Which Amendment was then read by the Clerk.

To be Committed to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee upon the said Report to-morrow.

Amendments reported by the Select Committee to Hastings Registrations Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *M’Gill*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, “ An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of *Hastings* in *Upper Canada*,” reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

To be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Report be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Amendments reported by the Select Committee to Kingston Incorporation Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, “ An Act to incorporate the Town of *Kingston* as a City,” reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

To be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, that the Report be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Message from His Excellency.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his

Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

And the same was read as follows.

CATHCART.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Council, Copies of Correspondence relating to the accommodation prepared for the Superior Courts of *Upper Canada* in *Osgoode Hall*, and recommends that the Legislature do, in consideration that the Law Society enter into a valid covenant for all time to come, to provide sufficient accommodation for such Courts, authorize the issue of Debentures on the security of the Province, in favour of the said Society, to an amount not to exceed £6,000.

Recommending the Issue of Debentures to Build Law Courts at Toronto.

The Governor General also recommends that authority be given to impose a Tax on certain proceedings in Law and Equity to meet the Interest, and to sell for money a portion not exceeding one third, of the block of Land in *Toronto* on which the Buildings wherein these Courts have been hitherto held stand, to be applied in part discharge of the said Debentures.

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(For Documents, vide Appendix No. 14.)

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* presented a Petition from *Robinson Lyon* and others, inhabitants of the District of *Dalhousie*, praying that the grant for the improvement of the *Mississippi* may not be appropriated to other purposes, and that the work may be commenced as soon as the state of the River will permit.

Petition from Dalhousie District, (R. Lyon and others,) presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. *Massue* be added to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, “ An Act for Lighting the City of *Quebec* with Gas,” and

Hon. L. Massue added to the Select Committee on Quebec Gas and Water Bills.

Also, the Bill intituled, “ An Act for supplying the City of *Quebec* and parts adjacent thereto with Water.”

Ordered, that a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly to request that they will communicate to this House the Documents, Evidence, and Proofs upon which is founded

Assembly requested to furnish the Evidence on which Quebec Gas and Water Law Repeat Bill was founded.

the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act "incorporating the Quebec Gas Light and "Water Company."

Quebec Water Bill; and

Ordered, that a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly, to request that they will communicate to this House the Documents, Evidence, and Proofs, upon which is founded the Bill intituled, "An Act for supplying the "City of Quebec, and parts adjacent thereto "with Water."

Quebec Gas Bill, were severally founded.

Ordered, that a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly, to request that they will communicate to this House the Documents, Evidence, and Proofs, upon which is founded the Bill intituled, "An Act for Lighting the City of Quebec with Gas."

Members added to the Select Committee on Winter Roads Bill, (L. C.)

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs Massue and Walker be added to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal two certain "Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to "Winter Roads in that part of the Province "heretofore Lower Canada, in so far as regards the District of Quebec, the District "of Gaspé, and that part of the District of "Three Rivers, which is or was in the Municipal District of Portneuf."

An amendment reported by the Select Committee to Common Schools Bill, (U. C.)

The Honorable Mr. Neilson, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better establishment and maintenance of Common Schools "in Upper Canada," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with an Amendment.

Which Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows :

Press 17, line 1.—After "School" insert "and from any Common "School District."

Same agreed to.

The said Amendment being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

Bill (as amended) for third reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be En-grossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow.

Andrews' Road Allowance Bill, read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to vest in James K. Andrews a certain allowance for Road in the

"Township of Dumfries, in the District of "Gore," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Acts "therein mentioned, and to impose a duty on "Distillers and on the Spiritous Liquors "made by them, and to provide for the col- "lection of such duties," was read the third time.

Distillers Duty Bill, read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to restore the Rights of "certain persons attainted for High Treason," was read the third time.

High Treason Attainders Bill, read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills without any Amendment.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act further to amend the "Ordinances Incorporating the City of Quebec, and for other purposes," was read the second time.

Quebec Incorporation Bill, read second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Massue, Walker, J. Morris, Neilson and Gordon, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. W. Morris, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, presented to the House a Despatch on the subject of employing Officers of the Engineer Corps on the Survey of the Provinces in British North America, through which the proposed line of Railroad between Halifax and Quebec and Montreal may pass.

Despatch respecting the employment of Engineer Officers on the proposed Provincial Railroad.

Ordered.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:

(For Despatch, vide Appendix No. 15.)

To be printed. Ordered, that the said Despatch be printed in both Languages, for the use of Members.

Montreal Agricultural Societies Bill, read second time, and Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled "An Act to allow the formation of "more than one Agricultural Society in a "County in Lower Canada, and for the relief "of the Society for the County of Montreal," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee. Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Gill, Bruneau, and Ferrie*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Peterboro' and Port Hope Railway Bill, read second time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Peterboro' and Port Hope Railway Company," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee. Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Kay, Irving, and Gordon*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Ferries Regulation Bill, read second time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to explain and amend a "certain Act therein mentioned, and to make "further provision concerning Ferries in *Upper Canada*," was read the second time.

Third reading to-morrow. Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Huntingdon Plank Road Bill, read second time, and Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Huntingdon Plank Road Company*," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee. Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Gill, Bruneau and Ferrie*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Magistrates Appointment Bill, read second time, and Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the appointment of Magistrates for the more remote "parts of this Province," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *W. Morris, Fergusson and Gordon*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Ordered, that the Petition presented to this House on the thirtieth ultimo, from *A. Campbell* and others, inhabitants of the Lower and Upper Towns of the City of *Quebec*, praying that the Representation and Assessment of the said City may be equalized, be referred to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, "An Act further "to amend the Ordinances incorporating the "City of *Quebec*, and for other purposes." Petition from A. Campbell and others, of Quebec, referred to the Select Committee on Quebec Incorporation Bill.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Christie* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act relating "to the *Magdalen Islands*, in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, and to enable the Inhabitant "Householders therein, to establish a Municipal Council in the said Islands, and to "extend the like advantages to certain localities in the County of *Saguenay*, and those "parts of the Counties of *Rimouski* and *Kamouraska*, known as the *Madawaska Territory*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment. Amendments to Magdalen Islands Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Price* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of "the *Albion Road Company*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment. Amendments to Albion Road Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend the "Registry Laws of that part of this Province "which was formerly *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House." Registry Bill, (U. C.) brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow. Second reading to-morrow.

Amendment to Building Societies Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Boulton and others, to return the Bill intituled, "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," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Petition from St. Jean Baptiste de Nicolet Municipal Council.

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of St. Jean Baptiste de Nicolet, praying that the Act 8th Vict. chap. 72, respecting Tavern Licences, may be Amended.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

TUESDAY.

Tuesday, 12th May, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker.

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| The Honorable Messieurs | The Honorable Messieurs |
| M ^r Gill, | Massue, |
| Morris, W. | Walker, |
| Fergusson, | de Boucherville, |
| Bruneau, | Morris, J. |
| Ferrie, | Neilson, |
| M ^r Kay, | Gordon. |
| Irving, | |

PRAYERS.

Petition from the Hon. J. Crooks, presented.

The Honorable Mr. James Morris presented a Petition from the Honorable James Crooks, praying to be indemnified for the capture of his Schooner Lord Nelson by the authorities of the United States, during a period when that Country was at peace with Great Britain.

Ordered, that the said Petition be now read.

Same read, and

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the last mentioned Petition be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs de Boucherville, James Morris, and Gordon, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. Bruneau, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate Les Dames Religieuses de Notre Dame de Charité du Bon Pasteur at Montreal, for the Care and Reformation of Female Penitents," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any Amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on Female Penitents Bill.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Third reading to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. James Morris presented a Petition from H. Burrill and others, inhabitants of the Township of Oxford and its vicinity, praying for the adoption of a particular route in forming the Road from the Ottawa River at Bytown, and the River St. Lawrence.

Petition from Oxford, (H. Burrill and others,) presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Crooks enters.

A Member enters.

The Honorable Mr. James Morris, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Wolf Island, Kingston, and Toronto Railroad Company," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Amendments reported by the Select Committee to Wolf Island Railroad Bill.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee on the same to-morrow.

To be Committed to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Walker, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act further to amend the Ordinances incorporating the City of Quebec, and for other purposes," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill

Report of the Select Committee on Quebec Incorporation Bill.

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Quebec Incor-
poration Bill.

Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

IN THE BILL.

Press 1, line 19.—After “same” insert “That
“ for and notwithstanding
“ anything to the contrary
“ contained in the said
“ Ordinances and Act, or
“ any or either of them no
“ election shall be holden
“ on the first Monday in the
“ month of February one
“ thousand eight hundred
“ and forty-seven, in either
“ *St. John's* or *St. Roch's*
“ Ward of the said City
“ of *Quebec*, in conse-
“ quence of one of the
“ Councillors representing
“ such Ward going out of
“ Office by virtue and un-
“ der the provisions of the
“ fourth section of the said
“ Act, or for the purpose
“ of electing a person to
“ replace such Councillor,
“ and that from and after
“ the said day the said
“ fourth Section of the said
“ Act shall be and the
“ same is hereby repealed.”

PREAMBLE.

Press 1, line 8.—After “*Quebec*” insert “and
“ the Act of the Parlia-
“ ment of this Province
“ passed in the eighteenth
“ year of Her Majesty's
“ Reign, intituled, ‘An
“ Act to amend the Ordi-
“ nances incorporating the
“ City of *Quebec*.”

Ordered, that the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee upon the said Bill and Report to-morrow.

To be Com-
mitted to-mor-
row.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “An Act to amend an Act intituled, ‘An Act to extend the Charter of the
“ ‘ Commercial Bank of the *Midland* District
“ ‘ and to increase its Capital Stock,” was (as amended) read the third time.

Commercial
Bank Bill, (as
amended,) read
third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “An Act to amend an Act intituled, ‘An Act to extend the Charter of the
“ ‘ Bank of *Upper Canada*, and to increase
“ ‘ the Capital Stock thereof,” was (as amended) read the third time.

Bank of Upper
Canada Bill,
(as amended,) read
third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “An Act for the better establish-
“ ment of Common Schools in *Upper Canada*,” was (as amended) read the third time.

Common
Schools Bill,
(as amended,) read
third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills with certain Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

And sent to the
Assembly for
concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “An Act to explain and amend a
“ certain Act therein mentioned, and to make
“ further provision concerning Ferries in
“ *Upper Canada*,” was read the third time.

Ferries Regu-
lation Bill, (U.
C.) read third
time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any Amendment.

And the As-
sembly ac-
quainted
thereof.

The Honorable Messieurs *M. Gill* and *Moore* enter.

Members en-
ter.

The

House in Committee on

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled, "An Act to extend the benefit of a certain Act of the Parliament of Upper Canada therein mentioned, to the Ministers of the Denomination calling themselves 'Bible Christians,' and also to extend the benefit of the said Act to a certain other Denomination styling themselves 'Christians.'"

Bible Christians Bill,

Unitarians Bill,

Also, the Bill intituled, "An Act to afford relief to a certain Religious Congregation at Toronto, denominated Unitarian Christians."

Presbyterian Marriage Bill, and

Also, the Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the Ministers of the Associate Presbyterian Synod of North America, to keep Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials performed by them, and for other purposes," and

Universalists Bill.

Also, the Bill intituled, "An Act to afford relief to the Religious Society denominating themselves 'The Christian Universalist Association of Canada West,'" as also the Reports of the Select Committee thereon, and likewise a certain Instruction given to the said Committee on the sixth instant.

After some time the House was resumed,

Reported progress, and leave granted to sit again on Friday.

And the Honorable Mr. McKay reported from the said Committee, that they had taken the said Bills, and Reports of the Select Committee, as also the said Instruction into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again on Friday next.

Ordered, that leave be granted accordingly.

House in Committee on Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Bill.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act to Incorporate the City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Company,'" together with the Report of Select Committee thereon.

After some time the House was resumed,

And the Honorable Mr. Moore reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with a certain Amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

An Amendment reported.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows :

Press 1, line 37.—After "expedient" insert "Provided always that no such terminus shall be at a point South of Port Sarnia on the outlet of Lake Huron."

The Amendment.

The said Amendment being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

Same agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow.

Bill (as amended) for third reading to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments, reported by the Select Committee to the Bill intituled, "An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of Hastings in Upper Canada."

Amendments to Hastings Registration Bill considered.

Which Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Press 1, line 45.—Leave out "November" and insert "January."

The Amendments.

Press 4, line 7.—Leave out "November" and insert "January."

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Same agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill, (as amended,) read the third time to-morrow.

Bill (as amended) for third reading to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments reported by the Select Committee to the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of Kingston as a City."

Amendments to Kingston Incorporation Bill considered.

Which

Amendments
to Kingston
Incorporation
Bill.

Which Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

IN THE BILL.

The amend-
ments.

Press 2, line 39.—After “constituted” insert “Provided always that
“ it shall not be lawful
“ for the said City Council
“ or their Successors to
“ make or construct, or
“ cause to be made or con-
“ structed, any Work or
“ Building of any kind
“ whatsoever, within or
“ upon any part of the
“ said Harbour hereby
“ vested in the said City
“ Council, unless the ma-
“ king or constructing of
“ such work be authorized
“ by the Governor of the
“ Province, by and with
“ the advice and consent
“ of the Executive Council
“ thereof, or by the Com-
“ mander in Chief of Her
“ Majesty’s Forces in this
“ Province, or by the Prin-
“ cipal Officers of Her
“ Majesty’s Ordnance.”

Press 17, line 6.—After “Gunpowder” insert “belonging to private
“ parties.”

Press 24, line 22.—Leave out from “house”
to “any” in line 26, both
inclusive.

Press 31, line 6.—Leave out from “and” to
“June” in line 9, both in-
clusive, and insert, “And
“ the said first Election
“ shall be held on the se-
“ cond Tuesday of the
“ month next after the
“ month in which this Act
“ is passed.”

Press 32, line 40.—Leave out from “or” to
“City” in line 42, both
inclusive.

Press 33, line 4.—After “duty” insert “And
“ be it further enacted, that
“ nothing in this Act con-
“ tained shall extend to
“ or be construed to extend

“ to, or affect, or be con-
“ strued to affect, any
“ houses, lands, goods,
“ chattels, or property of
“ any kind, belonging to
“ Her Majesty, Her Heirs,
“ or Successors, or vested
“ in or held by any Public
“ Body, Officer, person, or
“ party in trust for the uses
“ or service of Her Majesty,
“ Her Heirs or Successors,
“ whether held in fee sim-
“ ple or for any less Estate
“ during the continuance
“ of such Estate, Provided
“ always that this Clause
“ shall not be held to ex-
“ empt any person afore-
“ said not in the Naval or
“ Military Service of Her
“ Majesty in actual pos-
“ session of any such Real
“ Property under lease
“ from being assessed there-
“ for under this Act.”

IN THE PREAMBLE.

Press 1, line 9.—Leave out from “and” to
“enlarged,” both inclusive.

The said Amendments being read the se-
cond time, and the Question of Concurrence
put on each, they were severally agreed to by
the House. Same agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be En-
grossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read
the third time to-morrow. Bill (as amended) for third reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill
intituled, “An Act to consolidate and amend
“ the Registry Laws of that part of this Pro-
“ vince which was formerly *Upper Canada*,”
was read the second time. Registry Bill, (U.C.) read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a
Select Committee of five Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Hon-
orable Messieurs *W. Morris, Crooks, Fer-
gusson, Irving, and Gordon*, to meet and
adjourn as they please.

Ordered, that the Bill intituled, “An Act
“ to provide for the removal of the Registry
“ Office of any County in *Upper Canada*,”
“ when Registry Off-
ces Removal
Bill, (U.C.) re-
ferred to the
last mentioned
Committee.

“ when the Public convenience may require
“ such removal,” and

Also, the Petition presented to this House on the seventeenth day of April last from the *Simcoe* District Council, be referred to the Select Committee just appointed.

Message from His Excellency.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

And the same was read as follows :

CATHCART.

Respecting the late Fire in the County of Saguenay.

The Governor General informs the Honorable the Legislative Council, that he has heard with great regret of the recent occurrence of an extensive and destructive Fire in the County of *Saguenay*, and that it is his intention to adopt proper measures for instituting an enquiry on the spot as to the extent of assistance that may be necessary for the relief of the unfortunate people who may have been rendered destitute by this distressing calamity, and for the issue of such number of Rations, under the authority of the Commissary General, as the more immediate necessities of the sufferers may require, until some arrangement of a more permanent character can be made for their relief.

Government House,
May, 1846.

The said Message was then again read by the Clerk.

Estimates for 1846, presented.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, presented to the House, Estimates of the Sums required for the Public Services of 1846.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow :

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter C.*)

Message from the Assembly, with Evidence on Quebec Gas and Water Law Repeal Bill, Quebec Water Bill, and Quebec Gas Bill.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chabot* and others, as follows :

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Tuesday, 12th May, 1846.

Resolved, that a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, to communicate to their Honors the Documents, Evidence, and Proofs, upon which are founded

the Bills respectively intituled, “ An Act to
“ repeal the Act incorporating the *Quebec*
“ Gas Light and Water Company.”

“ An Act for Lighting the City of *Quebec*
“ with Gas,” and

“ An Act for supplying the City of *Quebec*
“ and parts adjacent thereto, with Water,” as requested by their Messages of the 11th instant; and to desire that the same may be returned to this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chabot* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,
W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk Assy.

And then they withdrew.

The Speaker declared this House continued Adjourn. until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

Wednesday, 13th May, 1846. WEDNESDAY.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>Morris, W.</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Walker,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>de Boucherville,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>M'Kay,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>Moore,</i>	<i>Gordon.</i>

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *William Morris* with- A Member withdrew.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. Taylor* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the Diocese of *Quebec*, praying that a clause may be introduced in all Railway Bills to prevent the carriage of either goods or passengers on the Sabbath Day.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Petition An Address to Her Majesty reported by the Select Com-

mitted on the
Petition of G.
H. Ryland,
Esquire.

Petition from *George H. Ryland*, Esquire, praying for relief in consequence of the Government having neglected to perform certain engagements entered into with him, reported an Address to Her Majesty, prepared by them, as follows :

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

The Address.

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to approach Your Majesty with our renewed expression of devoted attachment to Your Majesty's Royal Person and Government.

We humbly beg leave to lay before Your Majesty the particulars of a case, which has resulted in serious injury to the circumstances of a faithful subject of Your Majesty, and which we beg permission to submit for Your Majesty's gracious consideration.

Previous to the Union of the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, in one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, the Office of Clerk of the Executive Council of the latter Province was held by *George H. Ryland*, Esquire, he having been appointed thereto in October, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and having succeeded his late respected Father, who had held the same Office for a long period of years, and Mr. *Ryland* continued in the performance of the duties of the same Office under the Government of the United Province, having been sworn in as such in February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one.

The late Lord *Sydenham*, the then Governor General of the Province, in re-organizing the Executive Council, thought it proper to make several changes in the constitution of the Executive Council, and to transfer many of the duties which, up to that period, had been performed by the Clerk to the President of the Council, and in effecting this arrangement His Lordship proposed to Mr. *Ryland* to surrender the appointment, and to accept in its stead the Office of Registrar of Deeds in the then Judicial District of *Quebec*, at the same time guaranteeing to him an annual income from the emoluments thereof equal to the sum of five hundred and fifteen pounds currency, to which he would be entitled as a retiring allow-

ance under the Imperial Statute, 4 and 5, The Address. Victoria, Chap. 49.

Mr. *Ryland* on being thus guaranteed, and having reason to expect that the emoluments of the Office offered to him would amount for the first year to a large sum, affording him ample compensation for vacating his original one, acceded to this proposal, and placed the latter at His Excellency's disposal.

But he expressly stipulated in his acceptance of the new appointment, as well as in his answer to the Circular of His Excellency Sir *R. Jackson*, Administrator of the Government, dated 18th December, 1841, that in the event of the Registrarship of the said District of *Quebec* not proving nearly equal in value to his appointment as Clerk of the Executive Council, the sum guaranteed was not to be considered as compensation in full, either for relinquishing that Office, or for his claim upon the Government.

The Registry Ordinance of *Lower Canada* did not come into operation until the 31st December, 1841, and the time within which all existing Deeds were to have been enregistered, and from which the great amount of remuneration would have resulted was extended until eventually a material alteration was made in the Registration Law establishing County instead of District Registry Offices, and causing Mr. *Ryland* to become Registrar of the County instead of the District of *Quebec*, notwithstanding his remonstrance. And this alteration had the effect not only of depriving Mr. *Ryland* of a great proportion of the remuneration resulting from those arrears, but also of essentially reducing the annual income of the Office.

It is true that at a subsequent period, namely, on the 8th July, 1845, Mr. *Ryland* was transferred to the more important Office of Registrar of the County of *Montreal*, which he now holds, but the Reports of the Commissioners appointed to examine the Registry Offices establish that both Offices have been sources of labour and expence rather than of profit.

From the circumstances hereinbefore detailed the Legislative Council feel that the case of Mr. *Ryland* is one of great hardship, that his claims, the justice of which had been Officially recognized by the late Governor General,

The Address. General Lord *Metcalf* ought not to be overlooked, and that he has a right to expect that the contract between the Governor General and him, of which he has performed his part, should be carried out by the Imperial Government according to its terms, or as that may now be impossible, that he should be fully compensated for the non-fulfilment thereof.

We therefore, in reviewing these circumstances, humbly beg permission to call Mr. *Ryland's* claim as herein set forth, to Your Majesty's gracious notice, and we humbly pray that Your Majesty will be pleased to take them into Your most favourable consideration, and direct such measures to be adopted therein as Your Majesty in your wisdom may find them to deserve.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and,

The said Address was then read by the Clerk.

The said Address being again read, was agreed to by the House.

An Address to His Excellency to transmit the last mentioned Address to Her Majesty.

Ordered, that the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General.

To His Excellency Lieutenant General the Right Honorable CHARLES MURRAY, EARL CATHCART, of Cathcart, in the County of Renfrew, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, 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, and Commander of Her Majesty's Forces in British North America, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request, that you will be pleased to transmit our humble Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the claims of *G. H. Ryland*, Esquire, in such a way as Your Excellency may deem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Addresses on behalf of this House.

Ordered, that the said Addresses be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by the Honorable Messieurs *Walker* and *Neilson*.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred certain Petitions presented to this House during the present Session, from various parts of the Province, and from various classes of the Community, praying that no interruption or delay might take place in bringing to sale the Clergy Reserve Lands; neither that any portion of those Lands be given to any Sect or Denomination of Christians for their exclusive benefit, nor any interruption take place in carrying out the Act 3d and 4th Victoria, cap. 78, reported:

That the settlement of the appropriation and division of the Clergy Reserve Lands is well known to have been attended with difficulties of no ordinary nature, and to have threatened, more than once, consequences of the most disastrous and dangerous description.

Year after year did the Provincial Government and Legislature strive to come to an equitable arrangement, which might satisfy reasonable hopes, and extinguish the fierce flame of Sectarian discord. The Home Government displayed no less anxiety to have the question accommodated, and finally, the desirable object was attained, by the Act 3 and 4 Vict., cap. 78, passed by the Imperial Parliament.

This brought the matter so long in dispute to an issue; not, perhaps, entirely to the satisfaction of the various Sects, but which was hailed by all patriotic minds as one of the most fortunate events which could have occurred in the affairs of the Province.

It might have been expected, that the wise and beneficial course now adopted would have met with no interruption, least of all from that body of Christians who have enjoyed numerous exclusive advantages and privileges in the Province, and who have ultimately secured a portion, so large and so liberal, of the lands in question.

It would appear, however, that not satisfied with the questionable allotment of Glebes,

Report of the Select Committee on Petitions for the sale of Clergy Reserves.

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to numerous Rectories of the Episcopal Church, and with the more than liberal proportion of Clergy Reserve Funds which was placed at their disposal, certain Members of that Church have not hesitated to break in upon the barrier which the British Parliament had interposed against Provincial discontent, and have devised a scheme for creating a *Clerical Land Corporation* in Canada, at once at variance with the liberal spirit of the age, and with the habits and views of Canadian Settlers.

It is now desired by a portion of the inhabitants of the Province, to adopt a course which would virtually defeat the object of the Imperial Act, and which would place a numerous class of industrious and deserving Settlers at the mercy of a fluctuating body as mere tenants, when their neighbours on every hand are attaining, or have attained, the object of all enterprising and hard-working Yeomen, the freehold ownership of the soil, which their labour and capital have reclaimed.

The Committee might enlarge upon the danger of subjecting any class of their fellow-Colonists to the caprice, and it might be to the persecution, of landholders upon local or general questions of a political nature. It is sufficient to know, that such a power would be placed in the hands of Clerical Corporations, should the law permit them to create a class dependent in a great degree upon their pleasure and good will.

The Committee, for this and many other reasons too numerous to detail, feel no hesitation in expressing their high satisfaction with the determination of Government to proceed with the sales of the Clergy Reserve Lands, and recommend that the most economical mode of sale be adopted; and that no interruption be offered to the wise and well-matured conclusion adopted by the Imperial Parliament.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Report be adopted.

Ordered, that the said Report be printed for the use of Members.

The same adopted, and

Ordered to be printed.

Female Penitents Bill, read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *Les Dames Religieuses de Notre Dame de Charité du*

bon Pasteur at Montreal, for the Care and Reformation of Female Penitents," was read the third time,

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any Amendment.

And the Assembly acquiesced thereof.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the Reign of his late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate the City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Company,'" was (as amended) read the third time.

Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Bill, (as amended,) read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of *Hastings* in *Upper Canada*," was (as amended) read the third time.

Hastings Registration Bill, (as amended,) read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Kingston* as a City," was (as amended) read the third time.

Kingston Incorporation Bill, (as amended,) read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

And sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

The

House in Com-
mittee on Wolf
Island Rail-
road Bill.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Wolf Island, Kingston and Toronto* Railroad Company," together with the Amendments reported by the Select Committee thereto.

After some time the House was resumed.

Amendments
reported.

And the Honorable Mr. *Massue* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made several Amendments thereto, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Press 3, line 13.—After "named" insert "before proceeding to business, or in the event of their disagreement as to the choice of such other person, to be appointed by the Judge of the District Court for the District in which the lands are situate, before the others proceed to business."

Press 5, line 9.—After "aforesaid" insert "or refuse or neglect so to do, for the space of one calendar month after having been thereunto required by the said Company."

Press 5, line 10.—After "Company" leave out all the words from "to" to "them" in line 16, both inclusive, and insert "to nominate one indifferent person, and for the Judge of the District Court for the District in which such lands are situate, on the application of the said Company, to nominate and appoint one other indifferent person, who, together with one other person, to be cho-

"sen by the persons so
" named before proceeding
" to business, or in the
" event of their disagree-
" ment as to the choice of
" such other person, to be
" appointed by the said
" Judge before the others
" proceed to business."

Press 5, line 21.—Leave out "their" and insert "the."

Press 5, line 21.—After "decision" insert "of the majority of such Arbitrators."

Press 5, line 35.—After "Company" leave out from "to" to "time," in line 37, both inclusive, and insert "to nominate one indifferent person, and for the Judge of the District Court for the District in which such lands are situate, on the application of the said Company, to nominate and appoint one other indifferent person, who, together with one other person, to be chosen by the persons so named before proceeding to business, or, in the event of their disagreeing as to the choice of such other person, to be appointed by the said Judge before the others proceed to business, shall be Arbitrators."

Press 5, line 42.—After "Mortgagee" insert "as a payment for and on account of the said Mortgagee."

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House. Same agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be En-grossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow. Bill, (as amended,) for third reading to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee House in Committee on Quebec Incorporation Bill.

Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, "An Act further to amend the Ordinances Incorporating the City of *Quebec*, "and for other purposes," together with the Amendments reported by the Select Committee thereto.

After some time the House was resumed,

Reported, and leave granted to sit again to-morrow.

And the Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* reported from the said Committee, that they had taken the said Bill and Amendments into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.

Ordered, that leave be granted accordingly.

Amendments to Agricultural Societies Bill, (L. C.) agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Hale* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture, "by the establishment of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Amendments to Upper Canada Bank Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Boulton* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act to extend the Charter of the Bank of *Upper Canada*, 'and to increase the Capital Stock thereof,'" and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Amendments to Commercial Bank Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *M'Donald*, of *Kings-ton*, and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act intituled, 'An Act to extend the Charter of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland District*, and to increase its Capital Stock,'" and to acquaint this House, that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Jones' Trustee Bill passed by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Gowan* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the Devises and Trustees of the Will of the late Honorable *Charles Jones*, to convey a Town Lot therein mentioned to the President and Board of Police of *Brockville*, "for the uses and purposes therein men-

tioned," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have passed this Bill, without any Amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Murney* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to require Slides of certain dimensions to be erected upon the several Mill Dams in the River *Moir*, and its Tributaries, in the District of *Victoria*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Mill Dams Slides Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

Adjourn.

Thursday, 14th May, 1846.

THURSDAY.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

M' Gill,
Morris, W.,
Crooks,
Fergusson,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
M'Koy,

The Honorable Messieurs

Roy,
Irving,
Massue,
Walker,
de Boucherville,
Morris, J.
Neilson.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *William Morris* presented a Petition from *James Morris* and others, Members of the Presbyterian Congregation of *M'Nab* and *Horton*; and,

Petitions:—

From *M'Nab* and *Horton*, (J. Morris and others.)

Also, a Petition from *William Wright* and others, Episcopal Methodists of the County of *Renfrew*, respectively praying that the Bill introduced during the last Session of the Legislature, on the subject of the University of *King's College*, may be passed into a Law.

From *Renfrew* (W. Wright and others.) and

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *Margaret E. V. Reeves Metzler* and others, of the River *Ste. Pierre*, in the Parish of *Montreal*, praying that no discretionary power may be given to the Commissioners

From *St. Pierre*, (E. V. Reeves Metzler and others.) presented.

sioners appointed to select the route of a Road at *St. Pierre*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

His Excellency's Answer to the Address respecting G. H. Ryland, Esq. reported.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* reported that the Honorable Mr. *Neilson* and himself had, according to Order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General with the Address of this House of yesterday on the subject of the claim of *George H. Ryland*, Esquire, and that they have received for answer, that His Excellency would transmit the same to the Secretary of State, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Report of the Select Committee on Registry Bill, (U. C.)

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province which was formerly *Upper Canada*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any Amendment.

Bill for third reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow,

Report of the Select Committee on Registry Offices Removal Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of any County in *Upper Canada*, when the Public convenience may require such removal," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report that the said Bill be no further proceeded with, in consequence of the provisions contained therein being included in the Bill intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province which was formerly *Upper Canada*," referred to your Committee and reported by them this day without any Amendment.

To be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Report be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Amendments reported by the Select Committee to Hamilton and Toronto Railroad Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate a Company to extend the *Great Western* Railroad, from *Hamilton* to *Toronto*," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same with several Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee upon the same to-morrow. To be committed to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Irving*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same. Amendments reported by the Select Committee to Peterboro' and Port Hope Railway Bill.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow:

Press 2, line 36.—After "named" insert "before proceeding to business, or, in the event of their disagreeing as to the choice of such other person to be appointed by the Judge of the District Court for the District in which the lands are situate, before the others proceed to business." The Amendments.

Press 4, line 14.—After "aforesaid" insert "or refuse or neglect so to do for the space of one calendar month after having been thereunto required by the said Company."

Press 4, line 16.—Leave out from "apply" to "them" in line 23, both inclusive, and insert "nominate one indifferent person, and for the Judge of the District Court for the District in which the lands are situate, on the application"

“ application of the said
 “ Company, to nominate
 “ and appoint one other
 “ indifferent person, who,
 “ together with one other
 “ person, to be chosen by
 “ the persons so named be-
 “ fore proceeding to busi-
 “ ness, or in the event of
 “ their disagreeing as to
 “ the choice of such other
 “ person, to be appointed
 “ by the said Judge before
 “ the others proceed to
 “ business.”

Press 4, line 28.—Leave out “their ” and in-
 sert “the.”

Press 4, line 28.—After “decision” insert “of
 “ the majority of such Ar-
 “ bitrators.”

Press 4, line 44.—Leave out from “apply”
 to “time” in Press 5, line
 1, and insert, “nominate
 “ one indifferent person,
 “ and for the Judge of the
 “ District Court for the
 “ District in which such
 “ lands are situate, on the
 “ application of the said
 “ Company, to nominate
 “ and appoint one other
 “ indifferent person, who,
 “ together with one other
 “ person, to be chosen by
 “ the persons so named
 “ before proceeding to bu-
 “ siness, or in the event
 “ of their disagreeing as
 “ to the choice of such
 “ other person, to be ap-
 “ pointed by the said Judge
 “ before the others pro-
 “ ceed to business, shall
 “ be Arbitrators.”

Same
 agreed to.

The said Amendments being read the se-
 cond time, and the Question of Concurrence
 put on each, they were severally agreed to by
 the House.

Bill for third
 reading to-
 morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be En-
 grossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read
 the third time to-morrow.

Report of the
 Select Com-
 mittee on Hun-

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the
 Select Committee to whom was referred the

Bill intituled, “An Act to Incorporate the
 “ *Huntingdon Plank Road Company*,” re-
 ported that they had gone through the said
 Bill, and had directed him to report the
 same to the House, without any Amend-
 ment.

tingdon Plank
 Road Bill.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the
 third time to-morrow.

Bill for third
 reading to-
 morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the Se-
 lect Committee to whom was referred the Bill
 intituled, “An Act to allow the formation of
 “ more than one Agricultural Society in a
 “ County in *Lower Canada*, and for the re-
 “ lief of the Society for the County of *Mon-
 “ treal*,” reported that the Committee had gone
 through the said Bill, and had directed him to
 report the same to the House without any
 Amendment.

Report of the
 Select Com-
 mittee on Mon-
 treal Agricul-
 tural Societies
 Bill.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the
 third time to-morrow.

Bill for third
 reading to-
 morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the Se-
 lect Committee to whom was referred the Bill
 intituled, “An Act to provide for the safe
 “ keeping of Books, Records, and Papers, and
 “ the prompt Registration of Deeds and Me-
 “ morials in the Registry Offices in *Lower
 “ Canada*,” reported that the Committee had
 gone through the said Bill, and came to a
 favorable conclusion as to the first clause of
 the Bill, in consequence of the remarks on the
 subject of it contained in the Report of the
 Visitor of Registry Offices in the Districts of
Montreal, Three Rivers, St. Francis, and
 also, from information given to them that pla-
 ces for the safe keeping of Papers may be con-
 structed at a very trifling expense, and there-
 fore beg leave to report the said Bill, without
 any Amendment.

Report of the
 Select Com-
 mittee on Re-
 gistry Offices
 Bill, (L. C.)

Ordered, that a certain extract from the
 Report of *Edward A. Clark*, Esquire, In-
 spector of Registry Offices, presented to the
 House during the present Session, be printed
 for the use of Members.

An Extract of
 E. A. Clark's
 Report on Re-
 gistry Offices to
 be printed.

Ordered, that the said Bill and Report of
 the Select Committee thereon, be committed
 to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a
 Committee upon the said Bill and Report to-
 morrow.

Last mentioned
 Bill and Report
 to be committed
 to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson*, from the
 Select Committee to whom was referred the
 Bill

An Amend-
 ment reported
 by the Select
 Committee to

Magistrates Appointment Bill.

Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the " appointment of Magistrates for the more " remote parts of this Province," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with an Amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Bill and Report to be committed to-morrow.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee upon the said Bill and Report to-morrow.

Report of the Select Committee on Winter Roads Bill, (L. C.)

The Honorable Mr. Neilson, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to " Winter Roads, in that part of the Province " heretofore Lower Canada, in so far as re- " gards the District of Quebec, the District of " Gaspé, and that part of the District of Three " Rivers which is or was in the Municipal " District of Portneuf," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment.

Last Report referred back to the same Committee, with an instruction.

Ordered, that the Report be not received, but that the same be referred back to the Select Committee, with an instruction to amend the said Bill, so as to suspend the operation of the Ordinance therein mentioned, until the first day of May, 1847, and then to the end of the then next Session of Parliament.

Wolf Island Railroad Bill, (as amended,) read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Wolf " Island, Kingston and Toronto Railroad " Company," was (as amended) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

House in Committee on Quo-

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was again put

into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, "An Act further to amend the " Ordinances Incorporating the City of Quebec, and for other purposes," together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

bec Incorporation Bill.

After some time the House was resumed.

And the Honorable Mr. J. Morris reported from the said Committee, that they had taken the said Bill and the Report of the Select Committee into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again presently.

Reported progress, and leave granted to sit again presently.

Ordered, that leave be granted accordingly.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs Crooks and Massue be added to the Select Committee appointed to examine into and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

Members added to the Committee on Contingent Accounts.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Draper and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the " County of Hastings, in Upper Canada," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Amendments to Hastings Registration Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Draper and others, as follows:

Message from the Assembly, for a Conference on the Amendment to Common School Bill.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, Wednesday, 13th May, 1846.

Resolved, that a Conference be desired with the Honorable the Legislative Council, for the purpose of communicating to them the reasons which induced this House not to concur in the Amendment made by their Honors to the Bill, intituled: "An Act for the better establishment and maintenance of Common " Schools in Upper Canada."

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Draper do go to the Legislative Council, and desire the said conference.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY, Clk. Assy.

And then they withdrew.

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The Messengers were again called in, and informed that the Legislative Council will send an Answer by a Messenger of their own.

Same agreed to. *Resolved*, that this House do concur in the Conference desired.

And that House acquainted thereof. *Ordered*, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council agrees to the Conference desired upon the subject matter of the Amendment made by this House to the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better establishment and maintenance of Common Schools in *Upper Canada*," and that the Managers on the part of this House are to be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks* and *Neilson*, who are to meet the number of Managers required by Parliamentary usage presently in the Committee Room of the Legislative Council.

The House being informed that the Managers for the Legislative Assembly were ready for the Conference, upon the subject matter of the Amendment made by their Honors to the said Bill, in the Committee Room of the Legislative Council;

The names of the Managers of this House were called over.

And the House was adjourned during pleasure, and,

Their Honors went to the Conference.

Which being ended, the House was resumed.

Report of the Managers of the Conference.

And the Honorable Mr. *Crooks* reported, that the Managers for their Honors had met the Managers for the Legislative Assembly, at the Conference which on their part was managed by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* and others, who delivered to their Honors the Bill with the Amendment, and also a Paper containing as follows:

Reasons to be offered to the Legislative Council at a Conference for disagreeing to the Amendment made by their Honors to the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better establishment and maintenance of Common Schools in *Upper Canada*."

1st. *Because* the effect of the said Amendment will be to permit Children from several School Sections to attend together at one separate School.

2d. *Because* the Share of the School Monies to which such separate School will be entitled, will be regulated by the proportion which the Children attending such separate Schools bears to the number of Children within the School Section wherein such separate School is held.

3d. *Because* the consequence will be, that a single School section will have to bear the burden of the education of not only the Children resident within its limits, but also those Children of other School Sections who may attend such separate Schools, without any assistance from other School Sections, or any share of the School Monies, to which these other Sections are entitled.

4th. *Because* without other changes in the Bill, it is very doubtful whether the Trustees of the School Section, in which such separate School is held, could make out a rate bill and enforce payment from the Parents of Children who are sent to the separate School, from School Sections other than that within which it is held.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Ordered, that the Report be taken into consideration to-morrow. To be considered to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was again put into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled, "An Act further to amend the Ordinances Incorporating the City of *Quebec*, and for other purposes," together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon. House again in Committee on Quebec Incorporation Bill.

After some time the House was resumed.

And the Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow. Third reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to require Slides of certain dimensions to be erected upon the several Mill Dams Slides Bill, read second time. Mill Dams Slides Bill, read second time." "Mill Dams, in the River *Moira*, and its tributaries, in the District of *Victoria*," was read the second time.

Ordered;

Third Reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Notarial Deeds, &c. validity Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Taschereau* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to remove all doubts as to the validity of certain Deeds, Instruments, and Documents, executed before Notaries in *Lower Canada*, and to secure the Rights, Titles, and Interests of all persons concerned therein," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Lotbinière Circuit Court, and Registry Office Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Laurin* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the place of holding the Circuit Court in the County of *Lotbinière* from *Ste. Croix* to *Lotbinière*, and of the Registry Office of the said County, from the place where it is now held to *Ste. Croix*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Amendments to Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Boulton* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate the City of *Toronto* and Lake *Huron* Railroad Company,'" and to acquaint this House that they had agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Amendments to Kingston Incorporation Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *M'Donald* (of *Kings-ton*) and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Kings-ton* as a City," and to acquaint this House that they had agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Message from His Excellency

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under His Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

And the same was read as follows:

CATHCART.

The Governor General recommends to the consideration of the Honorable the Legislative Council, that measures should be adopted to authorize the Commissioners for the erection of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum at *Toronto*, to raise by Debentures a sum not exceeding £30,000, not chargeable on the Consolidated Revenue, to be secured on the Tax of one eighth of a penny, established by Legislative Enactment in *Upper Canada*, in order to meet the expense of constructing the said Asylum. Government House, May, 1846.

Recommend- ing the issue of Debentures for a Lunatic Asylum at To- ronto.

The said Message was then again read by the Clerk.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

Adjourn.

Friday, 15th May, 1846.

FRIDAY.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

- M' Gill,*
- Morris, W.*
- Crooks,*
- Fergusson,*
- Hamilton,*
- Bruneau,*
- Ferrie,*

The Honorable Messieurs

- Moore,*
- Irving,*
- Massue,*
- Walker,*
- Morris, J.*
- Neilson.*

PRAYERS.

Ordered, that the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better regulating of the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*," have power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records.

The Commit- tee on Notarial profession Bill empowered to send for Per- sons and Pa- pers.

Ordered, that the Select Committee appointed to examine into and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House, for the present Session, have leave to Report from time to time.

Leave given to the Committee on Contingent Accounts to report from time to time.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the Select Committee appointed to examine into and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House,

Their first Re- port presented.

House, for the present Session, presented their First Report.

Ordered, that it be received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows :

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Committee Room,
Friday, 15th May, 1846.

The Select Committee, to whom it was referred to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of Your Honorable House, for the present Session, beg leave to make a first Report as follows :

In the discharge of their duty, Your Committee have had the state of the Clerk's Office brought forcibly to their notice, in consequence of *James Fitz Gibbon*, Esquire, having been incapacitated, by ill health, from discharging his duties during nearly four years past. And fearing that this House cannot depend upon receiving efficient services from him in future, Your Committee have unanimously agreed to recommend, that an humble Address be forthwith presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to allow that Officer to retire from the services of this House, upon receiving an allowance for life of three hundred pounds currency per annum, and also praying that His Excellency will be graciously pleased to appoint in his stead *Charles de Léry*, Esquire, the Acting Clerk of this House, who has performed the duties of Clerk for the last four Sessions, and who has been an Officer of this Branch of the Legislature for the last twenty-eight years.

Report adopted, and

Ordered, that the said Report be adopted.

An Address to His Excellency thereon ordered.

Ordered, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that in consequence of the permanent ill health of *James Fitz Gibbon*, Esquire, the Clerk of this House, His Excellency will be pleased to allow him to retire from the Service of this House, upon an allowance for life of three hundred pounds currency *per annum*; and also, praying that His Excellency will be graciously pleased to appoint in his stead as Clerk of this House *Charles de Léry*, Esquire, the Acting Clerk of this House, who has performed the duties of Clerk for the last four Sessions, and who has been an Officer of

this Branch of the Legislature for the last twenty-eight years.

Ordered, that such Members of the Executive Council, who are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

Ordered, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, respectfully thanking His Excellency for his Message of the twelfth instant, on the subject of the Sufferers by the late fire in the County of *Saguenay*; and also for His Message of yesterday, on the subject of issuing Debentures for the sum of £30,000, in order to meet the expense of constructing a Provincial Lunatic Asylum.

An Address thanking His Excellency for certain Messages, ordered.

Ordered, that such Members of the Executive Council, who are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

The Honorable Mr. *James Morris* presented a Petition from *Peter B. Nelles* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Grimsby*, praying that the Site of the *Niagara* District Town may be removed to *St. Catherines*.

Petition from Grimsby (P. B. Nelles and others,) presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act for erecting a Suspension Bridge over the *Niagara* River, at or near the Falls of *Niagara*," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on Niagara Suspension Bridge Bill.

Ordered, that the said Report be taken into consideration on Monday next.

For consideration on Monday.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to convey a part of the Concession Line between the third and fourth Concessions of the Township of *Bar-ton*, in the *Gore* District, to *Robert Jarvis Hamilton*," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on Hamilton's Road, Conveyance Bill.

Ordered, that the said Report be taken into consideration on Monday next.

To be considered on Monday.

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Petition from Burg, (Rev. W. King and others) presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the Reverend *William King* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the Township of *Burg*, praying that a clause may be inserted in all Railway Bills, to prevent the said Railways from carrying either passengers or goods on the Lord's Day.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

An Amendment reported by the Select Committee to Winter Roads Bill, (L. C.)

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred *de novo* the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to Winter Roads in that part of the Province heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the District of *Quebec*, the District of *Gaspé*, and that part of the District of *Three-Rivers* which is or was in the Municipal District of *Portneuf*," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report an Amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows :

The Amendment.

Press 1, line 29.—Leave out "repealed" and insert "suspended until the first day of May, which will be in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and from thence until the end of the then next Session of the Provincial Parliament, and no longer."

Same agreed to.

The said Amendment being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

Bill (as amended) for third reading tomorrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time on Monday next.

Registry Bill, (U. C.) read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province which was formerly *Upper Canada*," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any Amendment.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Peterborough and Port Hope Railway Company*," was (as amended) read the third time.

Peterborough and Port Hope Railway Bill (as amended) read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with certain Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

And sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Huntingdon Plank Road Company*," was read the third time.

Huntingdon Plank Road Bill, read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to allow the formation of more than one Agricultural Society in a County in *Lower Canada*, and for the relief of the Society for the County of *Montreal*," was read the third time.

Montreal Agricultural Societies Bill, read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act further to amend the Ordinances incorporating the *City of Quebec*, and for other purposes," was read the third time.

Quebec Incorporation Bill, read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Dissentient;

Protest of the Hon. J. Neilson thereon.

Dissentient: Because the said Bill prohibits, within the limits of the City of Quebec, a Branch of Industry, in the exercise of which, if there are any abuses, they can be suppressed in the ordinary course of law.

Because, such an enactment is of dangerous precedent, and contrary to that freedom of honest and peaceable industry, which is the common right of British Subjects, and one of the main sources of public prosperity.

J. NEILSON.

Mill Dams Slides Bill, read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to require Slides of certain dimensions to be erected upon the several Mill Dams in the River Moira, and its tributaries, in the District of Victoria," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, without any Amendment.

House again in Committee on

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was again put into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled, "An Act to extend the benefit of a certain Act of the Parliament of Upper Canada therein mentioned, to the Ministers of the Denomination calling themselves "Bible Christians," and also to extend the benefit of the said Act to a certain other Denomination styling themselves Christians;

Bible Christians Bill,

Unitarians Bill,

Also, the Bill intituled, "An Act to afford relief to a certain Religious Congregation at Toronto, denominated 'Unitarian Christians.'"

Presbyterian Marriage Bill, and

Also, the Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the Ministers of the Associate Presbyterian Synod of North America, to keep Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials performed by them, and for other purposes;" and

Universalists Bill.

Also, the Bill intituled, "An Act to afford relief to the Religious Society denominating themselves 'The Christian Universalist As-

sociation of Canada West," together with the Reports of the Select Committee thereon, as also a certain instruction given to the said Committee.

After some time the House was resumed,

And the Honorable Mr. McGill reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the Ministers of the Associate Presbyterian Synod of North America to keep Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials performed by them, and for others purposes," and had made several Amendments thereto, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same; and that with respect to the other three Bills, the Committee had made some progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again on Monday next.

Amendments reported to Presbyterian Marriage Bill, and

Ordered, that leave be granted accordingly.

Leave granted to sit again on remaining Bills.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow:

Amendments to Presbyterian Marriage Bill, read.

Press 1, line 33.—After "Minister" insert "authorized by law to keep such Register."

The Amendments.

" " " After "in" insert "that part of."

" " " After "Province" insert "called Lower Canada."

Press 2, line 6.—After "shall" insert "be a Subject of Her Majesty and shall."

Press 3, line 4.—After "in" insert "that part of."

" " " After "Province" insert "called Lower Canada."

Press 3, line 26.—After "be" insert "recoverable."

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Same agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time on Monday next.

Bill for third reading on Monday.

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Report of the Select Committee on Registry Office's removal Bill considered.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of any County of Upper Canada, when the Public convenience may require such removal."

The said Report was then read by the Clerk.

Same adopted.

Ordered, that the said Report be adopted.

House in Committee on Hamilton and Toronto Railroad Bill.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate a Company to extend the Great Western Railroad from Hamilton to Toronto," together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

After some time the House was resumed.

Amendments reported.

And the Honorable Mr. W. Morris reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made several Amendments thereto, which he was directed to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

Read.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

The Amendments.

Press 2, line 41.—After "named" insert "before proceeding to business, or, in the event of their differing as to the choice of such other person, to be appointed by the Judge of the District Court for the District in which the lands are situate before the others proceed to business."

Press 4, line 7.—After "aforesaid" insert "or refuse or neglect so to do, for the space of one Calendar Month after having been thereto required by the said Company."

Press 4, line 8.—Leave out from "apply" to "them," in line 16, both inclusive, and insert "nominate one indifferent

person, and for the Judge of the District Court for the District in which the Lands are situate, on the application of the said Company, to nominate and appoint one other indifferent person, who, together with one other person, to be chosen by the persons so named before proceeding to business, or in the event of their differing as to the choice of such other person, to be appointed by the said Judge before the others proceed to business."

Press 4, line 21.—Leave out "their" and insert "the."

" " " After "decision" insert "of the majority of such Arbitrators."

" " 38.—Leave out from "apply" to "time" in line 41, and insert "nominate one indifferent person, and for the Judge of the District Court for the District in which such lands are situate, on the application of the said Company, to appoint one other indifferent person, who together with one other person, to be chosen by the persons so named before proceeding to business, or, in the event of their differing as to the choice of such other person, to be appointed by the said Judge before the others proceed to business, shall be Arbitrators."

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered,

Bill (as amended) for third reading on Monday.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time on Monday next.

Committee of the whole on Registry Offices Bill (L.C.) postponed till Monday.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the safe keeping of Books, Records and Papers, and the prompt Registration of Deeds and Memorials in the Registry Offices of Lower Canada;" together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon, it was,

Ordered, that the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

House in Committee on Magistrates appointment Bill.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the appointment of Magistrates for the more remote parts of this Province."

After some time the House was resumed,

An Amendment reported.

And the Honorable Mr. *Crooks* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with an Amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the said Report be now received, and,

Read.

The said Amendment being twice read by the Clerk, and the Question of Concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

Bill for third reading on Monday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be Engrossed, and the same read the third time on Monday next.

Report of the Managers of the Conference on Common School Bill. (U. C.) considered.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House taking into consideration the Report made yesterday by the Managers of the Conference with the Legislative Assembly, upon the subject matter of the Amendment made by this House to the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better Establishment and Maintenance of Common Schools in Upper Canada;"

Same read.

The said Report was read by the Clerk, and the Amendment made by this House, to which the Assembly disagreed, being also read,

It was proposed

Not to insist on the said Amendment.

The Question was put, whether to insist on the said Amendment?

It was resolved in the negative.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council does not insist on their Amendment to the said Bill, to which the Legislative Assembly disagree.

The Amendment of this House not insisted on,

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to remove all doubts as to the validity of certain Deeds, Instruments, and Documents, executed before Notaries in Lower Canada, and to secure the Rights, Titles, and Interests of all persons concerned therein," was read the second time.

Notarial Deeds &c. validity Bill read second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Third reading on Monday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the place of holding the Circuit Court in the County of Lotbinière, from Ste. Croix to Lotbinière, and of the Registry Office of the said County from the place where it is now held to Ste. Croix," was read the second time.

Lotbinière Circuit Court and Registry Office Bill read second time, and,

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members, with power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bruneau*, *Massue*, and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs *Fergusson* and *James Morris*, be added to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Bill intituled, "An Act for Lighting the City of Quebec with Gas," and,

Members added to the Committee, on Quebec Gas, and Quebec Water Bills.

Also, upon the Bill intituled, "An Act for supplying the City of Quebec, and parts adjacent thereto, with Water."

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to authorize the Community of the Sisters of Charity

Grey Nuns Property Bill, brought up.

"Charity of the General Hospital, *Montreal*, (Grey Nuns,) to sell or alienate their property situated at *Pointe à Callière*, in the City of *Montreal*, and to invest the capital price or prices thereof in other Real and Immoveable Property," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading on Monday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Counties Limits Bill, (U. C.) brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Gowan* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for defining the limits of Counties and Districts in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Quebec and Montreal Police Bill, brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Taschereau* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act amending certain provisions of the Ordinance for establishing an efficient system of Police in the Cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Witnesses before Courts Bill brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Taschereau* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to authorize and enforce the attendance of Witnesses, from any part of this Province, before the Courts of Superior Criminal Jurisdiction," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading on Monday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Desjardins Canal Bill brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to authorize the *Desjardins Canal* Company to borrow a Sum of Money to complete the *Desjardins Canal*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow. Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Christie* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to revive for a limited time an Act therein mentioned, relating to the Proving and Recording of certain Marriages solemnized in the late Inferior District of *Gaspé*, anterior to the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, including, also, Baptisms and Burials," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Gaspé Marriages Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next. Second reading on Monday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Stewart* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to define the limits of *Bytown*, and to establish a Town Council therein," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Bytown Police Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow. Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Hale* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Cobourg Manufacturing Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Cobourg Manufacturing Company's Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow. Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Smith*, of *Wentworth*, and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Charter of the *Great Western Railroad Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Great Western Railroad Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow. Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cayley* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to attach Huron District Territory Bill, brought up.

"attach certain Territory therein described
"to the District of *Huron*, for certain purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Motion to Adjourn till 10, A. M., to-morrow. *It was moved*, that when this House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Agreed to. The Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was carried in the affirmative.

Adjourn. The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

SATURDAY. Saturday, 16th May, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M' Gill,</i>	<i>Moore,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>Walker,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>M'Kay,</i>	<i>Neilson.</i>

PRAYERS.

Return of the number of Copies of the Statutes printed and distributed. The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Return of the number of Copies of the Laws which have been printed and distributed since the last Session of Parliament.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(For Return, vide *Sessional Papers, Letters H. H.*)

Petition from C. H. Finlay, presented. The Honorable Mr. *Irving* presented a Petition from *Cornelius H. Finlay*, a Contractor on the *Beauharnois* Canal, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained by him in fulfilling the said Contract.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Report of the Select Committee on Bathurst District School Money Bill. The Honorable Mr. *Crooks*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the District

"of *Bathurst* to receive the School Monies appportioned to it in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, notwithstanding the failure of the District Council to levy an equal sum," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next. Third reading on Monday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act for defining the limits of Counties and Districts in *Upper Canada*," was read the second time. Counties Limits Bill, (U. C.) read second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next. Third reading on Monday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act amending certain provisions of the Ordinance for establishing an efficient system of Police in the Cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal*," was read the second time. Quebec and Montreal Police Bill, read second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next. Third reading on Monday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorize the *Desjardins* Canal Company to borrow a Sum of Money to complete the *Desjardins* Canal," was read the second time. Desjardins Canal Bill read second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next. Third reading on Monday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to define the limits of *Bytown*, and to establish a Town Council therein," was read the second time. Bytown Police Bill, read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M' Gill*, *M' Kay* and *Walker*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Cobourg* Manufacturing Company," was read the second time. Cobourg Manufacturing Company's Bill read second time, and.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Gill*, *M'Kay*, and *J. Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Great Western Railroad Bill, read second time, and,

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Charter of the *Great Western* Railroad Company," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Gill*, *Fergusson*, *Ferrie*, *M'Kay*, and *J. Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Huron District Territory Bill, read second time, and,

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to attach certain Territory therein described, to the District of *Huron*, "for certain purposes," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Gill*, *Fergusson*, and *J. Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

MONDAY.

Monday, 18th May, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M'Gill,</i>	<i>Roy,</i>
<i>Morris, W.</i>	<i>Moore,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>Walker,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>M'Kay,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>

PRAYERS.

His Excellency the Governor General comes to the House, and commands the attendance of the Assembly.

His Excellency Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl Cathcart, of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Governor General of British *North America*, being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black

Rod to let the Assembly know, "It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come with their Speaker, the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the Titles of the Bills to be passed severally, as follow :

They attend accordingly.

"An Act to alter and amend the Laws imposing Provincial Duties of Customs."

Customs Duties Bill.

"An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to impose a Duty on Distillers and on the Spirituous Liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of such Duties."

Distillers Duty Bill.

"An Act to vest in *James K. Andrews* a certain allowance for Road, in the Township of *Dumfries*, in the District of *Gore*."

Andrews' Road Allowance Bill.

"An Act to remove certain doubts as to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Court of Chancery in *Upper Canada*, in matters relating to Lunatics, Idiots, and persons of unsound mind, and their Estates, and to amend and extend the Laws in force in *Upper Canada* relating to Lunatics, Idiots, and persons of unsound mind and their Estates."

Court of Chancery Jurisdiction Bill.

"An Act for the better Administration of Justice in the General Sessions of the Peace for *Gaspé*, and for preventing charges upon the Treasury of the Province for unnecessarily summoning Jurors thereto."

Gaspé General Sessions Bill.

"An Act to revive and extend an Act of the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, Third *Victoria*, chapter thirty-three, intituled, 'An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Bronté Harbour*.'"

Bronté Harbor Bill.

"An Act to increase the Salary of the Supervisor of Cullers."

Supervisor of Cullers Salary Bill.

"An Act to indemnify *Anthony Leslie*, Inspector of Licences, for having, in ignorance of the Law, voted at the late Election for the County of *Lanark*."

Leslie's Indemnity Bill.

"An Act to Incorporate *La Communauté des Filles de la Charité*, of the Parish of *St. Hyacinthe*, in the District of *Montreal*, for the care of infirm and sick persons, and for other purposes."

St. Hyacinthe Filles de la Charité Bill.

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First District Court Bill.	<p>“ An Act to amend an Act passed during the last Session of this Parliament, intituled, “ An Act to amend, consolidate, and reduce “ into one Act, the several Laws now in “ force, establishing or regulating the prac- “ tice of District Courts, in the several Dis- “ tricts of that part of this Province, for- “ merly <i>Upper Canada</i>.”</p>	<p>“ An Act to facilitate the conveyance of Real Property.”</p> <p>“ An Act to repeal the Act therein men- tioned, authorizing the raising of a Sum of Money in the District of <i>Niagara</i>, for the purpose of relieving the said District from debt.”</p>	Real Property Conveyance Bill. Niagara Dis- trict Debt Bill.
School Sites Bill.	<p>“ An Act to provide for vesting in Trustees the Sites of Schools in that part of this Pro- vince, called <i>Upper Canada</i>.”</p>	<p>“ An Act to alter the mode of Assessment in the Towns of <i>Niagara</i> and <i>Queenston</i>.”</p>	Niagara and Queenston As- sessment Bill.
Penitentiary Bill.	<p>“ An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Provincial Penitentiary.”</p>	<p>“ An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen’s Bench and of Chancery in <i>Upper Canada</i>, in their discretion to admit <i>John W. Dempsey</i>, to practice as an Attorney and Solicitor therein.”</p>	Dempsey’s At- torney Bill.
Witnesses be- fore Magis- trates Bill.	<p>“ An Act to enforce the attendance of Wit- nesses before Magistrates in <i>Lower Canada</i>, in certain cases.”</p>	<p>“ An Act for the better preservation of certain Wild Fowl in the County of <i>L’Islet</i>.”</p>	Wild Fowl in L’Islet Bill.
Ferries Regu- lation Bill, (U. C.)	<p>“ An Act to explain and amend a certain Act therein mentioned, and to make further provision concerning Ferries in <i>Upper Ca- nada</i>.”</p>	<p>“ An Act to vest in <i>Richard E. Vidal</i>, his Heirs and Assigns, the Government allow- ance for a Road across certain lots of land, in the Township of <i>Sarnia</i>, in the <i>Western</i> District, now belonging to him.”</p>	Vidal’s Road Bill.
Fines and Re- coveries Bill.	<p>“ An Act for the substitution of more simple modes of Assurance in lieu of Fines and Recoveries.”</p>	<p>“ An Act to Incorporate certain persons as the <i>Trafalgar, Esquesing</i> and <i>Erin Road</i> Company.”</p>	Trafalgar Road Bill.
Huron District Taxes Bill.	<p>“ An Act to provide for the recovery of the Rates or Taxes intended to be imposed by certain By-Laws of the District Council of the District of <i>Huron</i>.”</p>	<p>“ An Act to Incorporate the Town of <i>Kingston</i> as a City.”</p>	Kingston In- corporation Bill.
Albion Road Bill.	<p>“ An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name of the <i>Albion Road</i> Com- pany.”</p>	<p>“ An Act to authorize the Devizees and Trustees of the Will of the late Honorable <i>Charles Jones</i>, to convey a Town Lot therein mentioned, to the President and Board of Police of <i>Brockville</i>, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.”</p>	Jones’ Trustee Bill.
Queen’s Col- lege Estates Bill.	<p>“ An Act to transfer to <i>Queen’s College</i>, at <i>Kingston</i>, certain Estates, Rights, and Liabilities of the University at <i>Kingston</i>.”</p>	<p>“ An Act to amend the Act therein men- tioned, relating to the appropriation of Mo- nics derived from the sale of School Lands in <i>Upper Canada</i>.”</p>	School Lands Bill.
Hastings Re- gistration Bill.	<p>“ An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of <i>Hastings</i>, in <i>Upper Canada</i>.”</p>	<p>“ An Act to amend the Act for the encou- ragement of Agriculture, by the establish- ment of Agricultural Societies in <i>Lower Canada</i>.”</p>	Agricultural Societies Bill, (L. C.)
Building So- cieties Bill.	<p>“ An Act to encourage the establishment of certain Societies, commonly called Build- ing Societies, in that part of the Province of <i>Canada</i>, formerly constituting <i>Upper Ca- nada</i>.”</p>	<p>“ An Act relating to the <i>Magdalen</i> Islands, in the Gulf of <i>St. Lawrence</i>, and to enable the Inhabitant Householders therein to es- tablish a Municipal Council in the said Islands, and to extend the like advantages to certain localities in the County of <i>Sague- nay</i>, and to those parts of the Counties of “ <i>Rimouski</i></p>	Magdalen Islands Bill.
Macara’s At- torney Bill.	<p>“ An Act for the relief of <i>John Macara</i>, of the City of <i>Toronto</i>, Esquire.”</p>		
Gloucester Boundary Bill.	<p>“ An Act for defining and establishing the course of the Side Lines of Lots in the Gore of the Township of <i>Gloucester</i>, in the Dis- trict of <i>Dalhousie</i>.”</p>		

"*Rimouski and Kamouraska*, known as the "*Madawaska Territory*."

Government
Roads Bill.

"An Act to prevent the opening of Government allowances for Roads, without an order from the District Council of the District, in which the said allowances are situated."

Forgery Bill,
and

"An Act to amend the Law in cases of Forgery."

Female Penitents' Bill

"An Act to Incorporate *Les Dames Religieuses de Notre Dame de Charité du Bon Pasteur*, at *Montreal*, for the Care and Reformation of Female Penitents."

To each of these Bills the Royal Assent was severally pronounced, by one of the Clerks Assistant to this House in the words following :

Assented to in
Her Majesty's
Name.

"In Her Majesty's name His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to this Bill."

His Excellency
retires, and the
Assembly with-
drew.

Then His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

Petition from
C. Petitclair,
presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from *Charles Petitclair*, a Clerk in the Office of the Adjutant General of Militia, praying for an increase of Salary.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

A Supplemen-
tary Return
from the Muni-
cipal District of
Chaudière,
presented.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House, a Supplementary Return from the Municipal District of *Chaudière*.

The same was then laid on the Table, and it is as follows :

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter K.*)

A Return of all
Patents issued
in U. C., pre-
sented by Or-
der of His Ex-
cellency, in
conformity
with an Ad-
dress of the
House.

The Honorable Mr. *William Morris*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, presented to the House a Return of all Patents issued under the Statute of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, passed in the seventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to encourage the progress of useful Arts within this Province," in conformity with the Address of this House of the 7th instant.

The same was then laid on the Table, and it is as follows :

(*For Return, vide Appendix, No. 16.*)

Amendments
reported by the
Select Com-

The Honorable Mr. *M'Gill*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the

Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Cobourg Manufacturing Company*," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several Amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

mittee to Co-
bourg Manu-
facturing Com-
pany's Bill.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

To be con-
sidered to-mor-
row.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to Repeal the Act Incorporating the *Quebec Gas Light and Water Company*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment.

Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on Que-
bec Gas and
Water Law
Repeal Bill.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Bill for third
reading to-
morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Charter of the *Great Western Railroad Company*," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several Amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Amendments
reported by the
Select Com-
mittee to Great
Western Rail-
road Bill.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

To be con-
sidered to-mor-
row.

The Honorable Mr. *M'Kay*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to define the limits of *Bytown*, and to establish a Town Council therein," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Amendments
reported by the
Select Com-
mittee to By-
town Police
Bill.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

To be Com-
mitted to-mor-
row.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole, on the said Bill, and report to-morrow.

Amendments
reported by the
Select Com-
mittee to Co-
bourg Railroad
Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to revive and amend the "Act of *Upper Canada*, Incorporating the "Cobourg Railroad Company, and for other "purposes therein mentioned," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several Amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

To be con-
sidered to-
morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Winter Roads
Bill, (L. C.)
(as amended.)
read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Repeal two certain "Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to "Winter Roads, in that part of the Province "heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as re- "gards the District of *Quebec*, the District "of *Gaspé*, and that part of the District of "Three Rivers which is or was in the Muni- "cipal District of *Portneuf*," was (as amended) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Presbyterian
Marriage Bill,
(as amended.)
read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the Ministers "of the Associate Presbyterian Synod of "North America, to keep Registers of Bap- "tisms, Marriages, and Burials, performed by "them, and for other purposes," was (as amended) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Hamilton and
Toronto Rail-
road Bill, (as

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate a Company

"to extend the *Great Western Railroad* amended.)
"from *Hamilton to Toronto*," was (as amend- read third time.
ed) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed,

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chan- And sent to the
cery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, Assembly for
and acquaint that House, that the Legislative concurrence.
Council have passed these Bills, with several Amendments, to which they desire their con-
currence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill Magistrates
intituled, "An Act to provide for the appoint- Appointment
ment of Magistrates, for the more remote Bill, read third
"parts of this Province," was read the third time.
time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that the Title be, "An Act to Title Ordered,
"provide for the appointment of Magistrates "for the more remote parts of this Province."

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chan- And the Bill
cery do go down to the Legislative Assembly sent to the As-
and acquaint that House, that the Legislative sembly for con-
Council have passed this Bill, to which they concurrence.
desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill Notarial
intituled, "An Act to remove all doubts as to Deeds, &c.,
"the validity of certain Deeds, Instruments, validity Bill,
"and Documents, executed before Notaries in read third time.
"Lower Canada, and to secure the Rights,
"Titles, and Interests of all persons concerned
"therein," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill Bathurst Dis-
intituled, "An Act to enable the District of trict School
"Bathurst to receive the School Moneys ap- Moneys Bill,
"portioned to it in the year one thousand read third time.
"eight hundred and forty-five, notwithstand-
"ing the failure of the District Council to
"levy an equal sum," was read the third time.

The

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

Passed. It was resolved in the affirmative.

Counties Limits Bill, read third time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for defining the limits of Counties and Districts in Upper Canada," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

Passed. It was resolved in the affirmative.

Quebec and Montreal Police Bill, read third time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act amending certain provisions of the Ordinance for establishing an efficient System of Police in the Cities of Quebec and Montreal," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

Passed. It was resolved in the affirmative.

Desjardins Canal Bill, read third time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the Desjardins Canal Company to borrow a Sum of Money, to complete the Desjardins Canal," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

Passed. It was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof. Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, without any Amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on Niagara Suspension Bridge Bill considered. The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act for erecting a Suspension Bridge over the Niagara River, at or near the Falls of Niagara."

Which Report was then read by the Clerk.

Bill for third reading to-morrow. Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Report of the Select Committee on Hamilton's Road Conveyance Bill considered. The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to convey a part of the Concession Line between the third and

"fourth Concessions of the Township of Barton, in the Gore District, to Robert Jarvis Hamilton."

Which Report was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Bill for third reading to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the safe keeping of Books, Records, and Papers, and the prompt Registration of Deeds and Memorials in the Registry Offices of Lower Canada," together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

House in Committee on Registry Offices Bill, (L. C.)

After some time the House was resumed,

And the Honorable Mr. Fergusson reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Amendments reported.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk.

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Same agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Bill (as amended) be Engrossed, and the same read the third time to-morrow.

Bill (as amended) for third reading to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was again put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled, "An Act to afford relief to a certain Religious Congregation at Toronto, denominated 'Unitarian Christians.'"

House in Committee on

Unitarians Bill.

Also, the Bill intituled, "An Act to afford relief to the Religious Society denominating themselves, 'The Christian Universalist Association of Canada West,' and

Universalists Bill, and

Also, the Bill intituled, "An Act to extend the benefit of a certain Act of the Parliament of Upper Canada therein mentioned,

Bible Christians Bill.

“ to the Ministers of the Denomination calling themselves ‘ Bible Christians,’ ” and also to extend the benefit of the said Act to a certain other Denomination styling themselves ‘ Christians ;’ together with the Reports of the Select Committee thereon, as also the instruction given by the House to the said Committee.

After some time the House was resumed,

A Resolution reported, for not proceeding further with the Bills.

And the Honorable Mr. *M'Kay* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bills, and had agreed to a certain Resolution, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same ; and also that they had agreed to a Bill, founded on the aforesaid Instruction.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Resolution was then read by the Clerk as follows :

The Resolution.

Resolved, that the three Bills referred to this Committee be no further proceeded with.

Same agreed to.

The said Resolution being read a second time, and the Question of Concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

Marriages Validity Bill, (U. C.) also reported by the last mentioned Committee, and read first time.

The Bill reported by the said Committee intituled, “ An Act to amend and to extend “ the provisions of an Act of the Parliament “ of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, inti- “ tuled, ‘ An Act to make valid certain Mar- “ riages heretofore contracted, and to provide “ for the future solemnization of Matrimony “ in this Province,’ ” was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

A Member enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* enters.

Grey Nuns Property Bill, read second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “ An Act to authorise the Commu- “ nity of the Sisters of Charity of the General “ Hospital, *Montreal*, (Grey Nuns) to sell or “ alienate their property situated at *Pointe à “ Callière*, in the City of *Montreal*, and to “ invest the Capital price or prices thereof in “ other Real or Immoveable Property,” was read the second time.

Third reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “ An Act to authorise and enforce “ the attendance of Witnesses from any part “ of this Province, before the Courts of Super- “ rior Criminal Jurisdiction,” was read the second time.

Witnesses before Courts Bill, read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Gill*, *J. Morris*, and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “ An Act to revive for a limited “ time an Act therein mentioned, relating to “ the Proving and Recording of certain Mar- “ riages solemnized in the late Inferior Dis- “ trict of *Gaspé*, anterior to the year one “ thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, in- “ cluding, also, Baptisms and Burials,” was read the second time.

Gaspé Marriages Bill, read second time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Gill*, *Walker*, and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *M'Donald* of *Cornwall*, and others, with a Bill intituled, “ An Act to “ amend the Act of Incorporation of the Town “ of *Cornwall*, and to establish a Town Coun- “ cil therein, in lieu of a Board of Police,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Cornwall Towns Council Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Papineau* and others, with a Bill intituled, “ An Act to empower “ Commissioners for enquiring into matters “ connected with the Public Business, to take “ Evidence on Oath,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Evidence before Commissioners Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

Hochelaga Municipality Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Leslie* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to divide the Municipalities of *Hochelaga* and of *Three Rivers*, respectively, into distinct Municipalities, and further to provide for the support of Schools, and the Management of "Local Affairs therein," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Island of Orleans Registration Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Cauchon* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the "Act to detach the Island of *Orleans* from "the County of *Montmorency*, for the purposes of Registration," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Montreal Corporation Offices Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws Incorporating the City of *Montreal*, and to facilitate the decision of "cases wherein the Right of any party to "any Office in the Corporation may be called "in question," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Amendments to Wolf Island Railroad Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *M'Donald*, of *Kingston*, and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Wolf Island*, "*Kingston* and *Toronto* Railroad Company," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Amendments to Peterboro' and Port Hope Railway Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Hale* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* "Railway Company," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have

agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *M'Gill*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to attach certain Territory therein described to the District of "*Huron*, for certain purposes," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on Huron District Territory Bill.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Bill for third reading to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *William Morris*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, presented to the House a Bill, signed by His Excellency, in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty, intituled, "An Act to "Reverse the Attainder of *Peter Matthews*, "and to avoid the Forfeiture of his Estates "and Property."

Matthews' Attainder Reversal Bill, presented.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow. Second reading to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *William Morris* presented to the House a Bill intituled, "An Act "to make provision for confirming certain "Acts of Registrars in that part of this Province, formerly *Upper Canada*."

Registrars Acts Confirmation Bill, presented.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow. Second reading to-morrow.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing. Adjourn.

Tuesday, 19th May, 1846. TUESDAY.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

M'Gill,
Morris, W.
Joliette,
Fergusson,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knoulton,
M'Kay,

The Honorable Messieurs

Roy,
Moore,
Irving,
Massue,
Walker,
de Boucherville,
Morris, J.
Neilson.

PRAYERS.

PRAYERS.

Petitions:—

From St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup, (Rev. M. Lebourdais and others,) and

The Honorable Mr. *Joliette* presented a Petition from the Reverend M. *Lebourdais* and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *Saint Antoine de la Rivière du Loup*, in the District of *Three Rivers*, praying that the existing Laws respecting Winter Vehicles may be continued in force.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Dunn and Dunnville, (Rev. A. Townley and others,) presented.

The Honorable Mr. *James Morris* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Adam Townley* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the Townships of *Dunn and Dunnville*, praying that the Sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no further proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the said United Church may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*, for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Quebec Gas and Water Law Repeal Bill, read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Repeal the Act Incorporating the *Quebec Gas Light and Water Company*," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Niagara Suspension Bridge Bill, read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for erecting a Suspension Bridge over the *Niagara River*, at or near the Falls of *Niagara*," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Hamilton's Road Conveyance Bill, read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to convey a part of the Concession Line between the third and fourth Concessions of the Township of *Bar-ton*, in the *Gore District*, to *Robert Jarvis Hamilton*," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly,

and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, without any Amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the safe keeping of Books, Records, and Papers, and the prompt Registration of Deeds and Memorials in the Registry Offices of *Lower Canada*," was read the third time.

Registry Offices Bill, (L.C.) read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that the Title be, "An Act to provide for the safe keeping of Books, Records, and Papers, and the prompt Registration of Deeds and Memorials in the Registry Offices of *Lower Canada*."

Title Ordered.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

And the Bill sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorize the Community of the Sisters of Charity of the *General Hospital, Montreal*, (Grey Nuns,) to Sell or Alienate their Property situated at *Pointe à Callière*, in the City of *Montreal*, and to Invest the Capital Price or Prices thereof in other Real or Immoveable Property," was read the third time.

Grey Nuns Property Bill, read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to attach certain Territory therein described to the District of *Huron*," for certain purposes," was read the third time.

Huron District Territory Bill, read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, without any Amendment.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

It

Motion for an Address to His Excellency respecting the complaints against the Treasurer of the Gore District.

It was moved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to communicate to this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Warden of the Gore District, or any individuals in their private character, relative to complaints against Mr. *Beasley*, the Treasurer of the said District.

Same agreed to.

The Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that such Members of the Executive Council, who are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency, the Governor General, with the said Address.

Amendments to Cobourg Manufacturing Company's Bill, considered.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments reported by the Select Committee to the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Cobourg* "Manufacturing Company."

Read.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

The Amendment.

Press 9, line 3.—Leave out from "Company" to "may" in line 4.

" 15.—Leave out from "except" to "provided," both inclusive.

" 21.—After "Corporation" insert "distinguishing those who are Directors, and stating the number of Shares held by each Shareholder."

Same agreed to.

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Bill (as amended) for third reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be En-grossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow.

Amendments to Great Western Railroad Bill considered.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments reported by the Select Committee to the Bill intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the "Charter of the *Great Western* Railroad "Company."

Read.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Press 12, line 24.—After "Districts" insert "respectively." The Amendments.

Press 13, line 1.—Leave out from "apply" to "them," in line 10, both inclusive, and insert "nominate and appoint "one or more indifferent "person or persons, and "for the Judge of the "District Court, for the "District in which such "lands or ground are "situate, on the applica- "tion of the said Com- "pany, to nominate and "appoint an equal number "of indifferent persons, "who, together with one "other person, to be elect- "ed by ballot by the per- "sons so named."

Press 13, line 15.—Leave out "whose" and insert "the."

" " —After "decision" insert "of the majority of such "Arbitrators."

" 39.—Leave out from "apply" to "time," where it occurs secondly, in line 42, both inclusive, and insert "nominate and appoint "one or more indifferent "person or persons, and "for the Judge of the "District Court, for the "District in which the "lands or grounds are "situate, on the applica- "tion of the said Com- "pany, to nominate and "appoint an equal num- "ber of indifferent per- "sons, who, together with "one other indifferent per- "son, to be elected by "ballot by the persons so "named, shall be Arbi- "trators."

Press 16, line 29.—After "Gore" insert "and "also in the *Western* "District."

The

Same agreed to. The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Bill (as amended) for third reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow.

Amendments to Cobourg Railroad Bill considered. The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments reported by the Select Committee to the Bill intituled, "An Act to revive and amend the " Act of *Upper Canada*, Incorporating the " *Cobourg* Railroad Company, and for other " purposes therein mentioned."

Read. The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

The Amend- Press 4, line 15.—After "now" insert "or ments. " may be hereafter."

Press 5, line 29.—After "provided" insert " Clause A," as follows:

CLAUSE A.

" And be it enacted, that if
 " after eight days notice in
 " writing, given to the party
 " so disagreeing as to the
 " value aforesaid, such party
 " shall not nominate or ap-
 " point an Arbitrator or Ar-
 " bitrators as aforesaid on
 " his part, or if the land re-
 " quired by the said Com-
 " pany be the property of a
 " Minor or Lunatic, or Per-
 " son absent from this Pro-
 " vince, then and in any such
 " case the Judge of the Dis-
 " trict Court of the said Dis-
 " trict of *Newcastle* shall and
 " may nominate and appoint
 " one or more Arbitrator or
 " Arbitrators on their behalf,
 " with the same powers and
 " authority as if appointed
 " by the party or parties, so
 " refusing or neglecting to
 " appoint an Arbitrator or
 " Arbitrators in his or their
 " behalf, or so being a Minor,
 " or Lunatic, or absent from
 " this Province, including the
 " power to meet and ballot
 " for the additional Arbi-
 " trator or Umpire."

Press 9, line 17.—Leave out "June" and insert "July."

Press 10, line 30.—Leave out "June" and insert "July."

Press 10, line 35.—Leave out "June" and insert "July."

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House. Same agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow. Bill (as amended) for third reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of In- Cornwall Town Council Bill, read second time, and
 " corporation of the Town of *Cornwall*, and
 " to establish a Town Council therein, in lieu
 " of a Board of Police," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Referred to a Select Committee.
 Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Hon-
 orable Messieurs *Fergusson*, *J. Morris*, and
Neilson, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to empower Commis- Evidence before Commissioners Bill, read second time, and
 " sioners for enquiring into matters connected
 " with the Public business, to take evidence
 " on Oath," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to Referred to a Select Committee.
 a Select Committee of four Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Hon-
 orable Messieurs *W. Morris*, *Bruneau*, *Moore*,
 and *Walker*, to meet and adjourn as they
 please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to divide the Municipali- Hochelaga Municipality Bill, read second time, and
 " ties of *Hochelaga* and of *Three Rivers*,
 " respectively, into distinct Municipalities, and
 " further to provide for the support of Schools,
 " and the Management of Local Affairs
 " therein," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Referred to a Select Committee.
 Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Hon-
 orable Messieurs *Joliette*, *Bruneau*, and *Neil-
 son*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant

Island of Orleans Registration Bill, read second time, and Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to detach the Island of Orleans from the County of Montmorency, for the purposes of Registration," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee. Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Joliette, Bruneau, and Mas-sue, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Montreal Corporation Offices Bill, read second time, and Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws Incorporating the City of Montreal, and to facilitate the decision of cases wherein the right of any party to any Office in the Corporation, may be called in question," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee. Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs M'Gill, Bruneau, and Ferrie, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Matthews' Attainder Reversal Bill, read second time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to reverse the Attainder of Peter Matthews, and to avoid the forfeiture of his Estates and Property," was read the second time.

Third Reading to-morrow. Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Registrars Acts Confirmation Bill, read second time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to make provision for confirming certain Acts of Registrars, in that part of this Province formerly Upper Canada," was read the second time.

Third reading to-morrow. Ordered, that the said Bill be Engrossed, and the same read the third time to-morrow.

Marriages Validity Bill, read second time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend and to extend the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of Upper Canada, intituled, 'An Act to make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted, and to provide for the future solemnization of Matrimony in this Province,'" was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

To be Committed to-morrow, and in the Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee upon the said Bill to-morrow, and

that in the mean time it be printed for the use of Members. mean time printed.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled, "An Act to define the limits of Bytown, and to establish a Town Council therein," together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon. House in Committee on Bytown Police Bill.

After some time the House was resumed,

And the Honorable Mr. Ferrie reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several Amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive them. Amendments reported.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow. To be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs Joliette and Bruneau be added to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to revive for a limited time an Act therein mentioned, relating to the Proving and Recording of certain Marriages, solemnized in the late Inferior District of Gaspé, anterior to the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, including, also, Baptisms and Burials." Members added to the Committee on Gaspé Marriages Bill.

The Honorable Mr. William Morris acquainted the House, that he had two Messages from His Excellency, the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to the House. Messages from His Excellency.

And the same were read as follow :

CATHCART.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Council the 4th, 5th, and Special Reports of the Commission of Indemnification appointed under 1st Victoria, chap. 7, and 2d Victoria, chap. 35, and recommends to their consideration that provision should be made, to discharge the amount awarded to the claimants which still remains unpaid. Transmitting the Reports of the Commission of Indemnification, and

Government House,

May, 1846.

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letters L. L.)

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Relating to a Loan to the Montreal Harbour Commissioners.

The Governor General recommends to the consideration of the Honorable the Legislative Council, that authority should be given to apply the Sum of £19,000, loaned under the provisions of the Act 10 and 11 Geo. 4, chap. 28, and 1st Victoria chap. 23, to the Montreal Harbour Commissioners, to the erection of Light Houses and Refuge Stations in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, as the same may be repaid.

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Honorable A. Ferguson added to the Committee on the Contingent Accounts.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. *Ferguson* be added to the Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House, for the present Session.

Petitions:—

From Montreal Presbyterian Lay Association, and

The Honorable Mr. *M'Gill* presented a Petition from *Thomas Wilson* and others, Office Bearers of the Lay Association of *Montreal*, in connexion with the Church of *Scotland*, praying that the Bill to erect a University under the name and style of the University of *Upper Canada*, may be passed into a Law.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From D. Cameron, of Thorah, presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from *Donald Cameron*, of the Township of *Thorah*, praying for compensation for injuries and losses sustained by him while confined as a Prisoner in the year 1837, upon the charge of High Treason.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

WEDNESDAY.

Wednesday, 20th May, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

Morris, W.
Joliette,
Fergusson,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knoulton,
Roy,
Moore,

The Honorable Messieurs

Dionne, J.
Irving,
Massue,
Walker,
de Boucherville,
Morris, J.
Neilson.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws Incorporating the City of *Montreal*, and to facilitate the decision of cases wherein the right of any party to any Office in the Corporation, may be called in question," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill and Report be Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee upon the said Bill and Report on Friday next.

The Honorable Mr. *James Morris* presented a Petition from the Reverend *William Jones* and others, of *Bedford*, praying that Sunday Travelling upon Railways may be prohibited.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Reverend *M. Townsend* and others, of the County of *Rouville*; and

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Thomas Johnson* and others, inhabitants of *Abbotsford*, severally praying that Sunday Travelling upon Railways may be prohibited.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented two Petitions from *J. Winterbotham* and others, Members of the Baptist Congregation of the Town of *Brantford*, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold, and the proceeds applied to the purposes of Education; and,

Also, praying against the partition of the endowment of *King's College*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Massue*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the place of holding the Circuit Court in the County of *Lotbinière*, from *Ste. Croix* to *Lotbinière*, and of the Registry Office of "the

Report of the Select Committee on Montreal Corporation Office Bill.

To be Committed on Friday.

Petitions:—

From Bedford, (Rev. W. Jones and others.)

From Rouville, (Rev. M. Townsend and others.)

From Abbotsford, (Rev. T. Johnson and others.) and

From Brantford, (J. Winterbotham and others.) two Petitions, presented.

Report of the Select Committee on Lotbinière Circuit Court and Registry Office Bill.

“ the said County from the place where it is “ now held to *Ste. Croix*,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment.

Third reading on Friday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on Friday next.

An Amendment reported by the Select Committee to Island of Orleans Registration Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Massue*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act to detach “ the Island of *Orleans* from the County of “ *Montmorency*, for the purposes of Registration,” reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with an Amendment, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

Read.

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows :

The Amendment.

Press 1, line 28.—Leave out “ second ” and insert “ third.”

Same agreed to.

The said Amendment being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

Bill (as amended) for third reading on Friday.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time on Friday next.

Amendments reported by the Select Committee to Cornwall Police Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act of “ Incorporation of the Town of *Cornwall*, and “ to establish a Town Council therein, in lieu “ of a Board of Police,” reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several Amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

Read.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

The Amendments.

Press 5, line 24.—Leave out “ public.”

“ “ 25.—After “ sewers ” insert (“ such wharves, docks,

“ or quays, being the exclusive property of the “ said Corporation.”)

Press 6, line 9.—Leave out from “ Stills ” to “ sale,” in line 10, both inclusive.

“ “ 23.—After “ Shops ” insert “ Workshops, Distilleries, “ Manufactories.”

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House. Same agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time on Friday next. Bill (as amended) for third reading on Friday.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* reported that he had, according to Order, waited on His Excellency, the Governor General, with the Address of this House of yesterday, and that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same graciously. Presentation of an Address to His Excellency reported.

Ordered, that the Statement presented to this House, relative to the distribution of the Laws of this Province, of last Session, be printed for the use of Members. Statement relative to the distribution of the Laws ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the *Cobourg* Manufacturing Company,” was (as amended) read the third time. Cobourg Manufacturing Company's Bill (as amended) read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed,

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence. And sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for the third reading of the Bill intituled, “ An Act “ to alter and amend the Charter of the “ *Great Western* Railroad Company,” (as amended,) it was Order for reading Great Western Railroad Bill the third time, (as amended,) discharged, and,

Ordered, that the same be discharged, and that the said Bill be Committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee upon the said Bill presently.

The House in Committee thereon.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed,

Reported, and leave granted to sit again on Friday.

And the Honorable Mr. Moore reported from the said Committee, that they had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again on Friday next.

Ordered, that leave be granted accordingly.

Order for reading Cobourg Railroad Bill a third time discharged.

The Order of the Day being read, for the third reading of the Bill intituled, "An Act to revive and amend the Act of Upper Canada, Incorporating the Cobourg Railroad Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned," it was

Ordered, that the same be discharged, and that the said Bill be Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

To be Committed on Friday.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole upon the said Bill on Friday next.

Matthews' Attainder Reversal Bill, read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Reverse the Attainder of Peter Matthews, and to avoid the Forfeiture of his Estates and Property," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Title Ordered,

Ordered, that the Title be, "An Act to reverse the Attainder of Peter Matthews and to avoid the Forfeiture of his Estates and Property."

And the Bill sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

Registrars Acts Confirmation Bill, read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to make provision for confirming certain Acts of Registrars in that part of this Province, formerly Upper Canada," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that the Title be, "An Act to make provision for confirming certain Acts of Registrars in that part of this Province, formerly Upper Canada."

Title Ordered,

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

And the Bill sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for putting the House into a Committee of the whole, upon the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend and to extend the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of Upper Canada, intituled, 'An Act to make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted, and to provide for the future Solemnization of Matrimony in this Province,'" it was

Order for Committee of the whole on Marriages validity Bill discharged, and,

Ordered, that the same be discharged, and that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

The Bill referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Fergusson, Ferrie, Moore, J. Morris, and Neilson, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments reported by the Committee of the whole House to the Bill intituled, "An Act to define the limits of Bytown, and to establish a Town Council therein."

Amendments to Bytown Police Bill considered.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow:

Press 4, line 6.—Leave out "June" and insert "July."

The Amendments.

" " In the Margin, leave out "June" and insert "July."

Press 9, line 39.—Leave out from "Her" to "Department," both inclusive, in Press 10, line 4, and insert, "All property real or personal, belonging to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or vested

The Amend-
ments.

" vested in or held by any
 " public body, officer, per-
 " son, or party, in trust for
 " the uses or service of
 " Her Majesty, Her Heirs
 " or Successors, whether
 " any such Real Estate
 " be held in fee simple, or
 " for any less Estate, du-
 " ring the continuance of
 " such Estate, provided
 " always that if any Real
 " Estate reserved for any
 " Military or Canal pur-
 " poses, or for the service
 " of the Ordnance Depart-
 " ment, be leased to any
 " private person, the pro-
 " perty so leased shall be
 " liable to be assessed and
 " taxed in the same man-
 " ner that any other Real
 " Estate, situated in the
 " said Town of *Bytown*,
 " may be assessed and
 " taxed, but the taxes and
 " assessments in any such
 " case shall be payable by
 " the Tenant, and not by
 " any other person or par-
 " ty."

Press 19, line 19.—Leave out from "Council"
 to "notwithstanding" in
 Press 20, lines 4 and 5,
 both inclusive, and insert
 Clauses A and B.

CLAUSE A.

" And be it enacted, that
 " nothing in this Act contain-
 " ed shall be construed to au-
 " thorize the said Town
 " Council to use or dispose
 " of any Public Street, or
 " part of a Street, laid out
 " by any Officers or Officer
 " of Her Majesty, or any
 " land belonging to Her
 " Majesty, or held in trust
 " for Her Majesty, for any
 " purposes other than those
 " of a Public Street, unless
 " such disposal or change of
 " use of such Street, or part
 " of a Street, shall be au-
 " thorized by the Governor

" of this Province, by and ^{The Amend-}
 " with the consent of the ^{ments.}
 " Executive Council thereof,
 " or by the Commander of
 " the Forces in this Province,
 " or unless such disposal or
 " change of use be consented
 " to by the Principal Officers
 " of Her Majesty's Ordnance.
 " Nor shall any thing in this
 " Act contained, be construed
 " to authorize the said Town
 " Council to take or enter
 " upon any Lands or Real
 " Estate belonging to Her
 " Majesty, Her Heirs and
 " Successors, or vested in or
 " held in trust by any Pub-
 " lic Body, Officer, Person,
 " or party, in trust for the
 " uses or service of Her Ma-
 " jesty, Her Heirs or Suc-
 " cessors, whether held in
 " fee simple, or for any less
 " Estate during the conti-
 " nuance of such Estate, un-
 " less the entering upon or
 " taking of such land be
 " consented to by the Govern-
 " or in Council, or by the
 " Commander of the Forces
 " in this Province."

CLAUSE B.

" And whereas the Offi-
 " cers of the Ordnance De-
 " partment in charge of
 " the Ordnance Property
 " in *Bytown*, have afforded
 " ample Street accommoda-
 " tion in lieu of the road
 " which would otherwise be
 " required between Conces-
 " sion C and D, across Lots
 " A and B, in said Conces-
 " sions, and it is expedient,
 " in order to preserve unifor-
 " mity in the Streets of the
 " said Town, that the said
 " Concession Road be closed
 " up and not used as a Street.
 " Be it therefore enacted,
 " that it shall not be lawful
 " for the said Town Council,
 " or for any other person or
 " persons to remove any
 " buildings,

The Amend-
ments.

“ buildings, or to disturb or
“ alter the survey and allo-
“ cation of Lots situate on
“ the said Concession line, or
“ intersected thereby, any
“ law or usage to the contra-
“ ry notwithstanding”

Press 20, line 21.—After “ spirit ” insert the following Clause C.

CLAUSE C.

“ And be it enacted, That
“ nothing herein contained
“ shall affect or be construed
“ to affect, in any manner or
“ way whatsoever, the rights
“ of Her Majesty, Her Heirs
“ and Successors, or of any
“ person or persons, or of any
“ bodies Politic, Corporate, or
“ Collegiate, such only ex-
“ cepted as are herein men-
“ tioned.”

Same agreed
to.

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Bill (as
amended) for
third reading
on Friday.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time on Friday next.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Friday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY.

Friday, 22nd May, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
M'Gill,	Moore,
Morris, W.	Irving,
Fergusson,	de Boucherville,
Ferrie,	Morris, J.
Knoulton,	Neilson.
Roy,	

PRAYERS.

Amendments
reported by the
Select Com-
mittee to Mar-

The Honorable Mr. James Morris, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, “ An Act to amend and ex-

“ tend the provisions of an Act of the Parlia-
“ ment of the late Province of *Upper Canada*,
“ intituled, ‘ An Act to make valid certain
“ ‘ Marriages heretofore contracted, and to
“ ‘ provide for the future Solemnization of
“ ‘ Matrimony in this Province,’ ” reported
that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several Amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

riages validity
Bill.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendments being twice read by the Clerk, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Same agreed
to.

Ordered, that the said Bill (as amended) be Engrossed, and the same read the third time to-morrow.

The Bill (as
amended) for
third reading
to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “ An Act to provide for the removal of the place of holding of the Circuit Court in the County of *Lotbinière* from *Ste. Croix* to *Lotbinière*, and of the Registry Office of the said County, from the place where it is now held to *Ste. Croix*,” was read the third time.

Lotbinière Cir-
cuit Court and
Registry Office
Bill, read third
time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any Amendment.

And the As-
sembly ac-
quainted
thereof.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act to detach the Island of *Orleans* from the County of *Montmorency*, for the purposes of Registration,” was (as amended) read the third time.

Island of Or-
leans Registra-
tion Bill (as
amended) read
third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Town of *Cornwall*, and
“ to

Cornwall
Police Bill, (as
amended,) read
third
time.

“ to establish a Town Council therein, in lieu of a Board of Police,” was (as amended) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed, *It was resolved* in the affirmative.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill intituled, “ An Act to define the limits of Bytown, and to establish a Town Council therein,” (as amended) it was

Ordered, that the same be discharged, and that the said Bill be again committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole, on the said Bill tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled, “ An Act to amend the Laws Incorporating the City of Montreal, and to facilitate the decision of cases wherein the right of any party to any Office in the Corporation may be called in question,” together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

After some time the House was resumed,

And the Honorable Mr. Irving reported from the said Committee, that they had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again presently.

Ordered, that leave be granted accordingly.

Motion for an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, representing to His Excellency the inefficient state of the Legislative Council as regards the attendance of Members, and respectfully urging the necessity of some measures being devised by the wisdom of His Excellency's Advisers, or by the British Government, to secure the steady attendance of a

larger number of Councillors, and consequently of giving the Legislative Council that due importance and weight which it is entitled to enjoy.

Which being objected to,

After debate,

The Question of Concurrence was put on the said motion, and the same was resolved in the negative. Same negated.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was again put into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill intituled, “ An Act to amend the Laws Incorporating the City of Montreal, and to facilitate the decision of cases wherein the right of any party to any Office in the Corporation may be called in question,” together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon. House again in Committee on Montreal Corporation Offices Bill.

After some time the House was resumed,

And the Honorable Mr. Irving reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment. Reported.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read the third time.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly. Bill read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed,

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any Amendment. And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was again put into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled, “ An Act to alter and amend the Charter of the Great Western Railroad Company,” (as amended.) House again in Committee on Great Western Railroad Bill, (as amended.)

After some time the House was resumed,

And the Honorable Mr. Moore reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through A further Amendment reported.

through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, with a further Amendment, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said further Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows :

The further
Amendment.

Press 16, line 42.—After “them” insert the following Clauses A and B.

CLAUSE A.

“ And be it enacted, That
 “ the said Company shall at
 “ all times, when thereunto
 “ required by Her Majesty’s
 “ Deputy Post Master General,
 “ the Commander of the
 “ Forces, or any person having
 “ the command or superintendence
 “ of any Police Force, carry Her
 “ Majesty’s Mail, Her Majesty’s
 “ Naval or Military Forces, or
 “ Militia, and all Artillery, Ammu-
 “ nition, Provisions, or other
 “ Stores for their use, and all
 “ Policemen, Constables and
 “ others, Travelling on Her
 “ Majesty’s Service on their
 “ said Railroad, on such terms
 “ and conditions, and under
 “ such regulations, as the said
 “ Company, and the said Deputy
 “ Post Master General, the
 “ Commander of the Forces,
 “ or Person in command of
 “ any Police Force respectively,
 “ shall agree upon, or, if they
 “ cannot agree, then upon such
 “ terms and conditions, and
 “ under such regulations, as the
 “ Governor, or Person administering
 “ the Government shall in
 “ Council make, Provided that
 “ by such regulations, the
 “ Company shall not be
 “ required to start any Train
 “ or Steamboat at any other
 “ time than their ordinary
 “ time of starting the same;
 “ but they may be required

“ to provide a separate Carriage
 “ for the Mail, and the person
 “ or persons in charge thereof;
 “ And provided also, that any
 “ further enactments which the
 “ Legislature of this Province
 “ may hereafter deem it expedient
 “ to make, with regard to the
 “ carriage of the said Mail or
 “ Her Majesty’s Forces, and
 “ other persons and articles as
 “ aforesaid, or the rates to be
 “ paid for carrying the same,
 “ or in any way respecting the
 “ use of any Electric Telegraph
 “ or other service to be rendered
 “ by the Company to the Govern-
 “ ment, shall not be deemed
 “ an infringement of the
 “ privileges intended to be
 “ conferred by this Act. And
 “ nothing in this Act contained
 “ shall be construed to authorize
 “ the said Company to take or
 “ enter upon any Lands or
 “ Real Estate, of any kind,
 “ belonging to Her Majesty,
 “ Her Heirs or Successors,
 “ or vested in or held in
 “ trust by the principal
 “ Officers of Her Majesty’s
 “ Ordnance, or any public
 “ Body, Person or Party in
 “ trust for the uses or
 “ service of Her Majesty,
 “ Her Heirs or Successors,
 “ whether such Real Estate
 “ be held in fee simple or
 “ for any less Estate during
 “ the continuance of such
 “ Estate, unless the entering
 “ upon or taking of such
 “ Lands or Real Estate,
 “ be authorized by the
 “ Governor in Council,
 “ or by the Commander
 “ in Chief of Her Majesty’s
 “ Forces in this Province.”

CLAUSE B.

“ And be it enacted, That
 “ nothing herein contained
 “ shall affect, or be construed
 “ to affect, in any manner
 “ or way whatsoever, the
 “ Rights
 “ of

“ of Her Majesty, Her Heirs
 “ and Successors, or of any
 “ person or persons, or of
 “ any Bodies Politic, Corpo-
 “ rate or Collegiate, such
 “ only excepted as are herein
 “ mentioned.”

Same agreed
 to.

The said further Amendment being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

Bill (as further
 amended) for
 third reading
 to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as further amended) read the third time to-morrow.

House in Com-
 mittee on Co-
 bourg Railroad
 Bill, (as
 amended.)

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled, “An Act to revive and amend the “Act of *Upper Canada*, Incorporating the “*Cobourg* Railroad Company, and for other “purposes therein mentioned,” (as amended.)

After some time the House was resumed,

Further
 Amendments
 reported.

And the Honorable Mr. *M. Gill* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made several further Amendments thereto, which he was directed to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said further Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow.

The further
 Amendments.

Press 6, line 4.—Leave out from “the” to “to,” both inclusive, in the fifth line.

Press 8, line 37.—Leave out from “all” to “Toll” both inclusive, and insert, “Her Majesty’s “Mail and Persons, Ani-
 “mals and Carriages em-
 “ployed in the conveyance
 “thereof, Her Majesty’s
 “Officers and Soldiers
 “being in proper Staff, or
 “Regimental, or Military
 “Uniform dress, or un-
 “dress, and their Horses
 “(but not when passing
 “in a hired or private
 “vehicle) and all Car-

“riages and Horses be-
 “longing to Her Majesty,
 “or employed in her ser-
 “vice, when conveying
 “persons in such service,
 “or returning therefrom,
 “and all Recruits march-
 “ing by route, and all Per-
 “sons, Animals, and Car-
 “riages attending funerals
 “on any day in the week,
 “or going to or returning
 “from Divine Service on
 “the Lord’s Day, shall
 “pass Toll free through
 “any Turnpike and Toll-
 “Gate to be erected under
 “the authority of this
 “Act.”

Press 12, line 24.—After “Trial” insert the following Clauses, B, C, and D.

CLAUSE B.

“And be it enacted, That
 “for and notwithstanding
 “any thing in this Act con-
 “tained, it shall and may be
 “lawful for the said *Cobourg*
 “and *Rice Lake* Plank Road
 “and Ferry Company, in
 “their discretion, to Maca-
 “damize all or any part of
 “the said Road, which they
 “are here authorised to
 “construct, upon the terms,
 “conditions, and restrictions,
 “and subject to the obser-
 “vance of the formalities
 “hereinbefore prescribed;
 “and that in the event of
 “their doing so, the words,
 “‘Plank Road,’ wherever
 “they occur in this Act,
 “shall be construed to mean
 “either a Macadamized Road
 “or a Road partly Macadam-
 “ized and partly Planked,
 “as the case may require.”

CLAUSE C.

“Provided always, and be
 “it enacted, that the said
 “Company shall, at all times
 “when thereunto required
 “by

" by Her Majesty's Deputy
 " Post Master General, the
 " Commander of the Forces,
 " or any person having the
 " superintendence or com-
 " mand of any Police Force,
 " convey Her Majesty's Mail,
 " Her Majesty's Naval or
 " Military Forces or Militia,
 " and all Artillery, Ammu-
 " nition, Provision, or other
 " Stores for their use, and
 " all Policemen, Constables,
 " and others, travelling on
 " Her Majesty's Service,
 " across the said *Rice Lake*,
 " in their Ferry Boats, on
 " such terms and conditions,
 " and under such regulations,
 " as the said Company and
 " the said Deputy Post
 " Master General, the Com-
 " mander of the Forces, or
 " person in command of any
 " Police Force, respectively,
 " shall agree upon, or, if
 " they cannot agree, then,
 " on such terms and con-
 " ditions, and under such
 " regulations, as the Govern-
 " or or person administer-
 " ing the Government shall
 " in Council make, and pro-
 " vided also, that any further
 " enactment which the Le-
 " gislature of this Province
 " may hereafter deem it ex-
 " pedient to make, with re-
 " gard to the carriage of
 " the said Mail, or Her Ma-
 " jesty's Forces, and other
 " persons or articles as afore-
 " said, or the rates to be
 " paid for carrying the same,
 " or other service to be ren-
 " dered by the Company to
 " the Government, shall not
 " be deemed an infringement
 " of the privileges intended
 " to be conferred by this Act,
 " and nothing in this Act
 " contained shall be con-
 " strued to authorize the said
 " Company to take or enter
 " upon any Lands or Real
 " Estate of any kind, belong-
 " ing to Her Majesty, Her

" Heirs or Successors, or
 " vested in or held in trust
 " by the principal Officers
 " of Her Majesty's Ordnance,
 " or any Public Body, Person
 " or Party, in trust for the
 " uses or services of Her Ma-
 " jesty, Her Heirs or Suc-
 " cessors, whether such Real
 " Estate be held in fee simple
 " or for any leest Estate, du-
 " ring the continuance of
 " such Estate, unless the en-
 " tering upon or taking of
 " such Lands, or Real Es-
 " tate, be authorized by the
 " Governor in Council, or by
 " the Commander in Chief
 " of Her Majesty's Forces
 " in this Province."

CLAUSE D.

" And be it enacted, That
 " nothing herein contained
 " shall affect, or be construed
 " to affect, in any manner or
 " way whatsoever, the Rights
 " of Her Majesty, Her Heirs
 " or Successors, or of any
 " person or persons, or of any
 " Bodies Politic, Corporate
 " or Collegiate, such only
 " excepted as are herein men-
 " tioned."

Ordered, that the said further Amend-
 ments be taken into consideration to-morrow. To be con- sidered to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *McGill* presented a Petitions:—
 Petition from the Reverend *Robert McGill* From Mon- treal, (Rev. R. McGill and others.)
 and others, Members of the Congregation of *St. Paul's Church, Montreal*, in connection
 with the Church of *Scotland*, praying that the
 Bill to erect a University, by the name of the
 University of *Upper Canada*, may be passed
 into a Law.

Also, a Petition from *James Blackburn* From J. Black- burn and others, and.
 and others, Creditors of the late Municipal
 Council of the District of *Sydenham*, praying
 that their claims may be satisfied; and,

Also, a Petition from *John Egan* and From J. Egan and others, presented.
 others, being persons concerned in the Lum-
 ber Trade, praying that no new regulations
 may be adopted or allowed, affecting the said
 Trade, without mature investigation.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

SATURDAY.

Saturday, 23rd May, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
Morris, W.	Moore,
Fergusson,	Irving,
Macaulay,	de Boucherville,
Ferrie,	Morris, J.
Knoulton,	Neilson.
Roy,	

PRAYERS.

His Excellency the Governor General comes to the House, and commands the attendance of the Assembly.

His Excellency Lieutenant General the Right Honorable Charles Murray, Earl Cathcart, of Cathcart, in the County of Renfrew, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Governor General of British North America, being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know, "it is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

The Assembly attend accordingly.

Who being come with their Speaker, the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the titles of the Bills to be passed severally as follow :

Upper Canada Bank Bill.

" An Act to amend an Act intituled, ' An Act to extend the Charter of the Bank of Upper Canada, and to increase the Capital Stock thereof.' "

Commercial Bank Bill.

" An Act to amend an Act intituled, " An Act to extend the Charter of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District, and to increase its Capital Stock.' "

Huron District Territory Bill.

" An Act to attach certain Territory therein described to the District of Huron, for certain purposes."

Hamilton's Road Conveyance Bill.

" An Act to convey a part of the Concession Line between the 3rd and 4th Concessions of the Township of Barton, in the Gore District, to Robert Jarvis Hamilton."

Grey Nuns Property Bill.

" An Act to authorise the Community of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hos-

pital, Montreal, (Grey Nuns) to sell or alienate their property, situated at the Pointe à Callière, in the City of Montreal, and to invest the capital price or prices thereof in other Real and Immoveable Property."

" An Act to repeal the Act incorporating the Quebec Gas Light and Water Company." Quebec Gas and Water Law Repeal Bill.

" An Act to amend the Act amending certain provisions of the Ordinance for establishing an efficient system of Police, in the Cities of Quebec and Montreal." Quebec and Montreal Police Bill.

" An Act to enable the District of Bathurst to receive the School Moneys apportioned to it, in the year 1845, notwithstanding the failure of the District Council to levy an equal sum." Bathurst District School Moneys Bill.

" An Act to amend the Act for defining the limits of Counties and Districts in Upper Canada." Counties Division Bill, (U. C.)

" An Act to authorise the Desjardins Canal Company to borrow a Sum of Money to complete the Desjardins Canal." Desjardins Canal Bill.

" An Act to remove all doubts as to the validity of certain Deeds, Instruments and Documents, executed before Notaries in Lower Canada, and to secure the Rights, Titles, and Interests, of all persons concerned therein." Notarial Deeds &c. validity Bill.

" An Act further to amend the Ordinance Incorporating the City of Quebec, and for other purposes." Quebec Incorporation Bill.

" An Act to allow the formation of more than one Agricultural Society in a County in Lower Canada, and for the relief of the Society for the County of Montreal." Agricultural Societies Bill, (L. C.)

" An Act to Incorporate the Huntingdon Plank Road Company." Huntingdon Plank Road Bill.

" An Act to require Slides of certain dimensions to be erected upon the several Mill Dams in the River Moira and its tributaries, in the District of Victoria." Mill Dams Slides Bill.

" An Act for the better establishment and maintenance of Common Schools in Upper Canada." Common Schools Bill, (U. C.)

" An Act to amend the Laws Incorporating the City of Montreal, and to facilitate the decision of cases wherein the right of any party

" party to any office in the Corporation may be called in question."

Lotbinière Circuit Court and Registry Office Bill.

" An Act to provide for the removal of the place of holding the Circuit Court in the County of Lotbinière, from Ste. Croix to Lotbinière, and of the Registry Office of the said County from the place where it is now held to Ste. Croix.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was severally pronounced by one of the Clerks Assistant to this House, in the words following :

Assented to in Her Majesty's Name.

" In Her Majesty's Name, His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to this Bill."

His Excellency retires, and the Assembly withdraw.

Then His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

British and Canadian School Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Christie and others, with a Bill intituled, " An Act to Incorporate the British and Canadian School Society of the District of Quebec," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading on Tuesday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Marriages validity Bill, read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, " An Act to amend and to extend the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of Upper Canada, intituled, ' An Act to make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted, and to provide for the future Solemnization of Matrimony in this Province,' " was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Title Ordered.

Ordered, that the Title be, " An Act to amend and to extend the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of Upper Canada, intituled, ' An Act to make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted, and to provide for the future Solemnization of Matrimony in this Province.' "

And the Bill sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly,

and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, " An Act to alter and amend the Charter of the Great Western Railroad Company," was (as amended) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House again into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill intituled, " An Act to define the limits of Bytown, and to establish a Town Council therein," it was

Ordered, that the same be discharged, and that the said Bill be again committed to a Committee of the whole House on Tuesday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Smith (of Wentworth,) and others, to return the Bill intituled, " An Act to Incorporate a Company to extend the Great Western Railroad from Hamilton to Toronto," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Cauchon and others, to return the Bill intituled, " An Act to amend the Act to detach the Island of Orleans from the County of Montmorency for the purposes of Registration," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the further Amendments reported by the Committee of the whole House to the Bill intituled, " An Act to revise and amend the Act of Upper Canada, incorporating

“Incorporating the *Cobourg* Railroad Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

The said further Amendments were then read by the Clerk.

And the same being again read,

Agreed to. The Question of Concurrence was put on each, and they were severally agreed to by the House.

The Bill (as amended) for third reading on Tuesday. *Ordered*, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time on Tuesday next.

Adjourn. The Speaker declared this House continued until Tuesday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

TUESDAY. **Tuesday, 26th May, 1846.**

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M'Gill,</i>	<i>Roy,</i>
<i>Morris, W.</i>	<i>Moore,</i>
<i>Joliette,</i>	<i>Dionne, J.</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Macaulay,</i>	<i>Walker,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>de Boucherville,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	<i>Neilson.</i>

PRAYERS.

Petition from the University of King's College, Toronto, presented. The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay* presented a Petition from the Council of the University of King's College, Toronto, praying to be heard by Counsel against the Bill for erecting a University, under the name and style of the University of *Upper Canada*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Cobourg Railroad Bill (as amended) read third time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “An Act to revive and amend the “Act of *Upper Canada*, Incorporating the “*Cobourg* Railroad Company, and for other “purposes therein mentioned,” was (as amended) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed, *It was resolved* in the affirmative.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence. And sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “An Act to Incorporate the British “and Canadian School Society of the District “of *Quebec*,” was read the second time. British and Canadian School Bill, read second time, and,

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Dionne*, *Massue*, and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was again put into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled, “An Act to define the limits of “*Bytown*, and to establish a Town Council “therein,” (as amended.) House again in Committee on Bytown Police Bill, (as amended.)

After some time the House was resumed,

And the Honorable Mr. *Moore* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any further Amendment. Reported without further Amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill (as amended) be now read the third time.

The said Bill was then read the third time, accordingly. The Bill (as amended) read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed,

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence. And sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *M'Gill* presented a Petition from *Hamilton & Lowe*, of *Hawkesbury Mills*, praying that no Bill affecting the *Montreal* Turnpike Trust may be passed, without provision being made for the repayment of the Loans contracted under the Authority. Petitions:— From Hamilton & Lowe, of Hawkesbury Mills.

thority of the Ordinance Incorporating the said Trust;

From Lachine, (Rev. W. Simpson and others.) Also, a Petition from the Reverend *William Simpson* and others, Members of the Presbyterian Congregation at *Lachine*, in connexion with the Church of *Scotland*;

From Three Rivers, (Rev. J. Thom and others,) and, Also, a Petition from the Reverend *James Thom* and others, Members of the said Congregation at *Three Rivers*, in connexion with the aforesaid Church; and

From Laprairie, (Rev. J. Davidson and others,) presented. Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. Davidson* and others, Members of the said Congregation at *Laprairie*, in connexion with the aforesaid Church, respectively praying that the Bill to erect a University, under the name and style of the University of *Upper Canada*, may be passed into a Law.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Hon. J. Dionne added to the Select Committee on Hochelaga Municipality Bill. *Ordered*, that the Honorable *Mr. J. Dionne* be added to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to divide the Municipalities of *Hochelaga*, and of *Three Rivers*, respectively "into distinct Municipalities, and further "to provide for the support of Schools, and "the management of local affairs therein."

The Petition from Hamilton & Lowe referred to the last Committee. *Ordered*, that the Petition presented this day from *Hamilton & Lowe*, of *Hawkesbury Mills*, be referred to the Select Committee upon the last mentioned Bill.

Elementary Instruction Bill, brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable *Mr. Papi-neau* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to Repeal certain Enactments therein "mentioned, and to make better Provision "for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Montreal Councillors Election Bill, brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by *Mr. Leslie* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act "therein mentioned, and to make better "provision for the Election of Councillors "and Assessors of and for the City of *Montreal*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow. Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by *Mr. Cauchon* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to Authorize "the *Quebec Trinity House* to License as "Pilots a certain class of persons therein "mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Quebec Pilots Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow. Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by *Mr. Leslie* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *La Banque des Marchands*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. La Banque des Marchands Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by *Mr. Jobin* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend and extend the Laws relative to the Turnpike "Roads, in the neighbourhood of *Montreal*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Montreal Turnpike Road Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Last mentioned Bill, read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow. Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by *Mr. Laurin* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal "two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, "relating to Winter Roads in that part of "the Province heretofore *Lower Canada*, in "so far as regards the District of *Quebec*, "the District of *Gaspé*, and that part of the "District of *Three Rivers* which is or was "in the Municipal District of *Portneuf*," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment. Amendment to Winter Roads Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

The Speaker declared this House continued Adjourn. until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

WEDNESDAY.

Wednesday, 27th May, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

<p>The Honorable Messieurs <i>M'Gill,</i> <i>Morris, W.</i> <i>Joliette,</i> <i>Fergusson,</i> <i>Macaulay,</i> <i>Bruneau,</i> <i>Ferrie</i> <i>Knoulton,</i></p>	<p>The Honorable Messieurs <i>Moore,</i> <i>Dionne, J.</i> <i>Massue,</i> <i>Walker,</i> <i>de Boucherville,</i> <i>Morris, J.</i> <i>Neilson.</i></p>
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PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *James Kerby*, Lessee of the Crown Ferrie at *Fort Erie* Rapids, in the District of *Niagara*, praying that the Bill to regulate Ferries in *Upper Canada*, may not be passed into a Law, without certain Amendments.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, to request that they will communicate to this House the Documents, Evidence, and Proofs, upon which is founded the Bill intituled, "An Act to revive for a limited time an Act therein mentioned, relating to the Proving and Recording of certain Marriages, solemnized in the Inferior District of *Gaspé*, anterior to the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, including also Baptisms and Burials."

The Honorable Mr. *Massue*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the British and Canadian School Society of the District of *Quebec*," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with an Amendment, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows :

Press 2, line 15.—Fill up the blank with the words "five hundred pounds."

The said Amendment being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House. Same agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be Engrossed, and the Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow. Bill (as amended) for third reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal certain enactments therein mentioned, and to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*," was read the second time. Elementary Instruction Bill, (L. C.) read second time, and,

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of seven Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Joliette*, *Bruneau*, *Knoulton*, *Moore*, *Massue*, *de Boucherville*, and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the Election of Councillors and Assessors of and for the City of *Montreal*," was read the second time. Montreal Councillors Election Bill, read second time, and,

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Gill*, *Bruneau*, and *Ferrie*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the *Quebec* Trinity House to license as Pilots a certain class of Persons therein mentioned," was read the second time. Quebec Pilots Bill, read second time, and,

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Massue*, *Walker*, and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend and extend the Laws relative to the Turnpike Roads, in the neighbourhood of *Montreal*," was read the second time. Montreal Turnpike Roads Bill, read second time, and,

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered,

Petition from *J. Kerby*, of *Fort Erie*, presented.

Evidence on *Gaspé* Marriages Bill requested from the Assembly.

An Amendment reported by the Select Committee to British and Canadian School Bill.

The Amendment.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M' Gill, Bruneau, and Ferrie*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Report of one of the Masters in Chancery, respecting the delivery of a Message to the Assembly.

John F. Taylor, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery, sent to the Legislative Assembly this day, to request that they would be pleased to communicate to this House the Documents, Evidence, and Proofs, upon which is founded the Bill intituled, "An Act to revive for a limited time an Act therein mentioned, relating to the Proving and Recording of certain Marriages, solemnized in the late Inferior District of *Gaspé*, anterior to the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, including, also, Baptisms and Burials," acquainted the House that the Legislative Assembly return for Answer, that they will send an Answer by Messengers of their own.

Amendments to Great Western Railroad Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Smith* (of *Wentworth*) and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Charter of the *Great Western Railroad Company*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

THURSDAY.

Thursday, 28th May, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M' Gill,</i>	<i>Roy,</i>
<i>Morris, W.</i>	<i>Moore,</i>
<i>Joliette,</i>	<i>Dionne, J.</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Macaulay,</i>	<i>Walker,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>de Boucherville,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	<i>Neilson.</i>

PRAYERS.

Petition from Simcoe District Agricultural Society, presented.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* presented a Petition from the *Simcoe District Agricultural Society*, praying that the Money appropriated for improving the Main Roads in the said District, may be expended upon the objects contemplated by the Grant.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Two Messages were brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Christie* and others, as follow : Two Messages from the Assembly.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Thursday, 28th May, 1846.

Resolved, that the Documents, Evidence, and Proofs, upon which is founded the Bill intituled, "An Act to revive for a limited time an Act therein mentioned, relating to the Proving and Recording of certain Marriages, solemnized in the late Inferior District of *Gaspé*, anterior to the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, including also Baptisms and Burials," be communicated by Message to the Honorable the Legislative Council. Furnishing the Evidence on which the Gaspé Marriage Bill was founded, and,

Ordered, that Mr. *Christie* do carry the said Message to the Honorable the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clk. Assy.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Thursday, 28th May, 1846.

Resolved, that the Engrossed Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the Boundary Line between this Province, and the Province of *New Brunswick*, be communicated by Message to the Honorable the Legislative Council, requesting the concurrence of their Honors thereto. Transmitting for concurrence an Address to Her Majesty, respecting the Boundary between Canada and New Brunswick.

Ordered, that Mr. *Christie* do carry the said Message to the Honorable the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clk. Assy.

And then they withdrew.

The said Address to Her Majesty was then read by the Clerk as follows : Address read.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, in Provincial

Address.

vincial Parliament assembled, beg leave humbly to approach Your Majesty with the renewed expression of our loyalty and attachment to Her Majesty's Person and Government, and, at the same time, our unfeigned concern at the misunderstanding that has arisen between the Government of this Province, and that of Your Majesty's Province of *New Brunswick*, respecting the Boundary Line between the two Provinces, and Tract of Country, including that known as the *Madawaska* Territory, appertaining to this Province, to which a claim has been set up by the Government of *New Brunswick*, and an appeal made to Your Majesty by the two Houses of the Legislature thereof, at its last Session, respecting the same.

We also beg leave to represent to Your Majesty, that Your Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, waiving the claim that might fairly be set up by the Government of *Canada* to certain Territory, south of and adjacent to the *Ristigouche*, emptying into the *Bay Chaleurs*, over which, as part of *New Brunswick*, the Legislature and Laws thereof have heretofore exercised jurisdiction, without interference on the part of Your Majesty's Canadian Government, nevertheless, humbly claim, as appertaining to this Province, the whole Tract of Country or Territory adjacent to and North of the *Ristigouche*, (forming part of the County of *Bonaventure*,) from the head or Western extremity of the *Bay Chaleurs* upwards, to where the line prolonged due North from the source of the *St. Croix*, intersects that River, together with the entire Tract or Country adjacent to and Westward of the said line of intersection, including the aforesaid *Madawaska* Territory, bounded on the South by that part of the Northern Frontier of the *United States*, situate between the said line of intersection, and the point where the line of the said Northern Frontier, as settled by the late Treaty of *Washington*, touches the forty-fifth parallel of North latitude, over all which the Government and Legislature of *Lower Canada* formerly exercised jurisdiction and authority, and in the possession whereof, as part of this Province, Your Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Legislative Assembly thereof, pray, Your Majesty will graciously be pleased to maintain Your Canadian Government, in justice to Your Majesty's Subjects in *Canada*,—and that Your Majesty, in adjusting the

matter, will also be pleased to secure to Your Majesty's dutiful Subjects in this Province, and others conveying to Sea the products thereof by the River *St. John*, the free navigation of the same, without being subjected or liable to any impost or duties therefor, by or on the part of the Government and Legislature of *New Brunswick*.

Ordered, that the said Address be taken into consideration to-morrow.

For consideration to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorize the *Quebec* Trinity House to license as Pilots a certain class of persons therein mentioned," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on Quebec Pilots Bill.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Bill for third reading to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the Election of Councillors and Assessors of and for the City of *Montreal*," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Amendments reported by the Select Committee to Montreal Councillors Election Bill.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Press 1, line 37.—After "places" insert, "in each Ward."

The Amendments.

" " " 41.—After "places" insert, "in each Ward."

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Same agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow.

Bill (as amended) for third reading to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled,

Report of the Select Committee on

Montreal
Turnpike
Roads Bill.

intituled, "An Act to amend and extend the
"Laws relative to the Turnpike Roads, in
"the neighbourhood of *Montreal*," reported
that the Committee had gone through the
said Bill, and had directed him to report the
same to the House, without any Amendment.

Bill for third
reading to-
morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the
third time to-morrow.

Return from
the London
Agricultural
Society.

The Honorable Mr. *M'Gill* presented to
the House a return from the *St. Thomas*
Branch of the *London Agricultural Society*
for the year 1845.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table,
and it is as follows :

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter J.*)

British and
Canadian
School Bill,
(as amended,
read third
time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill
intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the British
"and Canadian School Society of the District
"of *Quebec*," was (as amended) read the
third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as
amended) shall pass?

Passed,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to the
Assembly for
concurrence.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chan-
cery do go down to the Legislative Assembly,
and acquaint that House that the Legislative
Council have passed this Bill, with an Amend-
ment, to which they desire their concurrence.

Motion for
reading *La*
Banque des
Marchands
Bill, the first
time.

It was moved, that the Bill intituled, "An
"Act to Incorporate *La Banque des Mar-*
"chands," be now read for the first time.

Which being objected to,

After debate,

Motion in
Amendment.

It was moved, in Amendment, to Resolve
that the state of the business now before this
House will enable the House to consider the
Bill sent up from the Legislative Assembly,
intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *La Banque*
"*des Marchands*," and therefore it is proper
to suspend the fifty-eighth Rule as far as re-
lates to the said Bill.

Which being objected to,

After debate,

Same carried
by the Speak-
er's Casting
Vote.

The Question of Concurrence was put
thereon, and the House being equally divided,
the Honorable the Speaker gave his casting

vote in favour of the Amendment, and the
same was

Resolved in the affirmative.

Dissentient.

Because, the expression of the said Rule, Protest of the
"that no Private Bill of the nature above des- Hon. Messrs.
"cribed, which may come up from the Legis- Nelson, de
"lative Assembly, after the fortieth day of Boucherville,
"the Session, shall be proceeded upon in the Knoulton,
"Legislative Council," is clear and determined. Walker,
Moore, and
Massue,
thereon.

Because, this House, by adopting the Re-
port of its Committee of the 3d April last,
respecting "the making of certain Rules or
"Standing Orders of the House, to secure its
"independence," in relation to thirty-six Bills
brought up from the Assembly in the three
last days of the Session which opened on the
28th November 1844, and closed on the 29th
March 1845, declared that "the 46th Rule,
"and all other Rules relating to proceedings
"on Bills, should be rigourously adhered to."

Because, the said decision of the House was
renewed on the 5th instant, when an extension
of ten days was allowed for proceeding on
private Bills from the Assembly, by the decla-
ration that the said decision should not be
brought into precedent.

Because, the suspension of the Rule, on
any pretext, under such positive declarations
to the contrary, tends to place this House in
contradiction to itself, deprives its decisions
of public respect, and encourages a renewal of
the inconvenience which prevailed at the close
of the last Session, and which the House, in con-
curring in the said Report, qualified as "en-
"dangering the enactment of Laws incapable
"of advantageous execution, subsequently
"encumbering the Statute Book with Amend-
"ments, rendering the Law difficult to be un-
"derstood by those who are to obey it, and it
"may be, the passing of Acts contrary to jus-
"tice, and the good of the subject generally.

J. NEILSON,
PIERRE DE BOUCHERVILLE,
P. H. KNOULTON,
WM. WALKER,
P. H. MOORE,
L. MASSUE.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read for The Bill read
the first time. first time.

Th

The Bill read first time. The said Bill was then read the first time accordingly.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Sheriff's Pounding Bill, brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *George Sherwood* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to regulate the poundage to be received by Sheriffs on Executions, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Amendments to Cornwall Town Council Bill agreed to by the Assembly. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *M'Donald*, (of *Cornwall*), and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Town of *Cornwall*, and to establish a Town Council therein, in lieu of a Board of Police," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Amendments to Cobourg Manufacturing Company's Bill agreed to by the Assembly. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Boulton* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Cobourg* Manufacturing Company," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Amendments to Cobourg Railroad Bill agreed to by the Assembly. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to revive and amend the Act of *Upper Canada*, Incorporating the *Cobourg* Railroad Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Amendments to Presbyterian Marriage Bill agreed to by the Assembly. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Colville* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the Ministers of the Associate Presbyterian Synod of *North America*, to keep Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, performed by them, and for other purposes," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the

Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to divide the Municipalities of *Hochelaga* and of *Three Rivers*, respectively, into distinct Municipalities, and further to provide for the support of Schools, and the Management of Local Affairs therein," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several Amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Amendments reported by the Select Committee to Hochelaga Municipality Bill.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow. To be considered to-morrow.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing. Adjourn.

Friday, 29th May, 1846.

FRIDAY.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

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| The Honorable Messieurs | The Honorable Messieurs |
| <i>M' Gill,</i> | <i>Moore,</i> |
| <i>Morris, W.</i> | <i>Dionne, J.</i> |
| <i>Joliette,</i> | <i>Massue,</i> |
| <i>Fergusson,</i> | <i>Walker,</i> |
| <i>Macaulay,</i> | <i>de Boucherville,</i> |
| <i>Bruneau,</i> | <i>Morris, J.</i> |
| <i>Ferrie,</i> | <i>Neilson.</i> |
| <i>Knoulton,</i> | |

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented two Petitions from the *Niagara* District Council, praying for the alteration of the place of the Sittings of the said Council; and Petitions:— From the Niagara District Council, (Two Petitions.)

Also, praying that the Site of the District Town of the said District, may be removed to a more central situation.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The

From Ireland,
Halifax, &c.,
(Rev. R. Ander-
son and
others,) and,

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Richard Anderson* and others, Inhabitants of *Ireland, Halifax, and Inverness*, praying that a clause may be inserted in all Railway Acts to prohibit the carriage of either Goods or Passengers on the Lord's Day.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From C.
Brewer, pre-
sented.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *Charlotte Brewer*, widow of the late *Jasper Brewer*, praying that the Legislative Council will concur in any measures which may be proposed for her relief, by the other Branches of the Legislature.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on Evi-
dence before
Commis-
sioners Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to empower Commissioners for enquiring into matters connected with the Public Business, to take Evidence on Oath," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment.

Bill for third
reading to-
morrow

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on Wit-
nesses before
Courts Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorize and enforce the attendance of Witnesses from any part of this Province, before the Courts of Superior Criminal Jurisdiction," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment.

Bill for third
reading to-
morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

An Amend-
ment reported
by the Select
Committee to
Quebec Gas
Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act for Lighting the City of Quebec with Gas," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with one Amendment, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows:

Press 3, line 30.—After "Annum" insert, The Amend-
ment.
" Provided always, that
" before the issuing of any
" such Debentures or Cor-
" poration Bonds, the said
" Corporation shall have
" enacted and ordained a
" Bye-law specifying the
" principal Streets, Lanes,
" and Public Places within
" the limits of the City,
" which are to be supplied
" with Gas, and shall, after
" duly advertizing for Ten-
" ders, have entered into
" a Contract with the
" lowest bidder, giving se-
" curity to their satisfaction
" for the performance of
" the work, and for keeping
" the same in good repair
" for three years, at a sum
" not exceeding thirty
" thousand pounds, inclu-
" ding the necessary Real
" Property and materials."

The said Amendment being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence Same agreed
to. put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be En- Bill (as
amended)
for third read-
ing to-morrow. grossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson*, from the Se- Amendments
reported by the
Select Com-
mittee to Que-
bec Water Bill. lect Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act for supplying the City of Quebec, and parts adjacent thereto, with Water," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received,

And the said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow:

Press 8, line 15.—After "Annum" insert, The Amend-
ments.
" Provided always, that
" before the issuing of
" any

“ any such Debentures, or
 “ Corporation Bonds, the
 “ said Corporation shall
 “ have enacted and ordain-
 “ ed a By-law specifying
 “ the principal Streets,
 “ Lanes and Public Places,
 “ within the limits of the
 “ City, which are to be
 “ supplied with water, and
 “ shall, after duly adver-
 “ tizing for Tenders, have
 “ entered into a Contract
 “ with the lowest bidder,
 “ giving security to their
 “ satisfaction for the per-
 “ formance of the work,
 “ and for keeping the same
 “ in good repair for three
 “ years, at a sum not ex-
 “ ceeding fifty thousand
 “ pounds, including the
 “ necessary Real Property
 “ and materials.”

Press 12, line 1.—After “ notwithstanding ”
 insert Clause A, as fol-
 lows :

CLAUSE A.

“ And be it enacted, That
 “ it shall and may be lawful
 “ for the said Corporation,
 “ and they are hereby re-
 “ quired from time to time
 “ as occasion may require, to
 “ appoint a fit and proper
 “ person to be the Superin-
 “ tendent or Engineer for the
 “ management of the said
 “ Water Works, and of any
 “ Gas Works, under the con-
 “ trol of the said Corporation,
 “ and to prescribe and regu-
 “ late the duties of the said
 “ Office, and at their plea-
 “ sure to remove any such
 “ person from the said Office,
 “ and appoint another in his
 “ place, and the said Corpo-
 “ ration shall take such se-
 “ curity for the due execution
 “ of the said Office, as they
 “ shall think proper, and
 “ shall and may grant and
 “ allow to the said Officer,
 “ such salary, allowance, or

“ other compensation for his
 “ services, as they may think
 “ fit. Provided always, that
 “ such Superintendent or
 “ Engineer shall account to
 “ the said Corporation quar-
 “ terly, or oftener if re-
 “ quired.”

The said Amendments being read the se-^{Same agreed}
 cond time, and the Question of Concurrence^{to.}
 put on each, they were severally agreed to by
 the House.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be En-^{Bill (as}
 grossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read^{amended) for}
 the third time to-morrow.^{third reading}
^{to-morrow.}

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill^{Quebec Pilots}
 intituled, “ An Act to authorize the *Quebec*^{Bill, read third}
 “ Trinity House to License as Pilots a certain^{time.}
 “ class of persons therein mentioned,” was read
 the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill
 shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed,

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chan-^{And the As-}
 cery do go down to the Legislative Assembly,^{sembly ac-}
 and acquaint that House that the Legislative^{quainted}
 Council have passed this Bill, without any^{thereof.}
 Amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill^{Montreal}
 intituled, “ An Act. to amend an Act therein^{Councillors}
 “ mentioned, and to make better provision^{Election Bill,}
 “ for the Election of Councillors and Asses-^(as amended.)
 “ sors of and for the City of *Montreal*,” was^{read third}
 (as amended) read the third time.^{time.}

The Question was put whether this Bill
 (as amended) shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed,

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chan-^{And sent to the}
 cery do go down to the Legislative Assembly,^{Assembly for}
 and acquaint that House that the Legislative^{concurrence.}
 Council have passed this Bill, with certain
 Amendments, to which they desire their con-
 currence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill^{Montreal}
 intituled, “ An Act to amend and extend the^{Turnpike}
 “ Laws relative to the Turnpike Roads in the^{Roads Bill,}
 “ neighbourhood of *Montreal*,” was read the^{read third}
 third time.^{time.}

The

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed. *It was resolved* in the affirmative.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof. *Ordered*, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any Amendment.

La Banque des Marchands Bill, read second time, and, Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *La Banque des Marchands*," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Gill*, *Bruneau*, and *Ferrie*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Sheriffs Poundage Bill, read second time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to regulate the poundage to be received by Sheriffs on Executions, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the second time.

Third reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Amendments to Hochelaga Municipality Bill considered. The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments reported by the Select Committee to the Bill intituled, "Act to divide the Municipalities of *Hochelaga*, and of *Three Rivers*, respectively, into distinct Municipalities, and further to provide for the support of Schools, and the management of local affairs therein."

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow:

The Amendments. Press 2, line 13.—Leave out from "Banlieu" to "day" in line 18, both inclusive, and insert, "Municipality of *Three Rivers*, shall cease and determine, and that the extent of Territory now forming the same, shall thenceforward form two separate and distinct Municipalities, one of which shall consist of and comprise the Town or Borough of *Three Rivers*, and shall be and be called the Municipa-

lity of the Town of *Three Rivers*, and the other of which shall consist of, and comprise the remainder of the said extent of Territory, and shall be and be called the Municipality of the Banlieu of *Three Rivers*."

Press 2, line 25.—Leave out from "remainder" to "it" in line 27, both inclusive, and insert "Town of *Three Rivers*."

Press 2, line 33.—Leave out "jointly."

Press 2, line 34.—Leave out from "each" to "same," both inclusive, in the same line, and insert "the Municipality of the Town of *Three Rivers*."

Press 3, line 16.—Leave out from "shall" to "same" in line 17, both inclusive, and insert, "as well as all Real or Immoveable Property then belonging to the said last mentioned Municipality, shall belong to the Municipality of the Town of *Three Rivers*."

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House. Same agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow. Bill (as amended) for third reading to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Boundary between the Provinces of *Canada* and *New Brunswick*. Address to Her Majesty on the Boundary between Canada and New Brunswick considered.

Which said Address was then read by the Clerk. Read.

It was moved, to agree with the Legislative Assembly in the said Address to Her Majesty, by severally filling up the blanks with Legislative Council. Same agreed to.

The

The Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Address on behalf of this House.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the said Address, by severally filling up the blanks with Legislative Council.

An Address to His Excellency, to transmit the last Address, ordered.

Ordered, that the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General.

To His Excellency Lieutenant General the Right Honorable CHARLES MURRAY, EARL CATHCART, of Cathcart, in the County of Renfrew, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, 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, and Commander of Her Majesty's Forces in British North America, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council

of Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request, that you will be pleased to transmit our joint Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, respecting the Boundary Line between this Province and the Province of *New Brunswick*, in such a way as Your Excellency may deem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Address on behalf of this House.

And sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed the last mentioned Address to His Excellency the Governor General, to which they desire their concurrence.

Militia Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Attorney

General *Draper* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Laws therein mentioned, to provide for the better defence of this Province, and to regulate the Militia thereof," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Smith* (of *Wentworth*), and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Act Incorporating the Town of *Hamilton*, and to erect the same into a City," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Hamilton Incorporation Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *M'Donald*, (of *Kings-ton*), and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal and Lachine* Railroad Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Lachine Railroad Bill, brought up.

It was moved to resolve, that the state of the business now before this House will enable the Legislative Council to consider this Bill, and therefore it is proper to suspend the fifty-eighth Rule, as far as relates to the same.

Motion for dispensing with the Fifty-eighth Rule.

Which being objected to,

Objected to.

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

Question put and carried.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Dissentient:

Protest of the Hon. Mr. de Boucherville thereon.

Pierre de Boucherville.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read the first time.

The said Bill was then read the first time accordingly.

The Bill read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *M'Donald* (of *Glen-garry*)

Montreal and Kingston Railroad Bill, brought up.

garry,) and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal* and *Kingston* Railroad Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Motion for dispensing with the Fifty-eighth Rule.

It was moved to resolve, that the state of the business now before this House will enable the Legislative Council to consider this Bill, and, therefore, it is proper to suspend the fifty-eighth Rule, as far as relates to the same.

Objected to.

Which being objected to,

Question put and carried.

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read the first time.

The Bill read first time.

The said Bill was then read the first time accordingly.

Second reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Amendment to British and Canadian School Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Christie* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the British and Canadian School Society of the District of *Quebec*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Certain Acts continuation Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Smith* (of *Frontenac*,) and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time, certain Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

Saturday, 30th May, 1846.

SATURDAY.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

M' Gill,
Morris, W.
Joliette,
Fergusson,
Macaulay,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knoulton,
M' Kay,

The Honorable Messieurs

Roy,
Moore,
Dionne, J.
Massue,
Walker,
de Boucherville,
Morris, J.
Neilson.

PRAYERS.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to reverse the Attainder of *Peter Matthews*, and to avoid the forfeiture of his Estates and Property," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have passed this Bill, without any Amendment.

Matthews' Attainder Reversal Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Leslie* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend an Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the Election of Councillors and Assessors of and for the City of *Montreal*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Amendments to *Montreal Councillors Election Bill* agreed to by the Assembly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to empower Commissioners for enquiring into matters connected with the Public business to take Evidence on Oath," was read the third time.

Evidence before *Commissioners Bill*, read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise and enforce the attendance of Witnesses, from any part of this Province, before the Courts of Superior Criminal Jurisdiction," was read the third time.

Witnesses before Courts Bill, read third time.

The

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

Passed, *It was resolved in the affirmative.*

And the Assembly acquainted thereof. *Ordered*, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, without any Amendment.

Quebec Gas Bill, (as amended,) read third time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for Lighting the City of Quebec with Gas," was (as amended) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass ?

Passed. *It was resolved in the affirmative.*

Quebec Water Bill, (as amended,) read third time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for supplying the City of Quebec, and parts adjacent thereto, with Water," was (as amended) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass ?

Passed, *It was resolved in the affirmative.*

And sent to the Assembly for concurrence. *Ordered*, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, with certain Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Sheriffs Poundage Bill, read third time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to regulate the Poundage to be received by Sheriffs on Executions, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

Passed, *It was resolved in the affirmative.*

And the Assembly acquainted thereof. *Ordered*, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any Amendment.

Hochelaga Municipality Bill, (as amended,) read third time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to divide the Municipalities of Hochelaga, and of Three Rivers, respectively, into distinct Municipalities, and further to provide for the support

"of Schools, and the management of local affairs therein," was (as amended) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed,

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence. And sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Laws therein mentioned, to provide for the better defence of this Province, and to regulate the Militia thereof," was read the second time. Militia Bill, read second time, and,

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Macaulay, Bruneau, Knoulton, de Boucherville, and J. Morris, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Act Incorporating the Town of Hamilton, and to erect the same into a City, was read the second time. Hamilton Incorporation Bill, read second time, and,

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Fergusson, Ferrie, Massue, J. Morris, and Neilson, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Montreal and Lachine Railroad Company," was read the second time. Lachine Railroad Bill, read second time, and,

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs M'Gill, Macaulay, Bruneau, Ferrie, and Walker, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Montreal and Kingston Railroad Bill, read second time, and,

"*treal and Kingston Railroad Company,*" was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Joliette, Macauloy, Knoulton, Moore, and J. Morris,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Certain Acts continuation Bill, read second time, and,

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time certain Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bruneau, Massue, and Neilson,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Petition from London, (Rev. C. C. Brough and others,) presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the Reverend *C. C. Brough* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland,* in the Township of *London,* praying that the Sale of the Clergy Reserves may be no farther proceeded with, but that the proportion belonging to the said United Church, may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto,* for the use and benefit of the said Church.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

MONDAY.

Monday, 1st June, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron,* Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

*M' Gill,
Morris, W.
Joliette,
Fergusson,
Macaulay,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knoulton,*

The Honorable Messieurs

*M' Kay,
Moore,
Dionne, J.
Massue,
Walker,
Morris, J.
Neilson.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *James Morris* presented two Petitions from the *Niagara District Council,* praying against the alteration of the Common School Law in any other respect than that the time for the employment of Aliens, as Teachers, may be extended ;

Two Petitions from the Niagara District Council, presented.

Also, praying that the Revenue arising from the sale of Wild Lands, may be appropriated towards the maintenance of Common Schools, and any other Literary Institutions that may be suggested by the Legislature.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson,* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time certain Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on Certain Acts continuation Bill.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Bill for third reading to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson,* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to revive for a limited time, an Act therein mentioned, relating to the Proving and Recording of certain Marriages solemnized in the late Inferior District of *Gaspé,* anterior to the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, including also Baptisms and Burials," reported that they had in obedience to the Order of Reference of the eighteenth instant, examined the said Bill as well as the Documents, Evidence and Proof, in support thereof, communicated to this House by the Legislative Assembly, and now beg leave to report that, in their opinion, the said Bill should be no further proceeded with.

Report of the Select Committee on Gaspé Marriages Bill.

Ordered, that the said Report be received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Report be adopted.

Report adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris,* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal and Kingston Railroad Company,*" reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the

Amendments reported by the Select Committee to Montreal and Kingston Railroad Bill.

the same, with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

To be considered to-morrow.

Amendments to Hochelaga Municipality Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Leslie* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to divide the Municipalities of *Hochelaga*, and of *Three Rivers*, respectively, into distinct Municipalities, and further to provide for the support of Schools, and the management of local affairs therein," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Amendments to Quebec Gas Bill, and

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chabot* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act for Lighting the City of *Quebec* with Gas;" and

To Quebec Water Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

Also, the Bill intituled, "An Act for supplying the City of *Quebec* with Water," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to these Bills, without any Amendment.

Magistrates Appointment Bill, and,

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the appointment of Magistrates for the more remote parts of this Province;" and

Registrars Acts confirmation Bill passed by the Assembly.

Also, the Bill intituled, "An Act to make provision for confirming certain Acts of Registrars in that part of this Province, formerly *Upper Canada*," and to acquaint this House that they have passed these Bills, without any Amendment.

Message from the Assembly, transmitting for concurrence an Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the claim of *Alex. M'Leod*.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dickson* and others, as follows:

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Monday, 1st June, 1846.

Resolved, that the Engrossed Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the claim of

Alexander M'Leod, for remuneration from Her Majesty's Government, be communicated by Message to the Honorable the Legislative Council, requesting the concurrence of their Honors thereto.

Ordered, that Mr. *Dickson* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clk. Assy.

And then they withdrew.

The said Address to Her Majesty was then read by the Clerk as follows:

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty. The Address.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with a renewed expression of our devoted attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Government, and humbly to represent to Your Majesty, that our earnest solicitude for the preservation of the inherent rights of Your Majesty's Subjects, induces us again to address Your Majesty in reference to the claim which we consider *Alexander M'Leod* has upon Your Majesty's Government. We are fully aware that it is the desire of Your Majesty's Government, to protect, to the fullest extent, the liberties of Your Majesty's Subjects, and when a well founded and legitimate claim is established, to grant indemnity for any pecuniary loss by them sustained, and more particularly, when such loss results from a course rendered imperative by the fulfilment of those obligations, which they owe to Your Majesty as their Sovereign.

The said *Alexander M'Leod* having experienced the greatest possible private injuries and personal privations, by his detention and imprisonment by the Government of the *United States*, we conceive that he is entitled to remuneration at the hands of Your Majesty's Government, and, although we understand that Your Majesty's Government discharged the amount necessary for retaining the services of eminent Counsel, and the other expenses connected with the defence of the said *Alexander M'Leod*, yet we are at a loss to imagine how

how that can be considered a compensation to the individual for the manifold private injuries he has sustained, it being a course of proceeding rendered necessary in vindicating the Rights of one of Your Majesty's Subjects, and the honour and dignity of Your Majesty's Crown.

The said *Alexander M'Leod* became a victim in the hands of a Foreign Power, apprehended, imprisoned, arraigned, tried and acquitted, and has no individual claim on that Foreign Power for remuneration, which Power, if responsible for that Act of aggression upon one of Your Majesty's Subjects, must be held accountable, on a demand made by and through Your Majesty's Government.

Under the circumstances herein most respectfully represented to Your Majesty, We earnestly solicit Your Majesty's serious attention, and Your Majesty may rest assured that the Legislature of *Canada* must be deeply sensible of the justice of this claim, otherwise they would not deem it prudent or expedient to bring it a second time under the consideration of Your Majesty's Government.

ALLAN N. MACNAB,
Legislative Assembly, *Speaker.*
Monday, 1st June, 1846.

Ordered, that the said Address to Her Majesty be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal and Lachine Railroad Company*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Stewart*, (of *Bytown*), and others, in the following words:

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Monday, 1st June, 1846.

Resolved, that a Conference be desired with the Honorable the Legislative Council, for the purpose of communicating to them the Reasons which induced this House not to concur in the Amendments made by their

Honors to the Bill intituled, "An Act to define the limits of *Bytown*, and to establish a Town Council therein."

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart* (of *Bytown*), do go to the Legislative Council, and desire the said Conference.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clk. Assy.

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were called in again, and informed that the Legislative Council will send an Answer by a Messenger of their own.

Resolved, that this House do concur in the Conference desired. Same agreed to,

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council agrees to the Conference desired upon the subject matter of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill intituled, "An Act to define the limits of *Bytown*, and to establish a Town Council therein," and that the Managers on the part of this House, are to be the Honorable Messieurs *Fergusson* and *Macaulay*, who are to meet the number of Managers on the part of the Legislative Assembly, required by Parliamentary usage, presently in the Committee Room of the Legislative Council. And that House acquainted therof.

The House being informed that the Managers for the Legislative Assembly were ready for the said Conference, in the Committee Room of the Legislative Council,

The Names of the Managers for this House were called over.

And the House was adjourned during pleasure, and their Honors went to the Conference;

Which being ended; the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay* reported that the Managers, for their Honors, had met the Managers for the Legislative Assembly at the Conference, which on their part was managed by Mr. *Stewart*, (of *Bytown*), and others, who delivered to their Honors the Bill, with Report of the Managers of the Conference.

To be considered to-morrow.

Report of the Select Committee on Lachine Railroad Bill

Bill for third reading to-morrow.

Message from the Assembly, requesting a Conference on the Amendments to Bytown Police Bill.

with the Amendments, and also, a paper containing as follows, viz :

Reasons
offered by the
Assembly
against the
Amendments.

Reasons to be offered to the Legislative Council, at a Conference, for disagreeing to the Amendments made by their Honors to the Bill intituled, "An Act to define the limits of *Bytown*, and to establish a Town Council therein."

1st. *Because*, inserting "July" for "June" is immaterial, as the Bill provides that an Election can take place at any time, if not on the day mentioned in the Bill.

2d. *Because*, the Bill provides exemption from Assessment of what is in reality Her Majesty's property, and that the exception is, Real Estate held by the Ordnance for speculation; that it would be unfair towards other proprietors they would be exempted from contributing towards the improvement of the Town.

3d. *Because*, it is unprecedented to confer Corporate powers upon any Town, and deprive them of the entire use and control of the Streets; that such power is now by law vested in the District Council, and cannot be exercised by the Ordnance; that in *Bytown* two very wide Streets were purposely laid out for Market Places, and other Public uses, and on which Market Places, &c., were erected, (although recently removed by the Ordnance;) that no other space is reserved or set apart for any such purposes; and because the Bill provides that the direction of any Street now laid out, or hereafter to be laid out on the Ordnance property, shall not be altered, and that the Town Council shall not enter upon or take these lands for any purpose.

4th. *Because* the Bill provides for legalizing the shutting up and leasing by the Ordnance, the Concession Line, in almost the same words as the Amendment.

5th. *Because*, the last Amendment is ambiguous and indefinite, and is not at all necessary.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clk. Assy.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Ordered, that the said Reasons of the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Christie* and others, as follows :

Message from the Assembly, agreeing to the Address to His Excellency on the Boundary between Canada and New Brunswick.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Monday, 1st June, 1846.

Resolved, that a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, acquainting their Honors that this House hath agreed to the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Joint Address to Her Majesty respecting the Boundary Line between this Province and the Province of *New Brunswick*, in such a way as His Excellency may deem fit, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, that Mr. *Christie* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk Assy.

Ordered, that such Members of the Executive Council, who are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General, humbly to know what time His Excellency will please to appoint to be attended with the said Addresses.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* reported that he had, according to Order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General, humbly to know what time His Excellency would please to appoint to be attended with the Joint Address to Her Majesty, and the Joint Address to His Excellency, on the subject of the Boundary between this Province and the Province of *New Brunswick*, and that His Excellency had named to-morrow, at twelve o'clock (noon) for that purpose.

Time appointed for receiving the Addresses on the last mentioned subject.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed to-morrow, at twelve o'clock (noon) to be attended with the Addresses of both Houses, on the subject of the Boundary between this Province and the Province of *New Brunswick*, and that in consequence of the advanced state of the Session, the Legislative Council have ordered that such Members of the Executive Council only, do attend His Excellency at that time, on the part of this House.

And the Assembly informed thereof.

Queen's Bench powers Bill, (L. C.) brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Drummond* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to define and extend the power of the Courts of Queen's Bench in *Lower Canada*, relative to usurpations and vacancies occurring in Corporations, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Cobourg Incorporation Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Hale* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Act of Incorporation of the Town of *Cobourg*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Toronto Incorporation Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Boulton* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the City of *Toronto*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Judicature Bill, (L. C.) brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Law relative to the administration of Justice in *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Report of the Select Committee on Banque des Marchands Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *La Banque des Marchands*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow. Bill for third reading to-morrow.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing. Adjourn.

Tuesday, 2nd June, 1846. TUESDAY.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M^cGill,</i>	<i>M^cKay,</i>
<i>Morris, W.</i>	<i>Moore,</i>
<i>Joliette,</i>	<i>Dionne, J.</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Macaulay,</i>	<i>Walker,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>de Boucherville,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	<i>Neilson.</i>

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time certain Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned," was read the third time. Certain Acts continuation Bill, read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal and Lachine* Railroad Company," was read the third time. Lachine Railroad Bill, read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *La Banque des Marchands*," was read the third time. La Banque des Marchands Bill, read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, without any Amendment. And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

The

The Order for considering the Address respecting the claim of Alex. McLeod discharged, and

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to take into consideration the Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the claim of Alexander McLeod, for remuneration from Her Majesty's Government; it was,

Ordered, that the same be discharged.

Evidence relating to the same requested from the Assembly.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and request that they will communicate to this House Copies of the Minutes of Evidence, Documents, and Papers, upon which the said Address is founded.

The Order for considering the Amendments to Montreal and Kingston Railroad Bill discharged.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into consideration the Amendments reported by the Select Committee to the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Montreal and Kingston Railroad Company," it was

Ordered, that the same be discharged, and that the said Bill and Amendments be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the same presently.

House in Committee on the last mentioned Bill.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House upon the said Bill and Amendments.

After some time the House was resumed,

Amendments reported.

And the Honorable Mr. Macaulay reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several Amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow:

The Amendments.

Press 2, line 30.—After "named" insert "before proceeding to business, or, in the event of their differing as to the choice of such person to be appointed by the Judge of the District Court, for the District in which the lands are

"situate, before the others proceed to business."

Press 5, line 17.—Leave out from "and" to "therewith," in line 31, both inclusive.

"6, line 33.—Leave out "Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, or."

" " " Leave out "other."

"9, line 25.—Leave out "or Steamboat."

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House. Same agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow. The Bill (as amended) for third reading to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Reasons of the Legislative Assembly, reported by the Committee of Conference for disagreeing to the Amendments made by this House to the Bill intituled, "An Act to define the limits of Bytown, and to establish a Town Council therein." Reasons of the Assembly for disagreeing to the Amendments of the Council to Bytown Police Bill, considered.

The said Reasons were then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that this House do adhere to their Amendments made to the said Bill. The Amendments adhered to.

It was moved to resolve, as the opinion of this House, that Mr. J. Fennings Taylor, Junior, the First Office Clerk, in addition to his present Office, be appointed additional Clerk Assistant to this House, to aid and assist the Junior Clerk Assistant in executing the several duties of his Office, and to perform and execute all the said duties in the unavoidable absence of the said Junior Clerk Assistant, and that he do rank next to the Junior Clerk Assistant. Mr. J. Fennings Taylor, Jr., appointed additional Clerk Assistant.

The Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered, accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. J. Morris, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, Amendments reported by the Select Committee to

Hamilton In-
corporation
Bill.

Bill intituled, "An Act to alter and amend
"the Act Incorporating the Town of *Hamilton*,
"and to erect the same into a City,"
reported that the Committee had gone through
the said Bill, and had directed him to report
the same, with certain Amendments, which
he was ready to submit, whenever the House
would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received,

And the said Amendments were then read
by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Bill and Report be
committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill and
Report to be
Committed
presently.

Ordered, that the House be put into a
Committee upon the said Bill and Report pre-
sently.

Queen's Bench
powers Bill,
read second
time, and,

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill
intituled, "An Act to define and extend the
"power of the Courts of Queen's Bench in
"Lower Canada, relative to usurpations and
"vacancies occurring in Corporations, and for
"other purposes therein mentioned," was read
the second time.

Referred to a
Select Com-
mittee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a
Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Hon-
orable Messieurs *Bruneau*, *Ferrie*, and *Neil-
son*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Cobourg In-
corporation
Bill, read se-
cond time, and,

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill
intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the
"Act of Incorporation of the Town of *Co-
bourg*," was read the second time.

Referred to a
Select Com-
mittee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a
Select Committee of five Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Hon-
orable Messieurs *M'Gill*, *Fergusson*, *Mac-
aulay*, *Bruneau*, and *Ferrie*, to meet and ad-
journ as they please.

Judicature
Bill, read se-
cond time, and,

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill
intituled, "An Act to amend the Law relative
"to the Administration of Justice in *Lower
Canada*," was read the second time.

Referred to a
Select Com-
mittee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to
a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Hon-
orable Messieurs *Joliette*, *Macaulay*, and *Bru-
neau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill
intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of In-
"corporation of the City of *Toronto*," was
read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a
Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Hon-
orable Messieurs *M'Gill*, *Fergusson*, and
Macaulay, to meet and adjourn as they
please.

The House, according to Order, was ad-
journed during pleasure, and was put into a
Committee of the whole House upon the Bill
intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the
"Act Incorporating the Town of *Hamilton*,
"and to erect the same into a City," together
with the Report of the Select Committee
thereon.

After some time the House was resumed,
and,

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* reported
from the said Committee, that they had gone
through the said Bill, and had directed him
to report the same with certain Amendments,
which he was ready to submit, whenever the
House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received,
and,

The said Amendments were then read by
the Clerk as follow :

Press 30, line 12.—After "purposes" insert
" Provided always that the
" yearly value of any pro-
" perty for the purpose of
" makingsuchVoter'sLists
" shall be taken at
" per cent. on the absolute
" assessed value thereof on
" the Assessment Lists for
" the said year one thou-
" sand eight hundred and
" forty-six, and the said
" Voter's Lists shall in-
" clude the Proprietors or
" Tenants of property of
" the required value which
" under this Act shall be
" within the said City, al-
" though before the passing
" thereof, it was without
" the

“ the limits thereof, and
 “ such Proprietors or Te-
 “ nants shall vote at the
 “ first Election of Coun-
 “ cillors in the year one
 “ thousand eight hundred
 “ and forty-seven.”

Press 34, line 14.—After “duty” insert “And
 “ be it enacted, That the
 “ boundaries and limits of
 “ the said City of *Hamil-*
 “ *ton*, as hereinbefore as-
 “ certained and fixed, shall
 “ be those by which it
 “ shall hereafter be deem-
 “ ed to be bounded and li-
 “ mited, for the purpose of
 “ electing the Representa-
 “ tive thereof, in the Le-
 “ gislative Assembly of
 “ this Province any thing
 “ in any Act Law or Pro-
 “ clamation to the contrary
 “ notwithstanding.”

Same agreed
 to.

The said Amendments being read the se-
 cond time, and the Question of Concurrence
 put on each, they were severally agreed to by
 the House.

Bill (as
 amended)
 for third read-
 ing to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be En-
 grossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read
 the third time to-morrow.

Amendments
 reported by the
 Select Com-
 mittee to Ele-
 mentary In-
 struction Bill,
 (L. C.)

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the
 Select Committee to whom was referred the
 Bill intituled, “An Act to repeal certain
 “ Enactments therein mentioned, and to make
 “ better provision for Elementary Instruction
 “ in *Lower Canada*,” reported that the Com-
 mittee had gone through the said Bill, and
 had directed him to report the same, with
 several Amendments, which he was ready to
 submit, whenever the House would be pleased
 to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received,
 and,

The said Amendments were then read by
 the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Bill and Report be
 committed to a Committee of the whole
 House.

The Bill and
 Report to be
 Committed
 to-morrow.

Ordered, that the House be put into a
 Committee upon the said Bill and Report to-
 morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the
 Select Committee to whom was referred the
 Bill intituled, “An Act to repeal certain Laws
 “ therein mentioned, to provide for the better
 “ defence of this Province, and to regulate
 “ the Militia thereof,” reported that the Com-
 mittee had gone through the said Bill, and
 had directed him to report the same, with
 several Amendments, which he was ready to
 submit, whenever the House would be pleased
 to receive the same.

Amendments
 reported by the
 Select Com-
 mittee to
 Militia Bill.

Ordered, that the Report be now received,
 and,

The said Amendments were then read by
 the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Bill and Report be
 committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a
 Committee of the whole upon the said Bill
 and Report to-morrow.

The Bill and
 Report to be
 Committed
 to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* reported
 that he had, according to Order, waited on His
 Excellency the Governor General, on the part
 of this House, with the Address of both
 Houses of Parliament to Her Majesty, on the
 subject of the Boundary between the Provinces
 of *Canada* and *New Brunswick*, and that His
 Excellency had been pleased to say, that he
 would transmit the same to the Secretary
 of State, in order that it may be laid at the
 foot of the Throne.

Presentation
 of the Joint
 Address re-
 lating to the
 Boundary be-
 tween Canada
 and New
 Brunswick re-
 ported.

The Honorable Mr. *William Morris* ac-
 quainted the House, that he had a Message
 from His Excellency the Governor General,
 under His Sign Manual, which His Excellency
 had commanded him to deliver to this House.

Message from
 His Excel-
 lency.

CATHCART.

The Governor General informs the Honor-
 able the Legislative Council, in reply to their
 Address of the 15th ultimo, that after full con-
 sideration of the circumstances connected with
 the position of their Clerk, *James Fitz Gibbon*,
 Esquire, the Governor General does not see
 sufficient grounds for recommending to Par-
 liament to provide a retiring allowance for
 that Officer.

In reply to an
 Address of this
 House relating
 to a Pension
 being granted
 to James Fitz-
 Gibbon, Esq.

The Governor General regrets, therefore,
 that it is not in his power to adopt the course
 suggested by the Legislative Council.

Government House,
 June, 1846.

To be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Message be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Nicolet Registry Office Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Méthot and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of Nicolet, from the place where it is now kept to Bécancour," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Report of the Master in Chancery, of the delivery of the Message to the Assembly, requesting the Evidence on which the Address relative to the claim of Alex. M'Leod was founded.

John F. Taylor, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery, sent to the Legislative Assembly this day, to request that they would be pleased to communicate to this House Copies of the Minutes of Evidence, Documents, and Papers, upon which is founded the Address to Her Majesty respecting the claim of Alexander M'Leod, to indemnification by Her Majesty's Government, acquainted this House, that the Legislative Assembly return for answer that they will send an Answer by Messengers of their own.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

WEDNESDAY. **Wednesday, 3rd June, 1846.**

The Members convened were :

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

M' Gill,
Morris, W.
Joliette,
Fergusson,
Macaulay,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knoulton,

The Honorable Messieurs

Roy,
Dionne, J.
Massue,
Walker,
de Boucherville,
Morris, J.
Neilson.

PRAYERS.

Montreal and Kingston Railroad Bill, (as amended,) read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Montreal and Kingston Railroad Company," was (as amended) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Act Incorporating the Town of Hamilton, and to erect the same into a City," was (as amended) read the third time.

Hamilton Incorporation Bill, (as amended,) read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

And sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal certain enactments therein mentioned, and to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in Lower Canada," together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

House in Committee on Elementary Instruction Bill. (L. C.)

After some time the House was resumed, and,

The Honorable Mr. Ferrie reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several Amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Amendments reported.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Press 1, line 27.—After "Municipality" insert, "other than the Municipality of the Town of Three Rivers."

The Amendments.

Press 3, line 4.—Leave out "six" and insert "five."

" line 8.—Leave out from "provided" to "Election" in line 22, both inclusive.

Press 3, line 27.—Leave out "of the present Session" and insert "then in force."

Press

Press 4, line 4.—Leave out “one” and insert “two of them.”

“ line 5.—Leave out “third.”

“ line 6.—Leave out “another third” and insert “two more.”

“ line 8.—Leave out “third” and insert “one.”

“ line 21.—Leave out “six” and insert “five.”

“ line 22.—Leave out “June” and insert “July.”

“ line 26.—Leave out “four” and insert “three.”

Press 5, line 3.—Leave out “at” and insert “within.”

“ line 20.—Leave out from “(except “to successor)” in line 22, both inclusive.

Press 15, line 10.—Leave out from “or” to “distributed” in line 15, both inclusive.

“ “ “ Leave out the first marginal note.

“ line 40.—After “pay” insert “on amount of their lucrative rights.”

Press 15, line 44.—After “ground” insert “or land.”

Press 16, “ —In the marginal Note, line 2, after the word “the” insert “Secretary Treasurer of the.”

“ line 13.—Leave out “one or more” and insert “three.”

Press 17, line 32.—After “July” insert “August, September.”

“ line 35.—Leave out from “first” to “May,” in line 36, both inclusive, and insert “passing of this Act.”

“ line 36.—Leave out “July” and insert “October.”

Press 20, line 15.—Leave out from “in” to “or,” both inclusive.

“ line 16.—Leave out “at discretion.”

Press 25, line 4.—After “opinion” insert Clause A.

CLAUSE A.

“ And be it enacted, That
 “ no person shall be capable
 “ of being elected or appointed a School Commissioner, or named an Assessor, under this Act, unless he shall be seized or possessed to his own use, of real or personal Estate, or both, within this Province, of the value of two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, after payment or deduction of his just debts.”

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House. Same agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow. The Bill (as amended) for third reading to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill intituled, “An Act to repeal certain Laws therein mentioned, to provide for the better defence of this Province, and to regulate the Militia thereof,” together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon. House in Committee on Militia Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and,

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several Amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same. Amendments reported.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Press 2, line 39.—After “Officer” insert “and Adjutant.” The Amendments.

Press

Press 21, line 42.—After “Justices” insert
 “Provided always that
 “nothing in this Act con-
 “tained shall be construed
 “to authorise the quarter-
 “ing or billeting of any
 “Troops or Militia, either
 “on a March or in Can-
 “tonment, in any Convent
 “or Nunnery of any Reli-
 “gious Order of Females,
 “or to oblige any such
 “Religious Order to re-
 “ceive such Troops or
 “Militia, or to furnish
 “them with lodging or
 “House room.”

Same agreed
to.

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

A further
Amendment
moved.

It was moved, that the following Amendment be made to the Amendments :

After the last word of the second Amendment, add the following words : “And also,
 “the Clergymen or Reli-
 “gious Teachers of all
 “Denominations, and all
 “Householders, when only
 “a female is the head of
 “the family, and all Col-
 “leges and Seminaries,
 “Academies, or other Su-
 “perior Schools of Edu-
 “cation.”

Objected to.

Which being objected to,

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

Same nega-
tived.

Resolved in the negative.

Bill (as
amended) for
third reading
to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow.

A Committee
appointed to
prepare Rea-
sons for ad-
hering to the
Amendments
to Bytown Po-
lice Bill.

Ordered, that a Committee of five Members be appointed to prepare Reasons to be offered to the Legislative Assembly, at another Conference, for this House insisting on their Amendments to the Bill intituled, “An Act
 “to define the limits of *Bytown*, and to esta-
 “blish a Town Council therein.”

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Joliette, Fergusson, Macaulay, de Boucherville*, and *James Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *William Morris* acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under His Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read as follows :

CATHCART.

The Governor General recommends to the Honorable the Legislative Council, the accompanying Supplementary Estimate of Sums required for the Service of the present year.

Message from
His Excel-
lency.

Transmitting a
Supplemen-
tary Estimate
of Sums re-
quired for the
Service of the
present year.

Government House,

June, 1846.

(For Estimate, vide Appendix No. 17.)

The same was then again read by the Clerk.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Message of His Excellency the Governor General of yesterday, in answer to the Address of this House on the subject of a Pension being granted to *James Fitz Gibbon*, Esquire, the Clerk of this House.

His Excel-
lency's An-
swer to the
Address re-
lating to J.
Fitz Gibbon,
Esq., con-
sidered.

Whereupon,

It was moved to resolve, that this House has given the most respectful consideration to His Excellency's Message received yesterday, in answer to the humble Address of this House of the 15th May last, recommending a retiring allowance of three hundred pounds per annum to *James Fitz Gibbon*, Esquire, Clerk of this House.

Certain Reso-
lutions thereon
adopted.

The Question of Concurrence being put on the said motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

It was moved to resolve, that this House, while it acknowledges the Constitutional Prerogative of the Crown to appoint the Clerk of this House, humbly conceives that it is the proper and the only Judge of the manner in which he executes his Office.

The Question of Concurrence being put on the said motion,

It

It was resolved in the affirmative.

It was moved to resolve, that the said *James Fitz Gibbon* is at present absent from this House without leave, and during the last four years has altogether ceased to perform the duties of Clerk of this House, and virtually transformed the Office into a sinecure, receiving the full amount of his Salary, without rendering therefor any service to this House, and entailing unnecessary expenses on the Country, which the recommendation of this House, if complied with, would reduce.

The Question of Concurrence being put on the said motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

It was moved to resolve, that this House has, by its humble Address, been fully disposed to consider favorably the position and former services of the said *James Fitz Gibbon*, and sincerely participate in the regret expressed by the Governor General, that it is not in His power to adopt the course suggested by the Legislative Council, so that while full justice is done to its retiring Officer, the House may be enabled to avail itself of the services of an effective Clerk, qualified by the experience of more than a quarter of a Century, and personally performing the duties of his Office.

The Question of Concurrence being put on the said motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

It was moved to resolve, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, in the following words.

To His Excellency Lieutenant General the Right Honorable CHARLES MURRAY, EARL CATHCART, of Cathcart, in the County of Renfrew, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, 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, and Commander of Her Majesty's Forces in British North America, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, respectfully approach Your Excellency for the purpose of representing,

That we have given our best consideration to Your Excellency's Message received yesterday, in answer to our humble Address of the 15th May last, recommending a retiring allowance of three hundred pounds per annum to *James Fitz Gibbon*, Esquire, the Clerk of this House.

That while we acknowledge that it is the constitutional prerogative of the Crown to appoint the Clerk of this House, we nevertheless humbly conceive that this House is the proper and the only Judge of the manner in which he executes his office.

We beg permission to inform Your Excellency, that the said *James Fitz Gibbon*, Esquire, is at present absent from this House without leave, and also that during the last four years he has altogether ceased to perform the duties of Clerk of this House, and has virtually transformed the Office into a sinecure, receiving the full amount of his salary without rendering therefor any service to this House, and entailing unnecessary expenses on the Country, which the recommendation of this House, if complied with, would reduce.

We again beg leave to refer Your Excellency to our humble Address, as an evidence of our disposition to consider favorably the position and former services of the said *James Fitz Gibbon*, Esquire. And we sincerely participate in the regret expressed by Your Excellency, that it is not in Your Excellency's power to adopt the course suggested by this House, so that while full justice is done to its retiring Officer, this House may be enabled to avail itself of the services of an effective Clerk, qualified by the experience of more than a quarter of a Century, and personally performing the duties of his Office.

Which Address being again read by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the said Address be Engrossed.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the Honorable the Speaker do sign the said Address, on behalf of this House.

Ordered, that the Honorable the Speaker do wait on His Excellency the Governor General, with the said Address.

Nicolet Registry Office Bill, read second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of Nicolet, from the place where it is now kept to Bécancour," was read the second time.

Third reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Amendments reported by the Select Committee to Notarial Profession Bill.

The Honorable Mr. Bruneau, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better regulating of the Notarial Profession in Lower Canada," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several Amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk.

To be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Law Courts Accommodation Bill, (U. C.) brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Draper and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the accommodation of the Courts of Superior Jurisdiction in Upper Canada," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Message from the Assembly,

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Dickson and others, as follows :

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Wednesday, 3rd June, 1846.

Communicating the Evidence on which was founded

Resolved, that a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, communicating to their Honors Copies of the Minutes

of Evidence, Documents, and Papers, upon which is founded the Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the claim of Alexander M'Leod for remuneration from Her Majesty's Government.

the Address relative to the claim of Alex. M'Leod.

Ordered, that Mr. Dickson do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk Assy.

Ordered, that the Address to Her Majesty, and the Evidence, Documents, and Papers, received this day by Message from the Legislative Assembly, be referred to a Select Committee of two Members.

The Address and Evidence referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Fergusson and Macaulay, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Smith and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to continue and amend the Bankrupt Laws now in force in this Province," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Bankrupt Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Cayley and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act for defraying the expenses of the Administration of Justice in Criminal matters, in that part of the Province formerly Upper Canada," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Judicature Expenses Bill, (U. C.) brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. Chauveau and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend a certain Act intituled, 'An Act to amend a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the Turnpike Roads near Quebec,'" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Quebec Turnpike-Roads Bill, brought up.

The

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Jesuit Estates Bill. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cayley* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act for the appropriation of the Revenues arising from the Jesuit Estates, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six ;

Smuggling Bill, and Also, a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the further prevention of Smuggling ; and

Gulf of St. Lawrence Bill, brought up. Also, a Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the appropriation of nineteen thousand pounds to the improvement of the Gulf St. Lawrence," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were severally read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bills be severally read the second time to-morrow.

Etoibicoke Road Bill, brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Boulton* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Etoibicoke* and *Mono* Sixth Line Road Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Motion for dispensing with the Fifty-eighth Rule. *It was moved*, that the fifty-eighth Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it regards this Bill, and that the same be now read for the first time.

Which being objected to,

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

Same negatived. *Resolved* in the negative.

The Select Committee on Judicature Bill, (L. C.) empowered to send for persons and papers. *Ordered*, that the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Law relative to the Administration of Justice in *Lower Canada*," have power to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

Adjourn. The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

Thursday, 4th June, 1846. THURSDAY.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M. Gill,</i>	<i>Roy,</i>
<i>Morris, W.</i>	<i>Dionne, J.</i>
<i>Joliette,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Walker,</i>
<i>Macaulay,</i>	<i>de Boucherville,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Neilson.</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Laws therein mentioned, to provide for the better defence of this Province, and to regulate the Militia thereof," (was as amended) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Dissentient.

Because, the Bill does not continue the exemption from having Troops billeted on various descriptions of Persons, as provided in the Ordinance of the Legislative Council, of the Province of *Quebec*, in 1787, and has generally been continued in *Lower Canada*, particularly in favor of Institutions, of Education, the Clergy, Professional Men, and Public Functionaries, having necessary public duties to perform, which render them unable to attend to the care and management of their dwellings, in which Troops are quartered.

Protest of the Hon. Messrs. Neilson and Massue thereon.

Because, the power of billeting confided to a Justice of the Peace of the locality, without such exemptions, may be exercised indiscreetly, and without sufficient responsibility.

J. NEILSON,
L. MASSUE.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Enactments therein mentioned, and to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*," was (as amended) read the third time.

Elementary Instruction Bill, (L. C.) (as amended,) read third time.

The

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Dissentient.

Protest of the Hon. Mr. Neilson thereon.

Because, the said Bill is a substitute for the Act passed for the same purposes at the last Session of the Legislature, which Act was to remain in force for two years, and from thence, to the close of the then ensuing Session.

Because, the said Bill authorises the same unconstitutional principle of taxing the people, by persons appointed by the Executive, and continues the same complicated management, the expenses of which will be equal to the encouragement given out of the Public Money for a hundred Schools, and the Education of at least of four thousand children.

Because, the introduction of the unconstitutional principle of taxing the people by persons named by the Executive, without responsibility to the Tax payers, or the equally unconstitutional delegation of the same power to Executive authority, is of dangerous precedent, and being exercised under the pretext of its necessity for promoting Education in *Lower Canada*, is an injurious imputation on the Inhabitants of *Lower Canada*, unsupported by facts, and which it has not been thought necessary to resort to in the *Upper Canada* School Act.

Because, so far from the Inhabitants of *Lower Canada* being averse to Education, as is presumed by the said enactment, their Representatives contended unsuccessfully for the encouragement of Schools, under the control of the inhabitants, for thirty-six years, which Schools, when they were authorised and facilitated by an Act of the Legislature, in five years contained forty thousand children, at an expense to the Public Revenue of about twenty-five thousand pounds a year, the residue of the expenses being furnished by the Inhabitants and the Parents of the children.

Because, this Bill, the third attempt to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*, since the Reunion of the Provinces, by persevering in unconstitutional provisions, and virtually taking the management of the Schools out of the hands of the Parents of the children, and introducing complicated forms and provisions difficult to be observed, tends to create diffi-

culties, and discourage rather than promote the general Education of the people.

J. NEILSON.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence. Assembly requested to concur in the Amendments to the two last mentioned Bills.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *Nicolet*, from the place where it is now held to *Bécancour*," was read the third time. Nicolet Registry Office Bill, read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any Amendment. And the Assembly acquiesced thereof.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments reported by the Select Committee to the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better regulating of the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*." Amendments to Notarial Profession Bill considered.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

- Press 2, line 1.—After "Secretary" insert "Treasurer." The Amendments.
- " " 6.—Leave out "thirdly, a Treasurer who."
- " " 10.—Leave out "fourthly" and insert "thirdly."
- Press 3, line 33.—After "Secretary" insert "Treasurer."
- " 4, " 2.—Leave out "or Advocate."
- " " 5.—After "Secretary" insert "Treasurer."
- " 6, line 13.—Leave out "Secretary" "Syndic nor Treasurer" and insert "Secretary, Treasurer or Syndic."

Press

Press 6, line 33.—Leave out “Treasurer”
and insert “Secretary-
“Treasurer.”

“ 7, “ 34.—After “Secretary” insert
“Treasurer.”

“ “ 35.—After “Secretary” insert
“Treasurer.”

“ “ 41.—After “Secretary” insert
“Treasurer.”

“ “ 47.—After “Secretary” insert
“Treasurer.”

Press 8, line 44.—After “ability” insert and
“have made proof of hav-
“ing pursued for five years,
“a regular course of study
“in some one or more of
“the Seminaries or Col-
“leges, named in the four-
“teenth section of this
“Act, or of otherwise
“having received a regu-
“lar Classical Education,
“comprising at least a
“competent knowledge of
“the Latin language.”

“ “ 45.—After “articles” insert
“and an authentic copy
“of such articles, as well
“as of every assignment
“thereof, shall be filed in
“the Office of the Secre-
“tary-Treasurer of such
“Board, within eight days
“from the date thereof,
“on pain of nullity: Pro-
“vided always that nothing
“herein contained shall ex-
“tend or be construed to
“extend to any Student,
“whose Articles shall have
“been executed before the
“passing of this Act, or
“to affect the right of any
“such Student to obtain
“his admission as a No-
“tary at the expiration of
“the term of such articles,
“subject to the require-
“ments of the Laws in
“force at the time such
“articles were executed,
“save and except that

“every such Student shall
“cause an authentic copy
“of his articles to be
“filed in the Office of the
“Secretary Treasurer of
“the Board of Notaries,
“within whose jurisdiction
“his Patron resides, with-
“in thirty days after the
“establishment of such
“Board.”

Press 9, line 17.—After “currency” insert
Clause A.

CLAUSE A.

“And be it enacted, That
“from and after the first
“day of January next, it
“shall be the duty of each
“and every Notary in *Lower*
“*Canada*, to number con-
“secutively all Deeds, Con-
“tracts, or Instruments,
“which may be executed
“before him, and remain of
“record in his Office, (*étude*,)
“and to note the number of
“each and every such Deed,
“Contract, or Instrument,
“in the margin of his reper-
“tory, opposite to the entry
“of such Deed, Contract, or
“Instrument, as well as in
“every copy thereof.”

Press 9, line 19.—After “therein” insert
“the number thereof,
“and.”

Press 11, line 13.—After “Secretary” insert
“Treasurer.”

“ “ 17.—After “Secretary” insert
“Treasurer.”

“ “ 30.—After “Secretary” insert
“Treasurer.”

Press 12, line 1.—After “*Canada*” insert
“and that, moreover, the
“profession of Notary shall
“be incompatible with the
“Office of Registrar of
“any Registry Office, and
“with the exercise of any
“other calling or profes-
“sion.”

Press

Press 12, line 3.—After “Bench” insert
“or that of Registrar.”

“ “ 9.—After “Bench” insert
“or that of Registrar.”

“ “ 13.—After “Bench” insert “or
“that of Registrar.”

“ “ 18.—After “Bench” insert “or
“that of Registrar.”

“ “ 21.—After “offence” insert
“and it shall be lawful
“for any of the said Boards
“of Notaries to suspend
“for a time, or to dismiss
“from office, any Notary
“within its jurisdiction,
“who shall be lawfully
“convicted of having ex-
“ercised, at one and the
“same time, the profes-
“sion of a Notary, and
“any other calling or pro-
“fession, provided always,
“that no Registrar now
“appointed shall be af-
“fected by the provisions
“of this Act.”

“ “ 27.—After “accordingly” in-
sert “Clause B.”

CLAUSE B.

“And be it enacted, that
“any person assaulting or
“otherwise obstructing a No-
“tary in the due execution
“of his duty as such, shall be
“guilty of a misdemeanour,
“and may on conviction there-
“of, be sentenced to the same
“punishment as if he or she
“had been convicted of an
“assault upon a Peace Offi-
“cer or Revenue Officer, in
“the execution of his duty.”

Press 12, line 35.—Leave out “or less.”

“ “ 44.—Leave out “Treasurer”
“and insert “Secretary-
“Treasurer.”

Press 13, line 33.—In the Schedule. After
“Secretary” insert “Trea-
“surer.”

The said Amendments being read the se- Same agreed to.
cond time, and the Question of Concurrence
put on each, they were severally agreed to by
the House.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be En- Bill for third reading to-morrow.
grossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read
the third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill Law Courts Accommodation Bill, (U. C.) read second time.
intituled, “An Act to provide for the accom-
“modation of the Courts of Superior Juris-
“diction in *Upper Canada*,” was read the
second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the Third reading to-morrow.
third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill Bankrupt Bill, read second time, and,
intituled, “An Act to continue and amend the
“Bankrupt Laws now in force in this Pro-
“vince,” was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Referred to a Select Committee.
Select Committee of seven Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Hon-
orable Messieurs *M’Gill, Macaulay, Bru-
neau, Ferrie, Massue, Walker, and James
Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The House was adjourned during pleasure. Adjournment during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed. House resumes.

The Honorable Mr. *James Morris* presented Petition from the Niagara District Council, presented.
a Petition from the *Niagara District Council*,
praying that the Petition of *Gilbert M’Mick-
ing*, Esquire, for remuneration on account of
losses sustained by him, may be favorably en-
tertained.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read, for read- Motion for reading Judiciary Expenses Bill, (U. C.) the second time.
ing a second time the Bill intituled, “An Act
“for defraying the expenses of the Adminis-
“tration of Justice in Criminal Matters, in
“that part of this Province formerly *Upper
“Canada*,”

It was moved, that the said Bill be now
read the second time,

Which being objected to, Objected to.

After debate,

The Question of Concurrence was put Question put and carried.
thereon, and the same was

Resolved

Resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read second time. The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

Protest of the Hon. Messrs. de Boucherville and Massue thereon. Dissident.

PIERRE DE BOUCHERVILLE,
L. MASSUE.

Third reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Quebec Turnpike Road Bill, read second time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend a certain Act intituled, 'An Act to amend a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the Turnpike Roads near Quebec,'" was read the second time.

Third reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Motion for reading Jesuits Estates Bill the second time. The Order of the Day being read for reading a second time the Bill intituled, "An Act for the further appropriation of the Revenues arising from the Jesuits Estates, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six."

It was moved that the said Bill be now read the second time.

Objected to. Which being objected to, After debate,

Question put and carried. The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

Resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read second time. The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

Third reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Smuggling prevention Bill, read second time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for the further prevention of Smuggling," was read the second time.

Third reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Gulf of St. Lawrence Bill, read second time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the appropriation of nineteen thousand pounds to the improvement of the Gulf of St. Lawrence," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow. Third reading to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Macaulay, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare Reasons to be offered to the Legislative Assembly at another Conference, for the Legislative Council insisting upon the Amendments made by their Honors to the Bill intituled, "An Act to define the limits of Bytown, and to establish a Town Council therein," to which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed, reported that the Committee had, agreeably to the instructions of the House, prepared the following as Reasons, which appeared to them to be proper to be offered to the Legislative Assembly, at a Conference for insisting on the Amendments made by this House to the said Bill, to which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed, if the House shall think fit to adopt the same.

Reasons reported by the Select Committee to be offered at a further Conference on the Amendments to Bytown Police Bill.

1st. *Because*, the third Monday (being the fifteenth day) of this instant month of June, would be too early a day to fix for the first Election of Members for the Town Council of Bytown, particularly inasmuch as the Bill provides for public notice of the place of Election, being given at least six days previous to the Election, and because the said first Election, if not held on the day appointed by the Bill, could not be held on any other day, the thirty-sixth section of the Bill appearing by its context to relate only to subsequent Elections, although not so expressed.

2d. *Because*, it cannot be supposed that Her Majesty's Government holds landed property, for purposes of speculation, the presumption being on the contrary that all property belonging to the Crown, is held for the interest of the community at large, and it ought therefore to be wholly exempt from Taxation.

3d. *Because*, the Legislative Council deem it but due to the memory of the gallant and meritorious Officer, to whose zeal, energy, and ability, this Province is mainly indebted for the successful completion of the Rideau Canal, that the name of Bytown should be preserved from change; and because the Legislative Assembly has not given any reason for disagreeing to the Amendment dictated by that feeling.

4th. *Because*, the Streets in question having been laid upon ground appropriated for that purpose by Her Majesty's Government, it is proper that the same should not be incumbered without the consent of Her Majesty's Government, and a power to give or withhold such consent is therefore given by the Amendments which the Legislative Council feels confident will not be abused.

5th. *Because*, the terms in which the penultimate clause of the Bill was worded, are held by the Legislative Council to be in many respects liable to objection.

6th. *Because*, the Clause which the Legislative Council proposed to add at the end of the Bill, is in strict conformity with an article of the Royal Instructions to the Governors of this Province, relating to the enactment of Laws by the Parliament of this Province.

Same agreed to, and,

Which Report being read by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House.

A Conference with the Assembly desired on the said Amendments.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, to desire a Conference with that House in the Committee Room of the Legislative Council, to-morrow at 5 o'clock P. M., upon the subject matter of the said Amendments.

Amendments reported by the Select Committee to Toronto Incorporation Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the City of *Toronto*," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several Amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The Amendments.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Press 2, line 13.—After "Annum" leave out from "to" to "City" in line 14, both inclusive.

Press 7, line 39.—Leave out "acting" and "insert "ruling."

Press 12, line 5.—After "and" where it occurs for the first time, insert "in."

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House. Same agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow. Bill (as amended) for third reading to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to alter and amend "the Act of Incorporation of the Town of "Cobourg," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House with several Amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive them. Amendments reported by the Select Committee to Cobourg Incorporation Bill.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Press 8, line 9.—Leave out "June" and insert "July." The Amendments.

" " 22.—Leave out "June" and insert "July."

Press 13, line 19.—After "for" insert "any "one of."

" " 35.—After "assessed" insert "shall and."

Press 14, line 14.—Leave out "July" and insert "August."

Press 15, line 23.—After "Town" insert "in."

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House. Same agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow. Bill (as amended) for third reading to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session, and to whom was also referred the Petition of *Elizabeth Armour*, widow of the late *Robert Armour, Junior*, Second Report of the Select Committee on the Contingent Accounts.

Junior, Esquire, in his life time Law Clerk of this House, presented their second Report.

Ordered, that it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows :

Your Committee recommend that a gratuity of one hundred pounds currency be presented to Mrs. *Armour*, payable out of the Contingent fund of this House.

That the Sum of fifty pounds be paid to *John F. Taylor*, the elder, one of the Assistant Clerks of this House, in full of his claim for expenses in removing to *Montreal*.

That the Sum of twenty-six pounds six shillings be paid to *J. Fennings Taylor*, the younger, the first Office Clerk of this House, in full of his claim for expenses in removing to *Montreal*.

And that there be allowed and paid to *Thomas Brooke*, the Door-keeper of this House, the sum of five pounds, his name having been omitted in the Resolution in favor of the Messengers on the twenty-eighth day of March 1845.

Your Committee, while they cannot sanction any further increase in the salaries of the Officers of this House, deem it their duty to recommend that authority be given to Mr. *de Léry*, the Acting Clerk of this House, to continue to pay quarterly to the different Officers such Sums as may be necessary to complete the amounts at which their salaries were permanently established by the Resolutions adopted on the 29th March 1845.

The attention of Your Committee having been drawn to the heavy charge for postage during the last Recess, they recommend that, in order to prevent a recurrence of this evil, Mr. *Charles de Léry*, the Acting Clerk of this House, be desired to address a letter to the Post-Master, in the City of *Montreal*, instructing him not to charge to the account of this House during future Recesses the postages on any letters, other than those addressed to the Acting Clerk of this House, who alone is authorised to frank the letters sent from the House on its business : And that an instruction be given at the same time to Mr. *de Léry*, the Acting Clerk, to frank no letters, but those on the business of the House, and that it be intimated to him that he will

be required in future to produce the Correspondence causing the charges for postage.

It appears to Your Committee to be necessary also to resolve, that in future no work or repairs shall be done, or articles of any kind be purchased, for the use of this House, without an order in writing from Mr. *de Léry*.

Your Committee have also to report that they have, in conformity with the practice adopted at the last Session, caused an order to be forwarded to *London* direct, for stationery for the use of this House, by which course they have reason to hope a considerable saving will be effected.

It was moved, that the said Report be now referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Motion for referring the same instant to a Committee of the whole. Objected to

Which being objected to,

After a short debate,

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

Question put and negatived.

Resolved in the negative.

Ordered, that the said Report be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

To be considered to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws relative to District Councils in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

District Councils Bill, (U. C.) brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of *Lower Canada*, therein mentioned, extending certain privileges to persons of the Jewish persuasion," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Jews Relief Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Attorney

Lunatic Asylum Bill, brought up.

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ney General *Draper* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the issue of "Debentures for the erection of a Lunatic "Asylum at *Toronto*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Board of Works Bill, brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Cayley*, with a Bill intituled, "An "Act to amend the Law constituting the "Board of Works," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Quebec Debentures Bill, brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Taschereau* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act for enabling "Her Majesty to direct the issue of Debentures to a limited amount, and for giving "relief to the City of *Quebec*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Dorchester Registry Office Bill, brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Taschereau* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to establish a "separate Registry Office in the lower part "of the County of *Dorchester*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Amendments to Hamilton Incorporation Bill amended by the Assembly. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Smith*, (of *Wentworth*,) and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An "Act to alter and amend the Act Incorporating the Town of *Hamilton*, and to erect "the same into a City," and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, with an Amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Amendment of the Legislative Assembly was then read by the Clerk as follows: Amendment to the Amendments read.

Amendment made by the Legislative Assembly to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill sent up from the Legislative Assembly, intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Act Incorporating the Town of *Hamilton*, and to erect the same into a City." The Amendment of the Assembly.

Fill up the blank in the first Amendment with the word "ten."

Engrossed Amendment.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk Assj.

The said Amendment being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House. Same agreed to.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council agree to their Amendment, made to the Amendments of this House, to the said Bill without any Amendment. And that House acquainted thereof.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *McDonald*, (of *Kingston*,) and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal* and "Kingston Railroad Company," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment. Amendments to Kingston Railroad Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* and others, as follows: Message from the Assembly, transmitting an Address to Her Majesty for concurrence, on the subject of the transmission of the Mails to and from Great Britain, and relating to Postage.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Thursday, 4th June, 1846.

Resolved, that a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, informing their Honors that this House has adopted an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the transmission of the Mails to and from *Great Britain*, and also praying for a reduction of the rates of Postage, and requesting the concurrence of their Honors thereto.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. Robinson do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk Assy.

The said Address to Her Majesty was then read by the Clerk as follows :

The Address. To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, sensible of the desire of Your Majesty at all times to listen favourably to every suggestion, which may have for its object the convenience and welfare of Your Subjects, in every portion of Your Majesty's widely extended Dominions, beg leave to represent to Your Majesty, that while we thankfully acknowledge the great benefit that has been conferred on the Inhabitants of the *North American Colonies*, by the establishment of a regular conveyance by Steam, of the Mails between *Great Britain* and *America*, we would respectfully call the attention of Your Majesty's Imperial Government to the necessity of providing for their more frequent transmission during the winter months.

We need scarcely remind Your Majesty, that mainly depending as the Inhabitants of these Colonies do, on the intercourse with the Mother Country, for their social happiness and commercial and agricultural prosperity, it is an object of the greatest importance to them, that every facility should be afforded to it; and that between the first of December and first of April, when but one mail per month is despatched to and from the two Countries, the necessity for a more frequent communication is particularly felt. It is during that period all the surplus produce of the Country is purchased and prepared for the British Markets, and the prices here of our staple commodities being regulated entirely by those in *Britain*, both buyer and seller require the earliest notice of any change that may take place in the Markets of *Europe*, to prevent in many cases serious losses to the one or to the other.

We would also urge, as a further reason for the favourable consideration of our request,

The Address. the fact, that during the winter both Your Majesty's Imperial Parliament and Colonial Legislatures, are generally in Session, and that it is highly desirable in many instances, that more frequent intercourse should take place between them, than once a month.

Taking these circumstances into consideration, and many others which, if necessary, might be mentioned, we humbly hope Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to cause the necessary measures to be adopted for insuring to Your Loyal Subjects in these Provinces, the transmission of the Mails at least twice a month during the whole year.

Intimately connected with the foregoing, is the excessive high rates of Postage which Your Majesty's Colonial Subjects are compelled to pay by the Imperial Government, without any reference to the Local Legislature, and they deem it imperative on them to beseech Your Majesty, promptly to take the same into Your gracious consideration.

We feel assured that Your Majesty will at once admit the hardship of British Subjects in one portion of the Empire, being compelled to pay extravagantly for that, which by others is enjoyed at a merely nominal charge; while in *Britain* a letter may be sent to any portion of that country for one penny, the inhabitants of *Canada* are forced to pay, from four-pence half-penny to one shilling and four-pence Provincial Currency, for a single letter within the limits of the Province, although, at the same time, they can send a letter from any part of *Canada* to *Britain*, by Your Majesty's Royal Mail Steamers, for the last mentioned sum.

The Government of the *United States*, anxious to relieve their Citizens from so vexatious a burthen, have, within the last year, reduced the rates of Postage in that Country, from a standard similar to that still imposed upon us, to the more moderate charge of 2½d sterling on a single letter, for a distance of 300 miles, and five pence for any distance beyond that. And we can assure Your Majesty, that so great a boon enjoyed by a people living in their immediate vicinity, causes the Inhabitants of *Canada* to desire, with increased earnestness, the favorable consideration of Your Majesty's Government, on a question of so much importance to them.

We therefore humbly pray, that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased, to direct that

The Address. a reduction in our rates of Postage may take place without delay; and if not to the extent enjoyed in the Mother Country, at least not exceeding the charge now made in the *United States*.

We state with confidence that the high rates of Postage, now exacted, is a serious charge on the social and commercial intercourse of the Colonies, and that in order to evade it, much of the correspondence is conveyed by private individuals, to the serious loss of the Revenue.

We are prepared to hear it objected, that the reduction asked for will cause such diminution in the Revenue of the Post Office, as might seriously impair the efficiency of that Department. But when it is considered, that large sums are now annually paid for postage on account of the Public Service, we respectfully submit to Your Majesty, that both the Imperial and Colonial Governments might, with justice, be called upon to pay their fair proportion of any deficit that may be caused by a reduced rate, believing that the Revenue, from the great increase in the number of letters sent by Mail, will, in a short time, be found sufficient to meet the expenses of the Department.

We would also suggest, the propriety of relieving the Press from charges which now bear heavily upon it, by allowing exchange Newspapers to be sent by Mail, free of Postage, and remittances to Editors, in payment of their papers, to be transmitted by Post-Masters without charge, as is the case in the *United States*.

We take this occasion to renew to Your Majesty the assurance of our sincere attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Government.

ALLAN N. MACNAB,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly,
Thursday, 4th June, 1846.

Same agreed to.

It was moved, to agree with the Legislative Assembly in the said Address, by filling up the blank with "Legislative Council and the."

The Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Address on behalf of this House.

Ordered, that a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly, to acquaint them that this House hath agreed to the said Address, by filling up the blank with "Legislative Council and the." And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Ordered, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General in the following words. An Address to His Excellency, to transmit the same, ordered.

To His Excellency Lieutenant General the Right Honorable CHARLES MURRAY, EARL CATHCART, of Cathcart, in the County of Renfrew, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, 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, and Commander of Her Majesty's Forces in British North America, &c. &c. &c. The Address.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council

of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request, that you will be pleased to transmit our Joint Address on the subject of the transmission of the Mails, to and from *Great Britain*, and praying for a reduction of the rates of Postage, in such a way as Your Excellency may deem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Address, on the part of this House.

Ordered, that the last mentioned Address be sent to the Legislative Assembly for their concurrence. Same sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

It was moved to resolve, that the state of the business now before this House will enable the Legislative Council to consider the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Etobicoke* and *Mono Sixth Line Road Company*," and therefore it is proper to suspend the fifty-eighth Rule as far as relates to the same. Motion for suspending the Fifty-eighth Rule, as respects Etobicoke Road Bill.

Which

Objected to. Which being objected to,
After debate,
The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and

Question put, and carried by the Speaker's casting vote. The House being equally divided, the Honorable the Speaker gave his casting vote in favour of the said Motion.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read for the first time.

Bill read first time. The said Bill was then read the first time accordingly.

Second reading to-morrow. Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Adjourn. The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing.

FRIDAY. Friday, 5th June, 1846.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M^cGill,</i>	<i>Roy,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Macaulay,</i>	<i>Walker,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>de Boucherville,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	<i>Neilson.</i>

PRAYERS.

Answer of His Excellency to the second Address on the subject of a Pension to J. FitzGibbon, Esq., reported. The Honorable the Speaker reported that he had, according to Order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General with the Address of this House of Tuesday last, on the subject of a Pension being granted to *James FitzGibbon*, Esquire, the Clerk of this House, to which His Excellency had been pleased to make the following answer.

The Address. HONORABLE GENTLEMEN
OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

In reply to Your Address, of the third instant, I beg to assure you, that it conveys to me the first Official notification I have received, that the Clerk to Your Honorable House is at present absent from the discharge of his duties without leave.

It is my anxious desire, that every Officer employed under the Government, should at all times perform his duties with attention and fidelity, and in a situation of so much importance, as that of Clerk to the Legislative Council, I shall at all times be ready, to take every step necessary to secure an efficient performance of the functions of that Office, and as far as can consistently be done, in accordance with any expressed wish of Your Honorable House.

Nothing can be further from my intentions than to permit such an Office to become a sinecure, and thereby to entail unnecessary expense upon the Country; but I was not led to suppose this to be the case in the present instance, inasmuch as during part of the time referred to in Your Address, I find that Mr. *FitzGibbon* has received an allowance for services beyond his salary, and has, as I am informed, applied for remuneration for similar services rendered during the residue of that period.

I shall take immediate steps to secure the due performance of the duties of Clerk to Your Honorable House, and do not doubt that I shall be enabled to ensure their discharge in a manner beneficial to the Public Service, and I firmly hope equally satisfactory to you.

Ordered, that the said Answer be considered to-morrow. To be considered to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to continue and amend the Bankrupt Laws now in force in this Province," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment. Report of the Select Committee on Bankrupt Bill.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read the third time.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly. Bill read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any Amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on Queen's Bench powers Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to define and extend the powers of the Courts of Queen's Bench in *Lower Canada*, relative to usurpations and vacancies occurring in Corporations, and for other purposes therein mentioned," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report :

That having taken into their consideration the great importance of the various subjects to which the Bill relates, the novelty of its provisions on many of those subjects, and the extent of the powers proposed to be given to Judges of the Superior Courts in *Lower Canada*, in vacation as well as in term, in relation thereto, the Committee see no prospect of being able to come to a satisfactory conclusion with respect to the Bill, at this advanced period of the Session.

They would therefore recommend, that it be no further proceeded with, but that, with a view to future deliberate legislation on the subject, and the mature consideration of the proposed enactments in the mean while by the public generally, one hundred Copies of the Bill be printed at the expense of this House, and distributed under the direction of the Honorable the Speaker.

Report adopted.

Ordered, that the said Report be adopted.

Notarial Profession Bill, (as amended.) read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better regulating of the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*," was (as amended) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Law Courts Accommodation Bill, (U. C.) read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the accommodation of the Courts of Superior Jurisdiction in *Upper Canada*," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for defraying the expenses of the Administration of Justice in Criminal matters, in that part of the Province formerly *Upper Canada*," was read the third time.

Judicature Expenses Bill, (U. C.) read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend a certain Act intituled, 'An Act to amend a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the Turnpike Roads near *Quebec*,'" was read the third time.

Quebec Turnpike Roads Bill, read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for the appropriation of the Revenues arising from the Jesuit Estates, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six," was read the third time.

Jesuits Estates Bill, read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Dissentient.

Because, the Property of the late Order of Jesuits being held in trust by Her Majesty's Government, the Legislature has no right to dispose of it, otherwise than according to its original destination.

Protest of the Hon. Messrs. Bruneau and Massie thereon.

Because, the Property of the late Order of Jesuits, belonging exclusively to Roman Catholics, given for Roman Catholic purposes, cannot be applied to the support of Protestant Schools, without violating all the rules of justice, by diverting a part of this property to objects diametrically opposed to the views and intentions of the donors.

Because, this Bill is impolitic, and will have pernicious effects, by shaking the confidence of Her Majesty's Subjects in a Legislature

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ture which thus appears not to consider itself bound to respect vested rights and interests.

FRS. P. BRUNEAU,
L. MASSUE.

Smuggling prevention Bill read third time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for the further prevention of Smuggling," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed. *It was resolved* in the affirmative.

Gulf of St. Lawrence Bill read third time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the appropriation of nineteen thousand pounds to the improvement of the Gulf of St. Lawrence," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed. *It was resolved* in the affirmative.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof. *Ordered*, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, without any Amendment.

Toronto Incorporation Bill (as amended) read third time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the City of Toronto," was (as amended) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed. *It was resolved* in the affirmative.

Cobourg Incorporation Bill (as amended) read third time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Act of Incorporation of the Town of Cobourg," was (as amended) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed. *It was resolved* in the affirmative.

And sent to the Assembly for concurrence. *Ordered*, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Second Report of the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House, for the present Session. Second Report on the Contingent Accounts considered.

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Report be adopted. Same adopted.

It was moved to resolve, that a gratuity of one hundred pounds currency, be presented to Mrs. Armour, widow of the late Robert Armour, Junior, Esquire, in his life time Law Clerk of this House. Resolution for granting £100 to Mrs. Armour, moved.

The Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative. Same agreed to.

It was moved to resolve, that the Sum of fifty pounds be paid to John F. Taylor, Esquire, Senior, one of the Clerks Assistant of this House, in full of his claim for expenses in removing to Montreal. Resolution for paying J. F. Taylor, senior, Esquire, £50, moved.

The Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative. Same agreed to.

It was moved to resolve, that the sum of twenty-six pounds six shillings be paid to Mr. J. Fennings Taylor, Junior, First Office Clerk, and additional Clerk Assistant to this House, in full of his claim for expenses in removing to Montreal. Resolution for paying £26 6s. to J. Fennings Taylor, Jr. moved.

The Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative. Same agreed to.

It was moved to resolve, that the sum of five pounds be paid to Thomas Brooke, the Door-keeper of this House, his name having been omitted in the Resolution in favour of the Messengers of the 28th March, 1845. Resolution for paying £5, to T. Brooke, moved.

The Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative. Same agreed to.

It was moved to resolve, that Charles de Léry, Esquire, the first Assistant Clerk, acting as Clerk of this House, be authorised to pay quarterly out of the Contingent funds of this House, to the different Officers thereof, such A Resolution moved for authorizing C. De Léry, Esq. to pay certain Salaries established by the House on March, 1845.

such Sums as may be necessary to complete the amounts at which their Salaries were permanently established, by the Resolutions adopted on the 28th March, 1845, such Sums to be computed from the date to which the last payments refer.

The Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Same agreed to.

Resolved in the affirmative.

District Councils Bill, read second time, and.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws relative to District Councils in *Upper Canada*," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Fergusson*, *Macaulay*, and *James Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Jews Relief Bill, read second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of *Lower Canada* therein mentioned, extending certain privileges to persons of the Jewish persuasion," was read the second time.

Third reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Toronto Lunatic Asylum Bill, read second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the issue of Debentures for the erection of a Lunatic Asylum at *Toronto*," was read the second time.

Third reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Board of Works Bill, read second time, and.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Law constituting the Board of Works," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of seven Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Gill*, *Fergusson*, *Macaulay*, *Massue*, *Walker*, *James Morris*, and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Master in Chancery reports the delivery of the Message to the Assembly, for

John F. Taylor, Esq., one of the Masters in Chancery, sent to the Legislative Assembly this day, to desire a Conference with that House, on the subject of the Amendments

made by the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled, "An Act to define the limits of *Bytown*, and to establish a Town Council therein," acquainted this House that the Legislative Assembly return for Answer, that they will send an Answer by Messengers of their own.

a Conference on the Amendments to Bytown Police Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for enabling Her Majesty to direct the issue of Debentures to a limited amount, for giving relief to the City of *Quebec*," was read the second time.

Quebec Debentures Bill, read second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Third reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to establish a separate Registry Office in the lower part of the County of *Dorchester*," was read the second time.

Dorchester Registry Office Bill, read second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Third reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Stuart*, (of *Bytown*), and others, in the following words.

Message from the Assembly, agreeing to a second Conference on the Amendments to Bytown Police Bill.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Friday, 5th June, 1846.

Resolved, that this House doth agree to a Conference with the Honorable the Legislative Council as desired by their Honors, upon the subject matter of the Amendments made by their Honors to the Bill intituled, "An Act to define the limits of *Bytown*, and to establish a Town Council therein."

Resolved, that four Managers be appointed to meet the Managers to be appointed by the Legislative Council, at the time and place appointed for the holding the said Conference.

Ordered, that Mr. *Stuart*, (of *Bytown*), Mr. *Smith*, (of *Frontenac*), Mr. *Petrie*, and Mr. *Duggan*, be the said Managers.

Ordered, that the said Resolutions and Order be communicated by Message, to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clk. Assy.

And then they withdrew.

Ordered,

Managers for this House appointed.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs *Fergusson* and *Macaulay* be appointed Managers of the Conference, on the part of this House.

The House being informed "that the Managers of the Conference for the Legislative Assembly were ready in their Honors Committee Room,"

The names of the Managers for this House were called over, and,

The House was adjourned during pleasure, and,

Their Honors went to the Conference,

Which being ended,

The House was resumed, and,

Their Report.

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay* reported, that the Managers for their Honors had met the Managers for the Legislative Assembly at the Conference, which on their part was managed by Mr. *Stewart*, (of *Bytown*,) and others, and had delivered to them their Honors' Reasons for insisting on their Amendments to the Bill intituled, "An Act to define the limits of *Bytown*, and to establish "a Town Council therein," as their Honors had agreed to insist upon, and had left the Bill and Amendments with them.

Etobicoke Road Bill, read second time, and,

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Etobicoke* "and *Mono Sixth Line Road Company*," was read the second time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Fergusson*, *Walker* and *James Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Amendments to Militia Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Laws therein mentioned, to provide for the better defence of this Province, and to regulate the Militia thereof," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. *Papineau* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal certain enactments therein mentioned, and to make better provision for "Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Amendments to Elementary Instruction Bill, (L. C.) agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Cayley* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act for granting a Civil List to "Her Majesty," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Civil List Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow. Second reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws relative to the Trinity House of *Quebec*, and to confer certain powers on the said Trinity House," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Quebec Trinity House Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow. Second reading to-morrow.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, the House so decreeing. Adjourn.

Saturday, 6th June, 1846. SATURDAY.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M. Gill,</i>	<i>Roy,</i>
<i>Morris, W.</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Walker,</i>
<i>Macaulay,</i>	<i>de Boucherville,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Neilson.</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	

PRAYERS.

The

Petition from J. Fitzgibbon, Esq., presented.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from James FitzGibbon, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Council, praying that he may have leave of absence to the close of the Session, and also, that he may be allowed to perform the duties of his Office during the approaching Recess as heretofore.

Ordered, that the said Petition be now read.

Same read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Amendments to Toronto Incorporation Bill, and to

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Boulton and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the City of Toronto," and

Cobourg Incorporation Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

Also, the Bill intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Act of Incorporation of the Town of Cobourg," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to these Bills, without any Amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on District Councils Bill, (U. C.)

The Honorable Mr. J. Morris, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws relative to District Councils in Upper Canada," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read the third time.

Bill read third time.

The same was then read the third time accordingly.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any Amendment.

An Amendment reported by the Select Committee to Etobicoke Road Bill.

The Honorable Mr. J. Morris, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name of the Etobicoke and

"Mono Sixth Line Road Company," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with an Amendment, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the said Report be now received, and,

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows:

Press 7, line 28.—Leave out from "and" to "toll" in line 32, both inclusive. The Amendment.

The said Amendment being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House. Same agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time presently. Bill (as amended) for third reading presently.

The Honorable Mr. J. Morris, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Law constituting the Boards of Works," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any Amendment. Report of the Select Committee on Board of Works Bill.

It was moved, that the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House. Motion for referring the Bill and Report to a Committee of the whole.

Which being objected to, Objected to.

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was Question put and carried.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the whole upon the said Bill and Report presently. To be committed presently.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Lower Canada therein mentioned, extending certain privileges to persons of the Jewish persuasion," was read the third time. Jews relief Bill read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Pursuant

Lunatic Asylum Bill, read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the issue of "Debentures, for the erection of a Lunatic "Asylum at *Toronto*," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Quebec Debentures Bill, read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for enabling Her Majesty "to direct the issue of Debentures to a limited "amount, and for giving relief to the City of "Quebec," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Dorchester Registry Office Bill, read third time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to establish a separate "Registry Office in the lower part of the "County of *Dorchester*," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, without any Amendment.

Answer of His Excellency to the second Address relating to J. Fitz Gibbon, Esq., considered.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Answer of His Excellency the Governor General, to the second Address of this House respecting a Pension to *James Fitz Gibbon*, Esquire.

The said Answer was then read by the Clerk.

Certain Resolutions thereon moved and adopted.

It was moved to resolve, that this House has most respectfully considered the Answer returned yesterday by His Excellency the Governor General, to the humble Address of this House of the third instant.

The Question of Concurrence being put on the said motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

It was moved to resolve, that this House receives, with great satisfaction, the assurance

of His Excellency, that he will, at all times, be ready to take every step necessary to secure the efficient discharge of the duties which devolve on the Clerk of this House, and as far as can consistently be done, in accordance with the expressed wish of this House.

The Question of Concurrence being put on the said motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

It was moved to resolve, that in the opinion of this House, the duty of Clerk cannot be satisfactorily performed by Mr. *Fitz Gibbon*, who, in an official communication to the Speaker of this House, has not only declared his inability to resume "any Official responsibility," but has produced Certificates from four of his Medical friends, "that he is incapacitated to resume the duties of Office."

The Question of Concurrence being put on the said motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

It was moved to resolve, that this House receives with pleasure the gracious assurance of His Excellency, that immediate steps will be taken to secure the satisfactory performance of the duties of Clerk of this House, and this House is persuaded that its internal economy requires the removal of the present incumbent, previous to the Prorogation of the Provincial Parliament.

The Question of Concurrence being put on the said motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General as follows:

An Address to His Excellency thereon ordered.

To His Excellency Lieutenant General the Right Honorable CHARLES MURRAY, EARL CATHCART, of Cathcart, in the County of Renfrew, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, 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, and Commander of Her Majesty's

jesty's Forces in British North America, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to inform Your Excellency, that we have given our most respectful consideration to the answer which Your Excellency was pleased to make to our humble Address of the third instant.

We beg to thank Your Excellency for the assurance, which we have received with great satisfaction, that Your Excellency will at all times be ready to take every step necessary to secure the efficient discharge of the duties which devolve on the Clerk of this House, and as far as can consistently be done, in accordance with any expressed wish of this House.

We beg permission to inform Your Excellency, that in the opinion of this House, the duty of Clerk cannot be satisfactorily performed by Mr. *Fitz Gibbon*, who in an official communication to the Speaker of this House, has not only declared his inability to resume "any official responsibility," but has produced certificates from four of his Medical friends, "that he is incapacitated to resume the duties of Office."

We have pleasure in thanking Your Excellency for the gracious assurance, that Your Excellency will direct immediate steps to be taken, to secure the satisfactory performance of the duties of Clerk to this House, and we are persuaded that the internal economy of this House requires the removal of the present incumbent, previous to the Prorogation of the Provincial Parliament.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign and present the said Address to His Excellency.

Civil List Bill, read second time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for granting a Civil List to Her Majesty," was read the second time.

Third reading on Monday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Motion for reading Quebec Trinity House Bill the second time in-stanter.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws relative to the Trinity House of *Quebec*, and to confer certain powers on the said Trinity House;"

It was moved, that the said Bill be now read the second time,

Which being objected to,

After debate,

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

Resolved in the negative.

Negatived.

Pursuant to Order, the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Etobicoke* and *Mono Sixth* Line Road Company," was (as amended) read the third time.

Etobicoke Road Bill, (as amended,) read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with an Amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

And sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the whole House upon the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Law constituting the Board of Works."

House in Committee on Board of Works Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and,

The Honorable Mr. *James Morris* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with an Amendment, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

An Amendment reported.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows :

In Schedule B 5.—After the words "all Clergymen to be exempt" in the column headed "general conditions of payment" in the said Schedule, insert, "all persons going to or returning from divine service on Sundays,"

The Amendment.

"Sundays, together with
"their Horses and Car-
"riages, to be exempt."

Same agreed
to.

The said Amendment being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be Engrossed.

Motion for
reading the
Bill (as
amended) the
third time in-
stantly.

It was moved, that the said Bill (as amended) be now read the third time.

Objected to.

Which being objected to,

Question put
and carried.

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

Resolved in the affirmative.

Bill (as
amended) read
third time.

The said Bill (as amended) was then read the third time accordingly.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Protest of the
Honorable Mr.
Bruneau
thereon.

Dissentient.

FRS. P. BRUNEAU.

Bill (as
amended) sent
to the Assem-
bly for concu-
rence.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with an Amendment, to which they desire their concurrence,

Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on Ju-
diciary Bill,
(L. C.)

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Law relative to the Administration of Justice in *Lower Canada*," reported that, in obedience to the Order of Reference of the second instant, they had examined the said Bill, and now beg leave to report the same, with the following observations and Amendments:

The Committee consider the distribution of jurisdiction, and of the Terms of Courts, as one of those subjects upon which, as a general rule, frequent legislation cannot fail to be highly detrimental to the interests of any Country. With this conviction, the Committee would be averse to this Bill being any further proceeded with, if it were not for some of its provisions, which induce them to recommend it to Your Honorable House, subject to certain additions and modifications.

But in the hope of a final measure on this important subject, embodying the results of former experience, being prepared for the consideration of Parliament before it is again assembled, the Committee have thought proper to suggest that its duration be limited to one year, and thence to the end of the then next Session.

Besides this alteration, there are but four of any consequence embraced in the Amendments prepared by the Committee, the nature of which, as well as the reasons for their adoption, they will briefly explain.

First, it is proposed to leave out so much of the Bill, as goes to deprive Defendants of seven days, out of the ten allowed to them by the Act of 1843, to prepare for their defence, or to avoid costs by settling with their Creditors. The Committee are of opinion that in this respect the provisions of the Act of 1843, were decidedly salutary, being favorable to embarrassed Debtors, and also calculated by diminishing the chance of surprise, to reduce the account of vexatious litigation.

Secondly, It is proposed to provide that any Writ or Process issuing out of any of the Courts of Law in *Lower Canada*, may be either in English or French. This is a change which in the opinion of the Committee is imperatively called for, after an experience decidedly unfavorable to the prescribed use of one or both of the languages, familiar to the Inhabitants of that part of the Province. The free choice of language being necessarily allowed to parties litigant, and their professional Agents, with respect to all pleadings, whether oral or written, and it being known to the Committee, that in practice this option is invariably exercised as to the Declarations annexed to Writs of Summons, without reference to the language of the party summoned, the Committee can see no objection to its further extension. The only inconvenience which can be foreseen as likely to be felt in this case, will be limited to the few Defendants who may be able to read, but not in the language in which the Writ is expressed; these persons will be dependent upon the Officers serving the Writs, or upon their legal Advisers, or other friend, for information as to the return day, in addition to what they would have to enquire if the Writ were in both languages as at present required.

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On the other hand, besides the additional expense of a double Writ, its inconvenience must be obvious under any circumstances, and more particularly with respect to those large portions of the rural Districts of *Lower Canada*, in which one or other of the languages in question is used exclusively. In such places it amounts to a hardship, which, by the absurdity of its effects, is calculated to bring the Administration of Justice itself into contempt.

With respect to Subpœnas, Your Committee feel warranted in presuming, that the attention of Advocates to the interests of their clients, will ensure the issuing of these Writs in the languages of the respective Witnesses; and Writs of Appeal, it is notorious, are in practice invariably served upon the Attorney of the successful party in the Court below.

Thirdly, It is proposed that no change should be made in the terms of the Court of Appeals, beyond the substitution of June for July, as the period of one of them, instead of also extending them to fifteen days. In coming to this conclusion, the Committee have been influenced by the total absence of complaint as to the inadequacy of the present terms of ten days, and by a consideration of the serious inconvenience to the public, which would result from unnecessarily prolonging the absence of Judges of the different Courts of Queen's Bench from their duties in their respective Districts.

Lastly, In order to enable the resident Judge for the District of *Three Rivers*, to attend the June Term of the Court of Appeals, it is proposed to provide for his holding an Inferior Term of the Court of Queen's Bench, in his own District, from the fifteenth to the twenty-first of May, instead of from the first to the seventh of June, as at present.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

The Amendments reported by the last mentioned Committee were then read by the Clerk as follow :

The Amend-
ments as re-
ported by the
last mentioned
Committee.

Press 1, line 12.—Leave out from “so” to “sixteenth,” both inclusive, and insert, “the eighteenth.”

Press 1, line 16.—Leave out from “as” to “leagues” in line 29, both inclusive, and insert, “so much of the tenth section of a certain other Act, passed in the said seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intitled, ‘An Act for the establishment of a better Court of Appeals in *Lower Canada*, and of any other Act or Law in force in *Lower Canada*, as requires that any Writ or Process issuing out of any of Her Majesty's Courts of Justice therein should be in both the English and French languages, shall be and the same are hereby repealed, and henceforth any Writ or Process issuing out of any such Court may be either in the English or in the French language, any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.’”

Press 1, line 32.—After “Act” insert, “secondly above cited.”

Press 2, line 24.—Leave out “last” and insert “secondly.”

Press 3, line 16.—After “day” insert Clause A.

CLAUSE A.

“And be it enacted, That so much of the said nineteenth section of the said Act, secondly above cited, as requires that an Inferior Term of the Court of Queen's Bench, for the District of *Three Rivers*, should be held by the resident Judge for that District, from the first to the seventh day of the month of June, be, and the same is hereby repealed, and that
“in

“ in lieu thereof, an Inferior
“ Term of the said Court shall
“ be held by the said Resi-
“ dent Judge from the fif-
“ teenth to the twenty-first
“ day of May, in every year,
“ both days inclusive.

Press 3, line 18.—Leave out from “ passed,”
to “ inclusive,” in line 25,
both inclusive, and insert
“ last above cited, as di-
“ rects that a Term of the
“ Court of Appeals shall
“ be held from the first to
“ the tenth day of July, in
“ each year, shall be, and
“ is hereby repealed, and
“ that, instead of the said
“ Term, a Term of the
“ said Court shall be held
“ from the first to the tenth
“ day of June, in each year,
“ both days inclusive.”

Press 4, line 1.—After “ more ” insert “ of
“ the Circuit Judges for
“ either of the Districts of
“ Quebec or Montreal, or
“ other.”

Press 4, line 12.—After “ Act ” insert “ se-
“ condly above cited.”

“ “ 36.—After “ before ” insert “ and
“ shall continue in force
“ until the first day of Au-
“ gust, in the year of our
“ Lord one thousand eight
“ hundred and forty-seven,
“ and thence until the end of
“ the then next Session of
“ Parliament, and no lon-
“ ger.”

In the Preamble, line 2.—Leave out “ Act ”
“ and insert “ Acts.”

Same agreed
to.

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the Question of Concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Bill (as amended) for
third reading
on Monday.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be
Engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended)
read the third time on Monday next.

Supply Bill,
and,

A Message was brought from the Legisla-
tive Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Cayley

and others, with a Bill intituled, “ An Act to
“ appropriate the Sums therein mentioned to
“ defray certain Expenses of the Civil Govern-
“ ment, for the year one thousand eight hun-
“ dred and forty-six, and certain other ex-
“ penses not otherwise provided for,” and

Also, a Bill intituled, “ An Act to autho-
“ rise the raising of the remainder of the Loan
“ guaranteed by the Imperial Parliament,” to
which they desire the concurrence of this
House.

Imperial Loan
Bill, brought
up.

The said Bills were severally read the first
time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bills be severally
read the second time on Monday next. Second reading
on Monday.

A Message was brought from the Legisla-
tive Assembly by Mr. Duggan and others,
with a Bill intituled, “ An Act to amend an
“ Act passed in the last Session of this Parlia-
“ ment, intituled, ‘ An Act to amend, consoli-
“ date and reduce into one Act, the several
“ Laws now in force, establishing or regula-
“ ting the practice of District Courts in the
“ several Districts of that part of this Pro-
“ vince formerly Upper Canada,’ ” to which
they desire the concurrence of this House.

Second Dis-
trict Court
Bill, (U. C.)
brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the se-
cond time on Monday next. Second reading
on Monday.

A Message was brought from the Legisla-
tive Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Robinson
and others, as follows :

Message from
the Assembly,
agreeing to the
Address to His
Excellency, on
the Transmis-
sion of Mails.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Saturday, 6th June, 1846.

Resolved, that a Message be sent to the
Honorable the Legislative Council, acquaint-
ing their Honors that this House hath agreed
to the Address to His Excellency the Governor
General, on the subject of the transmission of
the Mails to and from Great Britain, and,
also, praying for a reduction of the rates of
Postage.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. Robinson
do carry the said Message to the Legislative
Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk Assy.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the Honorable the Speaker of this House do wait on His Excellency the Governor General, humbly to know what time His Excellency will please to appoint to be attended with the joint Addresses.

Message from the Assembly, requesting a Conference on the Amendments to Notarial Profession Bill.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Laurin* and others, in the following words :

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Saturday, 6th June, 1846.

Resolved, that a Conference be desired with the Honorable the Legislative Council for the purpose of communicating to them the Reasons which induced this House not to concur in the Amendments made by their Honors to the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better regulation of the Notarial Profession in Lower Canada."

Ordered, that Mr. *Laurin* do go to the Legislative Council, and desire the said Conference.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clk. Assy.

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were called in again, and informed that the Legislative Council will send an Answer by a Messenger of their own.

A Conference agreed to by this House.

Resolved, that this House do concur in the Conference desired.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council agrees to the Conference desired upon the subject matter of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better regulating the Notarial Profession in Lower Canada," and that the Managers on the part of this House are to be the Honorable Messieurs *Bruneau* and *Walker*, who are to meet the number of Managers on the part of the Legislative Assembly, required by Parliamentary usage, on Monday, at four o'clock P. M. in the Library of this House.

Rebellion Losses Bill, and,

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the payment of certain Rebellion Losses in Lower Ca-

nada, and to appropriate the proceeds of the "Marriage License fund," and

Also, a Bill intituled, "An Act for raising on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, a Sum of Money required for certain Public Works," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Public Works provision Bill, brought up.

The said Bills were severally read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bills be severally read the second time, on Monday next. Second reading on Monday.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing. Adjourn.

Monday, 8th June, 1846.

MONDAY.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Roy,</i>
<i>Macaulay,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Neilson.</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	

PRAYERS.

The Speaker declared this House continued until one o'clock P. M. this day. Adjourn.

At one o'clock P. M., the Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>M'Gill,</i>	<i>Roy,</i>
<i>Morris, W.</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Walker,</i>
<i>Macaulay,</i>	<i>de Boucherville,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>Morris, J.</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Neilson.</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	

The Honorable the Speaker reported that he had, according to Order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General, to know what time His Excellency would be pleased to appoint to be attended with the Address of this House, on the subject of the transmission of the Mails, to and from Great Britain, and also, Appointment by His Excellency of the time for receiving the Joint Address on the subject of the Transmission of the Mails to and from Great Britain, and relative to a

reduction of the rates of Postage.

also, praying for a reduction of the rates of Postage, and that His Excellency had appointed this day, at three o'clock, at the Government House.

The Assembly informed thereof.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed this day, at three o'clock, to be attended with the Addresses of both Houses, on the subject of the transmission of the Mails, to and from Great Britain, and also, praying for a reduction of the rates of Postage, and that in consequence of the advanced state of the Session, the Legislative Council have ordered that such Members of the Executive Council only, as are Members of this House, do attend His Excellency at that time on the part of this House.

Answer of His Excellency to the third Address respecting the Office of Clerk of this House, reported.

The Honorable Mr. William Morris reported that he had, according to Order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General, with the Address of this House of the sixth instant, relative to the Office of Clerk of the Legislative Council, and that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same graciously, and to reply thereto as follows :

The Answer.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

I have received your Address of the sixth instant, in which you inform me that the duty of Clerk of the Legislative Council cannot be satisfactorily performed by James Fitz Gibbon, Esquire, in consequence of incapacity certified by four gentlemen of the Medical Profession, and requesting that I will take immediate steps to secure the satisfactory performance of the duties of Clerk of the Legislative Council, by the removal of the present incumbent, previously to the Prorogation of the Provincial Parliament.

In reply I have to acquaint the Legislative Council that, whilst I regret the necessity of superseding an old and faithful Servant of the Crown, I shall immediately give the necessary directions for the removal of Mr. Fitz Gibbon, from his situation of Clerk to the Legislative Council, in compliance with the desire expressed by Your Honorable House.

Government House, June, 1846.

Third Report of the Select Committee on

The Honorable Mr. Bruneau, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and

report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session, presented their third and last Report. the Contingent Accounts presented.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows :

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Committee Room, Monday, 8th June, 1846.

The Report.

The Select Committee to whom were referred the Contingent Accounts of this House, beg leave to make a third and last Report, as follows :

Your Committee have been satisfied, by examination of Vouchers produced by Charles de Léry, Esquire, Assistant Clerk, doing the duty of Clerk of this House, that the Accounts (to the amount of £3441. 15s. 9½d.) enumerated in Statement C, of which payment was ordered at the close of the last Session, have been duly paid and discharged.

On reference to the Journals of the last Session, Your Committee find that, on the last day thereof, there remained in Mr. de Léry's hands, exclusive of the above sum, a balance of..... £3,506 . 5 . 0

To which is to be added the amount of a Warrant in his favor, issued on the 4th day of May last, in compliance with the Address of this House..... 3,000 . 0 . 0

Making a total of..... 6,506 . 5 . 0

Which has been satisfactorily accounted for to Your Committee, as follows, viz :

Amount paid as per Statement marked D. No. 1,£3,446 . 15 . 1½
Amount paid as per Statement marked D. No. 2,£2,069 . 18 . 4½ £5,516 . 13 . 6
Balance in hand..... £989 . 11 . 6

To which is to be added amount of Warrant, for which an

Address

Address shall be voted this day..... 3,300 · 0 · 0

Making a total of..... £4,289 · 11 · 6
for which Mr. de Léry will be called upon to account at the next Session of Parliament.

Your Committee beg leave to recommend that *William Anstruther Maingy*, and *Joseph Eugène Doucet*, who have been employed and paid by the day during several Sessions past, be henceforth employed by the year, as Writing Clerks, in the Office of the Clerk of this House, at Salaries of one hundred and fifty pounds each, for the whole of their services throughout the year, payable quarterly from the commencement of this Session.

Your Committee further recommend that fifty pounds currency be paid to *James Fitz-Gibbon*, Esquire, Clerk of this House, in full for his removal to *Montreal*, and for all other claims against this House.

Same adopted. *Ordered*, that the said Report be adopted.

A Resolution moved for paying £50 to J. Fitzgibbon, Esq. *It was moved* to resolve, that *Charles de Léry*, Esquire, the Acting Clerk of this House, be authorised to pay out of the Contingent fund thereof, to *James Fitz Gibbon*, Esquire, Clerk of this House, the Sum of fifty pounds currency, in full for his removal to *Montreal*, and for all other claims against this House.

The Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Same adopted. *Resolved* in the affirmative.

An Address to His Excellency, praying him to issue his Warrant for £3,300 on account of the Contingent expenses of the Council ordered. *Ordered*, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to issue his Warrant in favor of *Charles de Léry*, Esq., as Acting Clerk of this House, for the sum of three thousand three hundred pounds currency, to enable him to defray the present demands against the Legislative Council, and to meet its current expenditure during the Recess, for which he will afterwards account.

Ordered, that such Members of the Executive Council, who are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General, with the said Address.

It was moved to resolve, that upon the Pictures at present executing by Mr. *Keighoff*, being delivered and approved of by the Honorable Messieurs *M^cGill*, *Bruneau*, and *Stewart Derbyshire*, Esquire, that the Clerk be authorised to pay Mr. *Keighoff* the amount contracted for, and that the Honorable Messieurs *M^cGill* and *Bruneau* be then empowered to have said Pictures framed, and hung in the Council Chamber.

A Resolution relative to certain Pictures executing by Mr. Keighoff moved.

The Question of Concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative. Same adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Librarian's Report, presented their Report. Report of the Select Committee on the Library presented.

Ordered, that it be received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows :

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Committee Room,
Monday, 8th June, 1846. The Report.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the Report on the state of the Library, furnished by the Librarian at the commencement of the present Session, in obedience to the order to that effect, made at the close of the last Session, have the honor to report :

That having taken into consideration a List of Books, recommended for purchase, which accompanied that Report, they are of opinion that such of them only as properly come under the head of continuations of the Law Reports, Statutes, and Periodicals, already in the Library, should be procured; and Your Committee beg leave to recommend, that these Books, as well as all others which may be added to the Library in future, be imported in a bound state, and as directly from the place of publication as possible.

Your Committee further recommend, that the following books be procured without delay, viz :

A Copy of Pothier's Works, complete, in 8 volumes, 4to.

A Selection of all the Reports and Papers, published by order of the House of Lords on Parliamentary subjects, respecting Members and

and Officers of the House, Practice and Privilege, from 1801 to the present time.

The General Indices to the Sessional Papers of the House of Lords, published by Order of the House.

The Honorable the Speaker having stated his readiness to undertake the purchase of all these Books, Your Committee recommend that it be confided to him accordingly, and that he be also authorised to lay out a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, in the purchase of such other Books as it may appear to him advisable to add to Your Library.

Your Committee also beg leave to recommend, that there be procured for the use of the Members and Officers of this House, three copies of the Topographical Map of the City of *Montreal*, of which a copy has been recently left for inspection in Your Library, by Mr. *Robert W. S. Mackay*, the Publisher.

Same adopted. *Ordered*, that the said Report be adopted.

Civil List Bill, read third time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for granting a Civil List to Her Majesty," was read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, *It was resolved* in the affirmative.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof. *Ordered*, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any Amendment.

Judicature Bill, (L. C.), (as amended,) read third time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Law relative to the Administration of Justice in *Lower Canada*," was (as amended) read the third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed, *It was resolved* in the affirmative.

And sent to the Assembly for concurrence. *Ordered*, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Supply Bill, read second time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to appropriate the sums

"therein mentioned to defray certain Expenses of the Civil Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and certain other Expenses not therein provided for," was read a second time.

It was moved, that the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it relates to the said Bill. Motion for dispensing with the forty-sixth Rule.

Which being objected to, Objected to.

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was Question put and carried.

Resolved in the affirmative.

It was then moved, that the said Bill be now read the third time. Motion for reading the Bill a third time instanter.

Which being objected to, Objected to.

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was Question put and carried.

Resolved in the affirmative.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly. The Bill read third time, and,

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the raising of the remainder of the Loan guaranteed by the Imperial Parliament," was read a second time. Imperial Loan Bill, read second time.

It was moved, that the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it relates to the said Bill. Motion for dispensing with the forty-sixth Rule.

Which being objected to, Objected to.

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was Question put and carried.

Resolved in the affirmative.

It was then moved, that the said Bill be now read the third time. Motion for reading the Bill a third time instanter.

Which being objected to, Objected to.

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was Question put and carried.

Resolved in the affirmative.

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The Bill read third time, and,	The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.	The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was	Question put and carried.
	The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?	<i>Resolved</i> in the affirmative.	
Passed.	<i>It was resolved</i> in the affirmative.	<i>It was then moved</i> , that the said Bill be now read the third time.	Motion for reading the Bill a third time instanter, Objected to.
Second District Court Bill, read second time.	Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled "An Act to amend an Act passed in the last Session of this Parliament, intituled, 'An Act to amend, consolidate, and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in force, establishing or regulating the Practice of District Courts, in the several Districts of that part of this Province formerly <i>Upper Canada</i> ,'" was read a second time.	Which being objected to,	
		The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was	Question put and carried.
		<i>Resolved</i> in the affirmative.	
		The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.	The Bill read third time, and
		The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?	
		<i>It was resolved</i> in the affirmative.	Passed.
Motion for dispensing with the forty-sixth Rule.	<i>It was moved</i> , that the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it relates to the said Bill.	Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for raising, on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, a Sum of Money required for certain Public Works," was read the second time.	Public Works provision Bill, read second time.
Objected to.	Which being objected to,		
Question put and carried.	The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was		
		<i>Resolved</i> in the affirmative.	
Motion for reading the Bill a third time instanter.	<i>It was then moved</i> , that the said Bill be now read the third time.	<i>It was moved</i> , that the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it relates to the said Bill.	Motion for dispensing with the 46th Rule.
Objected to.	Which being objected to,	Which being objected to,	Objected to.
Question put and carried.	The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was	The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was	Question put and carried.
		<i>Resolved</i> in the affirmative.	
		<i>It was then moved</i> , that the said Bill be now read the third time.	Motion for reading the Bill a third time instanter.
		Which being objected to,	Objected to.
The Bill read third time, and	The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.	The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was	Question put and carried.
		The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass.	
Passed.	<i>It was resolved</i> in the affirmative.	<i>Resolved</i> in the affirmative.	
Rebellion Losses Bill read second time.	Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the payment of certain Rebellion Losses in <i>Lower Canada</i> , and to appropriate the proceeds of the Marriage License Fund," was read a second time.	The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.	The Bill read third time, and
		The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?	
		<i>It was resolved</i> in the affirmative.	Passed.
Motion for dispensing with the 46th Rule.	<i>It was moved</i> , that the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it relates to the said Bill.	Dissentient.	Protest of the Honorable Messieurs Neillon, de Boucherville and Kuoulton,
Objected to.	Which being objected to,	<i>Because</i> , the said Rule, "that no Bill shall be read twice on the same day," is positive and	

against dispensing with the 46th Rule of the House.

and necessary to enable the Members of this House to discharge their duty with due consideration.

Because, dispensing with the said Rule encourages a proceeding on the part of the Assembly, similar to that which occurred at the close of last Session, whereby this House had no alternative but to reject numerous important Bills, or pass them without due consideration.

Because, this House in reference to the said proceeding formally declared on the 3d April last, "that the forty-sixth Rule and all other Rules relating to proceedings on Bills, should be rigorously adhered to."

J. NEILSON,
PIERRE de BOUCHERVILLE,
P. H. KNOULTON.

Assembly acquainted of the passing of the last-mentioned Bills.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, without any Amendment.

Public Lands Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *McDonald*, (of *Stor- mont*,) and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to extend the provisions of the thirteenth section of an Act of the Province of *Canada*, intituled, 'An Act for the disposal of 'Public Lands, and to amend the said Act 'in other respects, and further to provide 'for the final settlement of Land Claims,'" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Second reading in 6 months.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time this day six months.

Amendments to Etobicoke Road Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Etobicoke and Mono Sixth Line Road Company*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Amendments to Board of Works Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Law constituting the Board of

"Works," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Ordered, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he would be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, at its ensuing Session, a List of the Names and Residences of all Bankrupts declared since the 15th February, 1840, before any Commissioner of Bankrupt or other Public Officer, with the date of the declaration, amount of the declared Debt and Assets of the said Bankrupts severally, the name of the Commissioner or other Public Officer before whom the delarations were made, the names of the Assignees and the date of their appointments, the dividends paid and the date of payment, the costs incurred and allowed, and the names of the persons to whom certificates of discharge have been granted, and the dates.

An Address to His Excellency relating to Bankrupts, ordered.

Ordered, that such Members of the Executive Council who are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

The House was informed "that the Managers for the Legislative Assembly were ready for the Conference on the subject of the Amendments made by their Honors to the Bill intituled, 'An Act for the better regulating of the Notarial Profession in 'Lower Canada,' in the Library of the Legislative Council."

Adjournment during pleasure

The Names of the Managers for this House were called over :

And the House was adjourned during pleasure, and their Honors went to the Conference.

Which being ended, the House was resumed,

House resumes

And the Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* reported, "that the Managers for their Honors had met the Managers for the Legislative Assembly at the Conference, which on their part was managed by Mr. *Laurin* and others, who delivered to their Honors the "Bill with the Amendments," and also, a Paper containing as follows, viz :

Report of the Managers of the first Conference on the Amendments to Notarial Profession Bill (L. C.)

Reasons to be offered to the Honorable the Legislative Council at a Conference for disagreeing to the Amendments made by their Honors

Reasons of the Assembly for disagreeing to the Amendments of the Council.

Honors to the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better regulation of the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*."

1st. *Because*, the Office of Registrar is in no wise incompatible with that of Notary, the Office of Registrar alone would frequently be too ill paid to be held by a competent person, and Notaries are generally the persons best qualified to fill the said Office.

2nd. *Because*, by extending the disqualification generally to any Calling whatsoever, cases which cannot be foreseen, would be included in a manner injurious to the public interest, and that uncertainty would be introduced with regard to those cases to which the Law was really meant to extend.

3rd. *Because*, the object of rendering the Profession respectable and independent, would be attained by confining the disqualification to Merchants, and Traders, and Manufacturers.

4th. *Because*, a longer period than six months, ought to be allowed to the latter for winding up their affairs.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clk. Assy.

Amendments insisted on, and a

Ordered, that this House do insist on the said Amendments.

Committee appointed to prepare Reasons therefor at another Conference with the Assembly.

Ordered, that a Committee be appointed to prepare Reasons to be offered to the Legislative Assembly, at another Conference for this House, insisting on the Amendments to the last mentioned Bill.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bruneau* and *Walker*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the said Committee, presented their Report.

Ordered, that it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows:

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Committee Room,
Monday, 8th June, 1846.

Their Report.

The Select Committee appointed to prepare Reasons to be offered to the Legislative Assembly, at another Conference for the Legislative

Council, insisting on the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better regulation of the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*," beg leave to Report that they have met, and agreeable to the instructions of the House, have prepared Reasons which appear to them to be proper to be offered to the Legislative Assembly, at a Conference for insisting on the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, if the House shall think fit to adopt the same.

Because, the Offices of Notary and Registrar are incompatible, and the holding of the Office of Registrar by one Notary in a locality, would give him an undue advantage over his competitors, besides opening a door to abuse in the exercise of both Offices.

Certain Reasons proposed to be offered by this House at the Conference.

Because, a Notary ought to be restricted to the exercise of his Profession, and compelled to devote his exclusive attention to the interests of his Clients, so long as he thinks proper to offer his professional services to the Public.

Because, a discretion is left to the Boards of Notaries tacitly to extend the period of six months allowed to Notaries now in trade to wind up their affairs, by forbearing to cause such Notaries to be prosecuted within a certain further period.

Which Report was agreed to by the House. Adopted.

Ordered, that the said Reasons be communicated to the Legislative Assembly at a further Conference.

Ordered, that a further Conference be desired with the Legislative Assembly on the subject matter of the last mentioned Conference.

A further Conference desired with the Assembly on the subject of the last mentioned Conference.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and desire a further Conference with that House, on the subject matter of the Amendments made by this House to the said Bill, to which the Assembly have disagreed, and that the Managers on the part of this House are to be the Honorable Messieurs *Bruneau* and *Walker*, who are to meet the number of Managers on the part of the Legislative Assembly required by Parliamentary usage, presently in the Committee Room of the Legislative Council.

And that House acquainted thereof.

John

Master in Chancery's Report on the delivery of the Message last ordered.

John F. Taylor, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery, sent to the Legislative Assembly this day to desire a further Conference with that House, on the subject of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better regulation of the Notarial Profession in Lower Canada," acquainted this House that the Legislative Assembly return for answer that they will send an answer by Messengers of their own.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

TUESDAY.

Tuesday, 9th June, 1846.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker.

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| The Honorable Messieurs | The Honorable Messieurs |
| M'Gill, | Knoulton, |
| Morris, W. | Roy, |
| Fergusson, | Walker, |
| Macaulay, | de Boucherville, |
| Bruneau, | Neilson. |
| Ferrie, | |

PRAYERS.

Speaker reports that His Excellency will Prorogue the Parliament at three o'clock this day.

The Honorable the Speaker reported to the House, that he had received an Official Communication from Mr. Secretary Higginson, acquainting him that it was his Excellency's intention to Prorogue the Provincial Parliament this day, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Petition from J. FitzGibbon, Esquire, presented.

The Honorable Mr. Bruneau presented a Petition from James FitzGibbon, Esquire, late Clerk of this House, praying for a grant of one hundred and fifty pounds, for superintending the Printing of the Laws and Journals of the third Session of the first Provincial Parliament.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Amendments to Judicature Bill (L. C.) agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Smith and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Law relative to the administration of Justice in Lower Canada," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Stewart, (of Bytown,) and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to explain a certain provision of the Ordinance vesting Act, and to remedy certain difficulties, which have occurred in carrying the said provision into effect," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordinance vesting Act Amendment Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read first time.

It was moved, that the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it regards this Bill, and that the same be read the second time presently.

Motion for dispensing with the forty-sixth Rule.

Which being objected to, Objected to.

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the House being equally divided, the Honorable the Speaker gave his Casting Vote against the motion, and the same was

Motion negatived by the Speaker's Casting Vote.

Resolved in the negative.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

Adjournment during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

House resumes.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Laurin and others, as follows:

Message from the Assembly agreeing to a further Conference on the Amendments to Notarial Profession Bill.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, Monday, 8th June, 1846.

Resolved, that this House doth agree to the further Conference desired by the Honorable the Legislative Council, on the subject matter of the Amendments made by their Honors to the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better regulation of the Notarial Profession in Lower Canada."

Ordered, that the same Members who held the former Conference be the Managers at this Conference.

Resolved, that the said Resolution and Order be communicated by Message to the Legislative Council.

Ordered, that Mr. Laurin do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY, Clk. Assy.

And then they withdrew.

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The House being informed "that the Managers of the Conference for the Legislative Assembly were ready in their Honors' Committee Room,"

The Names of the Managers for this House were called over.

Adjournment during pleasure.

And the House was adjourned during pleasure, and their Honors went to the Conference.

House resumes.

Which being ended, the House was resumed, and

Report of the Managers of the last mentioned Conference.

The Honorable Mr. Bruneau reported, "that the Managers for their Honors had met the Managers for the Legislative Assembly at the Conference, which on their part was managed by Mr. Laurin and others, and had delivered to them their Honors' Reasons for insisting on their Amendments to the Bill intituled, 'An Act for the better regulation of the Notarial Profession in Lower Canada,' and had left the Bill and Amendments with them."

Municipal Bill, (L. C.) brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Papi-neau and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal the Acts therein mentioned, and to amend the Law for the establishment of Local and Municipal Authorities in Lower Canada," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read first time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Motion for reading same a second time in six months.

It was moved, that the said Bill be read the second time this day six months.

Motion in Amendment.

In Amendment it was moved to leave out "this day six months," and to insert in lieu thereof "to-morrow."

Objected to.

Which being objected to,

The Question of Concurrence was put on the said Amendment, and the same was

Negatived.

Resolved in the negative.

Main motion put and carried.

The Question being then put on the main motion, it was

Resolved in the affirmative.

The Bill ordered to be printed.

Ordered, that the said Bill be printed in both languages, for the use of the Members.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Laurin and others, as follows:

Message from the Assembly, requesting a Free Conference on the Amendments to Notarial Profession Bill.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Tuesday, 9th June, 1846.

Resolved, that a Free Conference be desired with the Honorable the Legislative Council, upon the subject matter of the last Conference, in relation to the Bill intituled, "An Act for the better regulation of the Notarial Profession in Lower Canada."

Ordered, that Mr. Laurin do go to the Legislative Council, and desire the said Free Conference.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk Assy.

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were called in again, and informed that the Legislative Council will send an Answer by a Messenger of their own.

Ordered, that this House do concur in the Free Conference desired. Same agreed to.

Ordered, that the same Members who managed the last Conference be named Managers of the Free Conference.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council agrees to a Free Conference on the subject matter of the Amendments, made by this House to the said Bill, as desired by that House in their Message of this day, and do appoint the same presently in the Committee Room of the Legislative Council. And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

The House being informed "that the Managers of the Free Conference for the Legislative Assembly were ready in their Honors' Committee Room,"

The Names of the Managers for this House were called over.

The Names of the Managers for this House were called over.

Then the House was adjourned during pleasure, and their Honors went to the Free Conference. Adjournment during pleasure.

Which being ended, the House was resumed, and House resumes.

The

Report of the Managers of the Free Conference.

The Honorable Mr. Bruneau reported, that the Managers of the Free Conference upon the subject matter of the last Conference, had met the Managers for the Legislative Assembly at the said Conference, which on their part was managed chiefly by the Honorable A. N. Morin and others, who used divers arguments to support the Legislative Assembly insisting upon their disagreements to the several Amendments made by their Honors to the Bill, to which the Legislative Assembly disagree.

Upon which Your Honors' Managers acquainted the Managers for the Legislative Assembly that they felt it to be their duty, and most conformable to the wishes of the Legislative Council, to receive with the most respectful attention the representations of the Legislative Assembly, feeling anxious that, whatever difference of opinion might exist upon such occasions, it was most conducive to good Legislation, and the interests of the Province, that there should always prevail that harmony, good understanding, and mutual respect, which is characteristic of the general intercourse between the two Houses of Parliament; that influenced by these feelings, the Managers for the Legislative Council would report to the Legislative Council what had been stated to them by the Managers for the Legislative Assembly, in order that they might receive the final instructions of the Legislative Council upon the subject of the present Conference.

Presentation to His Excellency of the Joint Address on the transmission of Mails, and relative to the rates of Postage reported.

The Honorable Mr. William Morris reported that he had, according to Order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General, on the part of this House, with the Address of both Houses of Parliament to Her Majesty, on the subject of the transmission of the Mails to and from Great Britain, and also, praying for a reduction of the rates of Postage, and that His Excellency had been pleased to say that he would transmit the same to the Secretary of State, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

His Excellency's reply, that the Address to the Queen would be transmitted.

Presentation to His Excellency of the Address of this House, praying for £3,300, on account of their Contingent Expenses.

The Honorable Mr. William Morris reported that he had, according to Order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General, with the Addresses of this House of yesterday, praying His Excellency to issue his Warrant for £3,300, on account of the Contingent Expenses thereof; and also, praying for a List of the Names and Residences of all Bankrupts

declared since the 15th February, 1840, to be laid before this House at its ensuing Session, and that His Excellency was pleased to receive the same graciously, and to say that he would comply with the several requests of this House.

And praying for certain information relative to Bankrupts, reported.

His Excellency's reply thereto.

It was moved, that the negatived motion of this day on the subject of the Bill intituled, "An Act to explain a certain provision of the Ordinance vesting Act, and to remedy certain difficulties which have occurred in carrying the said provision into effect," be now read, and that the same be re-considered.

Motion for reading the negatived motion of this day, relating to the Ordinance vesting Act Amendment Bill, and for reconsidering the same.

Which being objected to,

Objected to.

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

Question put and carried.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Which being accordingly read by the Clerk,

The negatived motion read.

It was moved, that the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it regards the said Bill, and that the same be now read the second time.

Motion for dispensing with the forty-sixth Rule, and for reading the Bill a second time instanter.

Which being objected to,

Objected to.

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

Question put and carried.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon the said Bill was read the second time accordingly.

Bill read second time.

It was then moved, that the said Bill be now read the third time.

Motion for reading same a third time.

Which being objected to,

Objected to.

The Question of Concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

Question put and carried.

Resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon the said Bill was read the third time accordingly.

Bill read third time.

The Question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed,

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any Amendment.

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

Adjournment
until half-past
two o'clock,
P. M.

The Speaker declared this House continued until this afternoon, at half past two o'clock, the House so decreeing.

The House
meets.

At half past two o'clock P. M., the Members convened were :

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs The Honorable Messieurs

M^r Gill,
Morris, W.
Fergusson,
Macaulay,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,

Knoulton,
Roy,
Walker,
de Boucherville,
Neilson.

His Excellency
comes to the
House, and
commands the
attendance of
the Assembly.

His Excellency Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl *Cathcart*, of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Governor General of British *North America*, being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know, "It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

They attend
accordingly.

Who being come with their Speaker, the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the Titles of the Bills to be passed severally, as follows :

Winter Roads
Bill, (L. C.)

"An Act to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to Winter Roads in that part of the Province heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the District of *Quebec*, the District of *Gaspé*, and that part of the District of *Three Rivers* which is or was in the Municipal District of *Port-neuf*."

Presbyterian
Marriage Bill.

"An Act to enable the Ministers of the Associate Presbyterian Synod of *North America* to keep Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, performed by them, and for other purposes."

Cobourg Rail-
road Bill.

"An Act to revive and amend the Act of *Upper Canada*, Incorporating the *Cobourg* Railroad Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Atlantic Rail-
road Bill.

"An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company."

Quebec Gas
Bill.

"An Act for Lighting the City of *Quebec* with Gas."

"An Act to consolidate and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province which was formerly *Upper Canada*." Registry Bill,
(U. C.)

"An Act to authorise and enforce the attendance of Witnesses from any part of this Province, before the Courts of Superior Criminal Jurisdiction." Witnesses be-
fore Courts
Bill.

"An Act to Incorporate the *Cobourg* Manufacturing Company." Cobourg Ma-
nufacturing
Company Bill.

"An Act to alter and amend the Charter of the *Great Western* Railroad Company." Great Western
Railroad Bill.

"An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Town of *Cornwall*, and to establish a Town Council therein, in lieu of a Board of Police." Cornwall
Town Council
Bill.

"An Act to empower Commissioners for inquiring into matters connected with the Public Business, to take evidence on oath." Evidence be-
fore Commis-
sioners Bill.

"An Act to divide the Municipalities of *Hochelaga* and of *Three Rivers*, respectively, into distinct Municipalities, and further to provide for the support of Schools, and the management of Local Affairs therein." Hochelaga Mu-
nicipality Bill.

"An Act to amend the Act to detach the Island of *Orleans* from the County of *Montmorency*, for the purposes of Registration." Island of Or-
leans Registra-
tion Bill.

"An Act to Incorporate the British and Canadian School Society of the District of *Quebec*." British and
Canadian
School Bill.

"An Act to amend an Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the Election of Councillors and Assessors of and for the City of *Montreal*." Montreal
Councillors
Election Bill.

"An Act to authorise the *Quebec* Trinity House to License as Pilots, a certain class of persons therein mentioned." Quebec Pilots
Bill.

"An Act to amend and extend the Laws relative to the Turnpike Roads in the neighbourhood of *Montreal*." Montreal
Turnpike Road
Bill.

"An Act to regulate the Poundage to be received by Sheriffs on Executions, and for other purposes therein mentioned." Sheriffs Pound-
age Bill.

"An Act to alter and amend the Act Incorporating the Town of *Hamilton*, and to erect the same into a City." Hamilton In-
corporation
Bill.

"An

Lachine Railroad Bill. " An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal and Lachine* Railroad Company."

Certain Acts continuation Bill. " An Act to continue for a limited time certain Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned."

Cobourg Incorporation Bill. " An Act to alter and amend the Act of Incorporation of the Town of *Cobourg*."

Toronto Incorporation Bill. " An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the City of *Toronto*."

Nicolet Registry Office Bill. " An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *Nicolet*, from the place where it is now kept to *Béancour*."

Judicature Bill, (L. C.) " An Act to amend the Law relative to the Administration of Justice in *Lower Canada*."

Law Courts Accommodation Bill, (U. C.) " An Act to provide for the accommodation of the Courts of Superior Jurisdiction in *Upper Canada*."

Bankrupt Bill. " An Act to continue and amend the Bankrupt Laws now in force in this Province."

Quebec Turnpike Roads Bill. " An Act to amend a certain Act, intituled, ' An Act to amend a certain Ordinance therein mentioned relative to the Turnpike Roads near *Quebec*.'"

Smuggling Bill. " An Act for the further prevention of Smuggling."

Etobicoke Road Bill. " An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Etobicoke and Mono Sixth Line Road Company*."

District Councils Bill, (U. C.) " An Act to amend the Law relative to District Councils in *Upper Canada*."

Jews Relief Bill. " An Act to amend the Act of *Lower Canada* therein mentioned, extending certain privileges to persons of the Jewish persuasion."

Board of Works Bill. " An Act to amend the Law constituting the Board of Works."

Dorchester Registry Office Bill. " An Act to establish a separate Registry Office in the lower part of the County of *Dorchester*."

Second District Court Bill, (U. C.) " An Act to amend an Act passed in the last Session of this Parliament, intituled, ' An Act to amend, consolidate, and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in force establishing or regulating the prac-

“ ‘ tice of District Courts in the several Districts of that part of this Province, formerly *Upper Canada*.’ ”

“ An Act to explain a certain provision of the Ordinance vesting Act, and to remove certain difficulties which have occurred in carrying the said provisions into effect.”

“ An Act to provide for the appointment of Magistrates for the more remote parts of this Province.”

“ An Act to reverse the Attainder of *Peter Matthews*, and to avoid the forfeiture of his Estates and Property.”

“ An Act to make provision for confirming certain Acts of Registrars in that part of this Province, formerly *Upper Canada*.”

To these Bills the Royal Assent was severally pronounced by one of the Clerks Assistant to this House, in the words following :

In Her Majesty's Name, His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to this Bill.

Then the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the Titles of nine Bills to be passed as follow :

“ An Act to Incorporate a Company to extend the Great Western Railroad from *Hamilton* and *Toronto* Railroad Bill.”

“ An Act to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, ' An Act to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, ' An Act to Incorporate the City of *Toronto* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company.' ”

“ An Act for erecting a Suspension Bridge over the *Niagara* River, at or near the Falls of *Niagara*.”

“ An Act for Supplying the City of *Quebec*, and parts adjacent thereto, with Water.”

“ An Act to restore the rights of certain persons attainted for High Treason.”

“ An Act to Incorporate the *Wolf Island, Kingston* and *Toronto* Railroad Company.”

“ An Act to Incorporate the *Peterboro* and *Port Hope* Railway Company.”

La Banque des
Marchands
Bill, and,

“ An Act to Incorporate *La Banque des
“ Marchands.”*

Montreal and
Kingston Rail-
road Bill.

“ An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal and
“ Kingston Railroad Company.*

Then to each of these Bills one of the
Clerks Assistant to this House, by His Ex-
cellency's command, did thereupon say :

Reserved for
the signifi-
cation of Her
Majesty's plea-
sure thereon.

His Excellency the Governor General doth
reserve this Bill for the signification of Her
Majesty's pleasure thereon.

Address of the
Speaker of the
Assembly, to
His Excel-
lency, on pre-
senting the
Money Bills.

Then the Speaker of the Legislative As-
sembly addressed His Excellency as follows :

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's faithful Subjects, the
Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parlia-
ment assembled, in obedience to Your Excel-
lency's commands, attend Your Excellency,
and beg leave to present our Grant of Supply,
which concludes the labour of the Session.

In the ordinary course of proceeding, much
of our time has been occupied in discussing
measures of great importance to the Province,
with respect to its Agriculture, Public Im-
provements, and Finances.

During the course of our deliberations, we
have also, in pursuance of Your Excellency's
desire, considered the subject of the organiza-
tion of the Militia, and have passed a Bill
relating thereto, which we humbly trust will
have the effect of placing that valuable arm
of the defence of the Country, in such a state
of efficiency as, with the co-operation of Her
Majesty's gallant Sea, and Land Forces, will
be amply sufficient to protect this Colony
from every attempt at hostile aggression, or
invasion by a foreign enemy. We rejoice to
assure Your Excellency that this important
Bill has been discussed and carried through
with perfect unanimity of feeling ; and that
all have cordially united in the completion of
a measure, which has for its object the de-
fence of our common Country, the mainte-
nance of the integrity of the Empire, and of
the Sovereign Authority of our Most Gracious
Queen.

Amidst the various important concerns
which have presented themselves for our no-
tice, there are none in which we take a deeper
interest than those which regard the dignity
of the Crown ; and those Officers, whose high

Official Stations place them in more immediate
connection with it, should be properly and li-
berally provided for. Impressed with these
sentiments we have endeavoured, by a new
settlement of the Civil List, to provide for de-
fraying the Expense of the several Services of
the Provincial Government ; and though not
unmindful of the fact, that the Revenues of
the Province cannot constitutionally be appro-
priated without the consent of its Representa-
tives in Parliament, we have by this Bill
placed the said charges henceforth, beyond
the reach of any contingencies, which more
properly belong to other and different branches
of the Public Service.

In completing our Financial arrangements,
the Expenditure of the Service of our Civil
Establishments and Public Works has been
considered, with reference to the pecuniary
resources of the year, and, amongst the most
important of these measures, as affecting the
general interests of the Country, is the Bill
regulating the Customs, by which the Public
Revenues will, we confidently hope, be both
increased and secured.

These, may it please Your Excellency, are
the principal objects to which our thoughts
and labours have been chiefly directed, and
for completing the Grants which it is our
special duty and privilege to provide, and to
strengthen the means of Her Majesty's Gov-
ernment, we now present to Your Excellency
a Bill intituled, “ An Act to appropriate the
“ Sums therein mentioned, to defray certain
“ Expenses of the Civil Government, for the
“ year one thousand eight hundred and forty-
“ six, and certain other Expenses not other-
“ wise provided for,” to which, with all hu-
mility, we entreat Her Majesty's Royal
Assent.

The Speaker then delivered the Money
Bills to one of the Clerks Assistant to this
House, who brought them to the Table, when
the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the
Title of a Bill to be passed as follows :

“ An Act to appropriate the Sums therein Supply Bill.
“ mentioned, to defray certain Expenses of
“ the Civil Government, for the year one
“ thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and
“ certain other Expenses not otherwise pro-
“ vided for.”

To

To this Bill one of the Clerks Assistant to this House, by His Excellency's command, did thereupon say :

Assented to in Her Majesty's Name.

His Excellency the Governor General thanks Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill in Her Majesty's Name.

Then the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the Titles of other Bills to be passed, as follow :

Elementary Instruction Bill, (U. C.)

" An Act to repeal certain enactments therein mentioned, and to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*."

Militia Bill.

" An Act to repeal certain Laws therein mentioned, to provide for the better defence of this Province, and to regulate the Militia thereof."

Jesuits' Estates Bill.

" An Act for the appropriation of the Revenues arising from the Jesuits' Estates, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six."

Gulf of St. Lawrence Bill.

" An Act to authorise the appropriation of nineteen thousand pounds to the improvement of the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*."

Lunatic Asylum Bill.

" An Act to authorise the issue of Debentures for the erection of a Lunatic Asylum at *Toronto*."

Quebec Debentures Bill.

" An Act for enabling Her Majesty to direct the issue of Debentures, to a limited amount, and for giving relief to the City of *Quebec*."

Imperial Loan Bill.

" An Act to authorise the raising of the remainder of the Loan guaranteed by the Imperial Parliament."

Rebellion Losses Bill.

" An Act to provide for the payment of certain Rebellion Losses in *Lower Canada*, and to appropriate the proceeds of the Marriage License Fund."

Public Works Bill, and,

" An Act for raising on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, a sum of money required for certain Public Works."

Judicature Expenses Bill, (U. C.)

" An Act for defraying the Expenses of the Administration of Justice in Criminal matters, in that part of the Province formerly *Upper Canada*."

To these Bills the Royal Assent was severally pronounced by one of the Clerks Assistant to this House, in the words following :

" In Her Majesty's Name, His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to this Bill." Assented to in Her Majesty's Name.

And the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the Title of another Bill to be passed as follows :

" An Act for granting a Civil List to Her Majesty." Civil List Bill.

To this Bill one of the Clerks Assistant to this House, by His Excellency's command, did thereupon say :

His Excellency the Governor General doth reserve this Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon. Reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

Then His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to deliver the following Speech.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, His Excellency's Speech.

At this advanced period of the season, I could scarcely have entertained any reasonable expectation that the present Session of Parliament could be sufficiently prolonged to enable you to dispose of the various measures submitted to your deliberation, with the attentive consideration due to the highly important interests which many of them involved.

Your indefatigable attention to the laborious duties which have been imposed upon you, has, however, enabled you to consider and to perfect the business with which you have been occupied, in a manner that, while it affords gratifying evidence of the cordial and united efforts of the several branches of the Legislature, will, I have no doubt, prove highly beneficial to the best interests of the Province.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

I thank you, in the name of Her Majesty, for the liberality with which you have provided the necessary Supplies, which shall be expended with the utmost economy consistent with the efficiency of the Public Service.

I shall immediately take the necessary measures for raising the Loans authorised by you, for the prosecution and speedy completion of the Public Works.

Honorable

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and
Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,*

The truly loyal and patriotic spirit in which you have passed the Militia Bill, claims my warmest acknowledgments, and proves how confidently our Gracious Sovereign may always rely upon the attachment of Her Canadian Subjects, and the promptitude and energy with which they would at all times be ready, should circumstances require it, to come forward in defence of their Country, and in support of their connection with the Parent State.

I have had the satisfaction of assenting, in the Queen's Name, to the greater part of the Enactments which you have passed.

In regard to the Bills which have been reserved for the decision of Her Majesty's Government, that course has in each case been required by imperative reasons, over which I could exercise no control.

The several Addresses which you have voted to the Queen have been duly forwarded through the proper department, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

In returning to your homes, where your presence is so much required, Gentlemen, I doubt not that you will use your utmost influence to

inspire confidence in your respective Districts, by encouraging that spirit of Loyalty for which the Canadian People have always been distinguished, and by promoting as far as may be in your power, those branches of useful and Productive Industry, as well as of Commercial enterprise, upon which the welfare of the Colony so mainly depends. For they may be assured, that however unfavorable the aspect of affairs may have appeared to them, there exists sufficient power and energy in this noble Province, if well directed, to make the most of the resources it unquestionably possesses; that will, under the blessing of Divine Providence, create new sources of Wealth and Prosperity, should those upon which they have hitherto relied be found ultimately to fail them.

Then the Speaker of this House said,

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and
Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,*

It is His Excellency the Governor General's will and pleasure, that this Provincial Parliament be Prorogued until Saturday the eighteenth day of July next, to be here held, and this Provincial Parliament is accordingly Prorogued until Saturday the eighteenth day of July next.

Parliament
Prorogued to
the 18th July
next.

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No. 422.

Downing Street,
24th August, 1845.

MY LORD,

I have received Your Lordship's Despatch of the 4th February, No. 214, enclosing the Copy of an Address from the Legislative Council of *Canada*, expressive of a desire to obtain Copies of certain Works referred to therein for the use of the Library of that House.

The Address specifies Copies of such volumes of the Works published by the Record Commission of the United Kingdom as are not now in the Council Library. I have ascertained that no Work has been published by that Commission subsequently to the volume which appeared in 1841, and of which three Copies were, in that year, forwarded to *Canada*.

I transmit Copies of such of the Journals of the House of Lords and Commons, and of

such of the Rules and Standing Orders of those Houses, as would appear not to have been hitherto sent to the Province.

Despatch respecting certain Books to be deposited in the Library of the Legislative Council.

With regard to the Statutes of the United Kingdom, which are also mentioned in the Address, I have to observe, that one of the eight Copies annually transmitted to *Canada* is designed for the use of the Legislative Council, and ought to be placed in the custody of the Speaker, Librarian, or other proper Officer of that House, if this has not already been done.

Your Lordship will communicate this Despatch to the Legislative Council, and will signify to them my wish to be of any service in my power, towards the further and more complete attainment of the object of their Address.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honorable
Lord Metcalfe, G. C. B.
&c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 2.

(Vide Journal, page 15.)

LIBRARY, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
March 23rd, 1846.

In obedience to the Order of the Honorable Council of the 27th March, 1845, "That the Librarian be directed to furnish a Report on the state of the Library, and a List of such Books as may be requisite," the Librarian has the honor herewith to lay upon the Table, a List of Works which it may be advi-

sable to purchase for the Library of Your Honorable House. Librarian's Report.

Your Librarian has the honor to state, that he has received, in good order, the Books ordered by the Committee of last Session, with the exception of a few, which there was some difficulty in obtaining in *London*, but which he entertains hopes of receiving immediately from *England*.

Your

Librarian's
Report.

Your Librarian has the honor to acknowledge to have received from the Colonial Secretary, through the Office of the Civil Secretary *Montreal*, the Public General Statutes of the 6th, 7th, and 8th Victoria, and also the Public General Acts of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Victoria.

He also has the honor to acknowledge to have received from Lord *Metcalf*, two volumes of the *Magnetical and Meteorological Observations* taken at the Observatory *Toronto*.

During last Session there were two hundred volumes purchased at Auction by *Robert Ar-*

mour, Esquire, Junior, late Law Clerk of Your Honorable House, under direction of the Honorable Speaker, which, with seven hundred and eighty volumes, since imported, and nine volumes presented to the Librarian during the Recess, with five thousand eight hundred volumes previously in the Library, make six thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine volumes now in possession of Your Honorable House, in good order.

The whole, nevertheless, humbly submitted,

W. AGAR ADAMSON,
Librarian.

APPENDIX No. 3.

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Despatches.

SCHEDULE of *Despatches accompanying Message of 24th March, 1846.*

NO.	DATE.	SUBJECT.
396	1845. 26th June.	Mr. Crooks' claim for loss of Schooner "Lord Nelson."
17	1846. 3rd February.	Regulation of Colonial Trade and Navigation, and the extension of the privileges of Naturalization when conferred by Provincial Enactment.
20	3rd February.	Use of the French Language in Legislative Records.

(Copy.)

No. 396.

Downing Street.

26th June, 1845.

MY LORD,

I have received and laid before the Queen the Joint Address to Her Majesty, from the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, which accompanied your Despatch, No. 217, of the 8th April, praying that Her Majesty would cause measures to be adopted for procuring indemnification from the Government of the *United States* for Mr. *Crooks*, whose vessel, the *Lord Nelson*, was captured by an American Cruizer previously to the declaration of War in 1812; and further praying that, if indemnification be withheld, Her Majesty would cause such other proceedings to be adopted as would have the effect of obtaining redress for Mr. *Crooks*.

Her Majesty has commanded me to instruct Your Lordship, to acquaint the Houses of Legislature, that the conclusive opinions which have, at different times, been pronounced by the Legal Advisers of the Crown upon Mr. *Crooks*' application for redress, preclude Her Majesty's Government from remonstrating with the Government of the *United States* upon the subject with any prospect of success, and that Her Majesty, not having any means at Her disposal of affording Mr. *Crooks* indemnification for his loss, is unable to comply with the application preferred on his behalf by the two Houses of Legislature in *Canada*, for relief in some other shape.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honorable
Lord *Metcalf*, K. G. C. B.,
&c. &c. &c.

Respecting
Schooner
"Lord Nelson."

(Copy.)

No. 17.

Downing Street,
3rd February, 1846.

MY LORD,

On the 18th September last, my Predecessor in this Office, in his confidential Despatch of that date, No. , promised that the views of Her Majesty's Government on the subjects embraced in the Joint Address of the two Houses of the Canadian Legislature of the of , should be signified to Lord *Metcalfé*, as soon as might be possible after the meeting of the Cabinet in November last.

Circumstances, to which it is needless to refer to more particularly, having prevented the fulfilment of that intention by Lord *Stanley* himself, it now devolves on me to carry it into execution.

I have laid before the Queen the Joint Address of the two Houses, and have had the honour to submit to Her Majesty the views of Her Majesty's confidential Advisers, as to the proper course to be taken in reference to each of the topics embraced in that Address.

The Queen having been pleased to approve and sanction the advice thus tendered to Her Majesty, has commanded me to explain those views to Your Lordship, for the information of the Legislative Council and Assembly, to whom Your Lordship will therefore communicate a Copy of this Despatch, as explanatory of the conclusions which Her Majesty has been pleased to adopt and sanction.

I have also to instruct Your Lordship to acquaint the two Houses of Provincial Legislature, that their Petitions, to either House of Parliament, were presented during the last Session: to the House of Lords by Lord *Stanley*, and to the House of Commons by Mr. *Hope*.

An important question was brought, in the above Address, under the notice of my Predecessor, with respect to the imposition of differential Duties upon Goods brought into *Canada*, otherwise than by sea. The purpose of such Duties would avowedly be, to offer a premium upon traffic by way of the *Saint Lawrence*, as compared with traffic by way of *New York*, and other parts of the *United States*.

In respect to any proposal having this object, Her Majesty's Government have to consider, in the first place, whether they shall adopt such a policy, make it their own, and introduce measures into the Imperial Parliament for the purpose of giving effect to it; in the second, whether, if they are not inclined to such a course, they shall still leave it open to the Provincial Legislature to deal with the question as one of Internal, rather than of Imperial concern.

Upon the first of these points I have to acquaint you, that Her Majesty's Government do not intend to propose to Parliament any measure for the imposition of new differential Duties upon Goods brought into *Canada* by land carriage and Inland Navigation. Their opinion is, that both the *St. Lawrence* and the route of the *United States* have their own commercial advantages. The Imperial Statutes already throw an additional weight, which I hold to be not inconsiderable, into the scale of the former route, and I do not think it would either be advisable in the particular case, or befit the commercial policy of the British Legislature, that it should undertake further to effect the competition between them.

As a consequence of what I have already stated, you will readily infer that I cannot authorise Your Lordship to recommend the introduction of any measure of the kind, with the authority which you possess as the Representative of Her Majesty.

But, on the other hand, I must give a different reply to the question, whether you are to intimate disapproval of such a measure, if you should find it to be unequivocally demanded by the general sentiment of the community, and should be presented to you for Legislative sanction.

You are aware that it is a rule of Imperial policy, generally, to reserve to Parliament the consideration of any question of differential or protective Duty which may arise in the Colonies, not refusing to make due allowance for subsisting irregularities of practice in this respect. I am desirous, in prospective Legislation, to adhere to this maxim. But I grant that it is more strictly applicable to Maritime Commerce, than to the case of a Colony having direct and extended relations along a frontier of many hundred miles, with a foreign Country.

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try. Your Lordship is therefore authorised to view the question as one to be determined according to the convictions of the people of *Canada*, whatever they may be when constitutionally brought before you, in the form of a Legislative measure.

With regard, however, to the form of any such enactment, supposing it to be introduced into discussion, I would suggest what appears to Her Majesty's Government a decided improvement upon that which is employed in the Act of the last Session, "for granting Provincial Duties of Customs." The lower rate of duty, when a distinction is made, should be extended to "Goods imported otherwise than "by Sea from a British Possession," as well as to Goods imported by Sea. The practical or commercial effect of the change might be trivial, but it would obviate an objection of general principle to an arrangement under which importation from a British Possession is, under given circumstances, made subject to a heavier burden than direct Maritime importation from a foreign Country.

But I have also to notice another portion of the Address of the Legislative Council and Assembly, transmitted by Lord *Metcalf* with his Despatch of the 1845, which prays that the provisions of the English Navigation Law may be extended to the Inland Waters of *North America*.

Her Majesty's Government are of opinion, that the time has not yet arrived when they would be enabled to examine that question in a manner befitting its importance.

In the preceding part of this Despatch, I have had occasion to state the principles upon which Her Majesty's Government are prepared to act with respect to the imposition in *Canada* of Inland, or even of avowedly differential Duties.

Your Lordship is aware that the general maxims on which such Duties are founded, do not command the assent of Her Majesty's Government. They must be justified, if justified at all, upon the ground of special circumstances: among the special circumstances bearing upon their merits, in the case of *Canada*, the deliberate and well ascertained inclinations of the people must hold a prominent place. I conceive that the points suggested by my review of the Customs' Act of last year, and the consideration of the call for

countervailing Duties to meet the effect of the American Drawback Act, will put me much more fully in possession than I am at present, of the state of the public sentiment in *Canada*. Her Majesty's Government would indeed pay great regard, under any circumstances, to an Address from both Houses of the Provincial Legislature. But it is manifest, I apprehend, that I cannot fully appreciate the views and intentions with which the Address now under discussion was framed, until I shall have before me the proceedings of the approaching Provincial Session, and shall perceive from them, in what form, and to what degree, the Legislative Council and Assembly may be disposed to act in matters placed within their control, upon the principles which the Address recommends to Parliament.

Another reason which has had its influence in producing this conclusion, has been, that there appears to be a probability of change in the Navigation Law of the *United States*, and that it would be well to know, what as yet can only be surmised, of the views and intentions entertained in that country with regard to it, especially as proceedings there might have a material effect upon general opinion in *Canada*.

And I must request Your Lordship carefully to avoid anticipating the advice which Her Majesty's Government might hereafter tender to the Crown, upon the subject to which this Despatch refers, as it is their intention to reserve an unfettered discretion in regard to it.

Such being the views of Her Majesty's confidential Advisers, on the subject of the extension to the Inland Waters of *Canada* of the Navigation Acts, we have not been able to advise the Queen to return any specific answer at present to so much of the Joint Address as relates to that subject. Your Lordship will therefore inform the Legislative Council and Assembly, that, for these reasons, that part of their Address is reserved for Her Majesty's further consideration.

I am commanded by the Queen to instruct Your Lordship to signify to the Legislative Council and Assembly, that, having considered that part of their Joint Address which refers to an extension of the privileges of naturalization, when conferred by Provincial enactment, Her Majesty has directed that the necessary steps be taken for giving effect to their wishes.

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Her Majesty's Government, therefore, propose to recommend to Parliament the enactment of a Law for this purpose.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) W. E. GLADSTONE.

Lieutenant General,
Earl *Cathcart*, K. C. B.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)
No. 20.

Downing Street,
3rd February, 1846.

MY LORD,

I have laid before the Queen the Joint Address of the Legislative Council and Assembly of *Canada*, on the subject of the alteration of the Act for the Re-union of *Canada*, so far as respects the use of the French Language.

I have also laid before the Queen your Despatch of the 8th of March, 1845, No. 287, which transmits the above Address.

From regard to the wishes thus expressed by Her loyal Subjects, Her Majesty is inclined to entertain the prayer of that Address, and

authorises you to make a communication accordingly to the Legislative Bodies, at the opening of the Session.

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Inasmuch, however, as it would not be practicable to obtain from Parliament, with convenience, the change which is required in the Act of Re-union so early as to take effect upon the proceedings of the coming Session in *Canada*, and as it is obviously far from desirable that reiterated applications should be made for the alteration of a Constitutional Statute of so much importance, Her Majesty's Government do not propose to take any step of that nature, until I shall have become acquainted with the proceedings of the Provincial Legislature, and shall have learned whether they may give occasion for inserting in one and the same amending Bill, together with a Provision relating to the exclusive use of the English Language, another modification of the provisions of the Act of Re-union, which might possibly become necessary under the powers conveyed to Your Lordship in my Despatch of this date, relating to the Civil List.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) W. E. GLADSTONE.

Lieutenant General,
The Earl *Cathcart*, K. C. B.,
&c. &c. &c.

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SCHEDULE of Despatches accompanying the Message to the Legislative Council of the 24th March, 1846.

Despatches.

NO.	DATE.	SUBJECT.
	1845.	
356	15th March,	Registration of Merchant Seamen, with Copy of Letter from Captain Otway, R. N.
371	16th April,	Acknowledging Copies of Address of Congratulation to Lord Metcalfe on his elevation to the Peerage.
Military.		
30	25th April,	Duties imposed in Canada on Articles imported for the use of Her Majesty's Troops, with letter from Treasury.
424	30th August,	Sir Wm. Burnett's Preparation for the Preservation of Timber.
455	6th Nov.	Mr. Payne's ditto ditto ditto
456	15th "	Desertion of Merchant Seamen, in reply to Memorial of Owners and Masters of Ships trading to Quebec.
457	15th "	Remarks on the Act of last Session incorporating the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway Company.
458	18th "	Harris' Divorce Bill will not be confirmed by Her Majesty.
1	30th Dec.	Pointing out an alteration necessary in the Act of last Session to secure the Right of Property in British Plantation Vessels.
1846.		
Circular.	15th Jan'y.	General Instructions relative to Colonial Railway Acts.
18	3d Febr'y.	Respecting the Customs Act of last Session.

(Copy.)

No. 356.

Downing Street,
15th March, 1845.

MY LORD,

On the Regis-
tration of Mer-
chant Seamen.

I have the honour to transmit to Your Lordship, for your consideration, the copy of a letter from Commander *Otway*, R. N., suggesting the Registration of Merchant Seamen in *Canada* and other Colonies. I find that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty entertain the opinion that this is not a subject which should be regulated by any Act of the Imperial Parliament, but that it should be left to the Government and Legislature of each Colony, to take such measures as may appear to them necessary for effecting the registration of Colonial Seamen.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honorable

The Lord *Metcalfe*, G. C. B.

&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Toronto,
9th January, 1845.

MY LORD,

Having occupied some years (between 1826, and 1829) in drawing up a Scheme for the Registry of Seamen, with a view to the prevention of desertion from both the Military and Merchant Navies, and presented it when completed to the late Lord High Admiral (afterwards published for distribution among Members of Parliament and others Officials,) I cannot but feel interested in the working of the present scheme as established by Sir *James Graham*, many of the essential parts being very similar to those suggested by me. It is therefore with unfeigned pleasure I learn that the Registry is no longer confined to *London* alone, but extended to the Outports of the Kingdom. It may not, however, have occurred to Your Lordship, that to carry out the 9th Regulation, which imposes a penalty of

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of £10 on Commanders of Merchant Vessels for every man they may ship as part of their crews, who may be deficient of a Registry Ticket, it will be requisite that the Registry be extended to such of our Colonies as are essentially nurseries for Seamen, in which position *Canada* stands conspicuous. Her numerous Fishing Vessels form the very cradles of infant essayists—her building Ports furnish stately Ships for the display of their matured proficiency—and the Commercial Traffic of her Merchants give employ to many thousands of first class Seamen, both Native and European—among which mass of men, casualties must ever be occurring; but under the ban of £10 penalty, such casualties cannot be remedied by filling up vacancies occurring from death, sickness, &c. unless there be a Registry in *Canada*, for native Mariners, or such as can establish their adoption of the Colony as their home. The Registry, if adopted, should not extend to any other Seamen, or it will operate against the working of the system of British Certificates, and every holder of a *Canada* Certificate, on arrival in *England*, should be required to exchange it for a British Ticket. By such a scheme native Mariners may be obtained from the Colony, otherwise, I imagine, there must be an especial exemption from penalty when absent from *Britain*.

Should the Treasury be induced to extend the Registry to *Canada*, I beg respectfully to solicit that Your Lordship would be pleased to nominate me as Registrar.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

R. OTWAY,
Commander R. N.

The Right Honorable
The Lord *Stanley*,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 371.

Downing Street,
16th April, 1845.

MY LORD,

I have received Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 229, of the 17th March, enclosing copies of the Addresses of Congratulation which have been presented to you by both Branches of the

Legislature of *Canada*, and by various Public Bodies in the Province, on your elevation to the Peerage. It is extremely satisfactory to me to learn, that so unequivocal and spontaneous a manifestation of feeling has been called forth by the late distinguished mark of the Queen's approval of your Public Services.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honorable
Lord *Metcalf*.
G. C. B.

(Copy.)

MILITARY,

No. 30.

Downing Street,
25th April, 1845.

MY LORD,

With reference to the Correspondence which has passed, relating to Duties imposed on Supplies imported into *Canada*, for the use of Her Majesty's Troops, I now transmit to Your Lordship copies of a Letter, and of its enclosures, which have been received from the Board of Treasury, representing that the new Customs' Bill, passed by the Canadian Legislature, contains no exemption of provisions, or other articles, imported into the Province for Her Majesty's Service.

On the subject of the imposition of certain duties.

I cannot conceal from Your Lordship, that this departure from an acknowledged principle, observed by every Possession of the Crown, has appeared to Her Majesty's Government to be ungracious; and, that we are unwilling to assume, that the Legislature of *Canada* deliberately proposes to impose on the British Exchequer, a burthen which it has never hitherto been called upon to bear.

I trust, therefore, that at the next meeting of the Legislature, Your Lordship will use your best endeavours, with a view to obtain the exemption desired by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, it being understood, of course, that Her Majesty's Government would readily consent to any arrangements

Relative to Addresses to Lord *Metcalf*.

On the subject of the imposition of certain duties. arrangements which might be required, in order to guard against abuse.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honorable
Lord Metcalfe,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Treasury Chambers,
16th April, 1845.

SIR,

With reference to my letter of the 17th August last, and to your reply of the 12th November following, relative to the duties to which certain articles imported for the use of the Troops in *Canada* were liable, under an Act of the Provincial Legislature, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to transmit to you, to be laid before Lord *Stanley*, copy of a Report to this Board, from Commissary General *Filder*, dated 24th ultimo, with its enclosures.*

Lord *Stanley* will perceive, that in the new Customs' Bill which has been passed by the Legislature of *Canada*, no exemption has been made of Provisions, or other articles, imported or supplied for Her Majesty's Service, and that even the Victualling Stores sent from the Government Depôt in this Country, will be subject to a Duty under the Act in question.

The principle of exempting from Customs' Duties, both Imperial and Colonial, all articles imported or supplied for Her Majesty's Service, having been fully admitted, My Lords entertain no doubt that Lord *Stanley* will consider it right to instruct the Governor General of *Canada*, to take such measures as His Lordship may see fit, with a view to the adoption of that principle in the Canadian Provinces.

If Mr. *Filder* is right, in supposing that the House of Assembly objected to exempt certain articles imported into *Canada* for the use of

* Customs Duties.—Resolutions to be moved by the Honorable Mr. Robinson, in Committee of the whole House, on Tuesday, the 25th of February, 1845, as amended in Committee of the whole, and agreed to by the House.

On the subject of the imposition of certain duties. Her Majesty's Troops, from the payment of Duty, under an apprehension that the privilege might be liable to abuse, My Lords have to observe, that it does not appear that any such abuse has been practised in other Colonies, in which the exemption is in full operation, and their Lordships cannot but suppose, that arrangements, which might be agreed upon between the Commissariat and the Custom House Officers, with the sanction and approval of the Governor General, would have the effect of preventing fraud in the matter.

I am to request, that the enclosure in Mr. *Filder's* Report may be returned to this Board.

I am, &c.

(Signed,) C. E. TREVELYAN.

James Stephen, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 1009.

Commissariat, *Canada*,
Montreal, 24th March, 1845.

SIR,

Referring to my letter of the 8th July last, and to yours of the 2d December last, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, that a new Customs' Bill has been passed by the Legislature of this Colony, augmenting the duty on live Cattle from £1 to £1 10s. sterling per head, being about 24 per cent on the cost of the animals, without containing any clause for exempting Cattle introduced for the use of the Troops from the operation of the Act.

The supply of Cattle in the Colony being unequal to the consumption, excepting possibly in some of the remote Districts, too distant for the surplus to be available for the deficient Markets, the price of all meat furnished to the Troops, whether the produce of the Country, or imported, is affected by this measure to the full amount of the Duty.

A provisional Duty has also, on this occasion, been put on Flour, of 6d. sterling per barrel, in addition to the Imperial Duty of
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2s., without any exception being made in favour of supplies of this article, or other provisions included in the Act, when imported for the use of the Troops.

The Salt Meat for which I transmitted a demand on 8th May, and is now, I presume, on its way from *England*, will consequently be subject to a duty of 2s. sterling per cwt.

Having perceived by the public papers, that it had been stated in the House of Assembly, in the course of the debates on this subject, that if the Cattle required for the use of the Troops were permitted to be imported free of Duty, the privilege would be liable to be abused for other purposes, I beg to observe, that with the co-operation of the Custom House Officers, there would, I am of opinion, be no difficulty in preventing fraud on the part of the Contractors.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) W. FILDER,
C. G.

(Copy.)
No. 424.

Downing Street,
30th August, 1845.

MY LORD,

On the subject
of the preserva-
tion of Timber.

I enclose herewith the copy of a letter from Sir *William Burnett*, suggesting the importance of employing in the rebuilding of those portions of *Quebec*, which have been destroyed by the late calamitous fires, wood prepared according to his plan.

I also enclose the copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Admiralty, forwarding Reports from Officers of the Dock Yard at *Portsmouth*, of the result of Experiments made by them to test the efficacy of this invention, of preserving timber from ignition, together with a statement from the Secretary of the Patentees, shewing the cost, per load, of preparing Wood for purposes of building.

In addition, I enclose the copy of a letter from Mr. *Jones*, suggesting the applicability of this prepared Wood to the formation of Roads in the Western Division of *Canada*, and proposing that a portion of the sum granted by Parliament, for

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21st August,
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the relief of the sufferers by the fires at *Quebec*, should be expended in the purchase of the requisite machinery and its conveyance to *Canada*. This gentleman has lately returned to the Province, and would be prepared to afford to Your Lordship any explanation which you might require on the subject.

Considering the importance of any measure which has a tendency to diminish the risk of fires in a Country in which, as in *Canada*, wood is extensively used for the construction of dwelling houses, I think it right to bring these suggestions under Your Lordship's notice, in case you should think them proper objects, either for expending upon them a part of the sum lately voted by Parliament for the relief of the sufferers by the fire at *Quebec*, or for making them the subject of an application to the Provincial Parliament.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honorable
The Lord *Metcalf*, G. C. B.
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Admiralty, Somerset House,
31st July, 1845.

MY LORD,

It is not without considerable diffidence that I venture to intrude myself upon Your Lordship's attention, and, indeed, I should not have done so, but from the hope that the great importance of the subject, in a material point of view, will prove my best excuse for troubling you.

No one my Lord, can have heard of the sad calamity which has, on two occasions, lately befallen the inhabitants of *Quebec*, by the conflagration of their City, without feeling desirous of preventing this from happening a third time; and this, my Lord, I have much satisfaction in informing you, can be done effectually, and at a comparatively small expense.

Circumstances connected with my public duties, forced upon my attention eight or nine years ago, the possibility of preventing dry rot in timber, and mildew in canvas, &c., in which

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which I have most fully succeeded; and my method is now employed to a great extent in the Royal Dock Yards, &c., and by private gentlemen.

In pursuing my experiments, I soon discovered that my preparation possessed also very valuable properties of another nature, when the composition was employed in a more concentrated form; in short, that it rendered wood, canvas, and even the finest muslin, incapable of receiving or sustaining flame; and thus either a ship, or a house, constructed of materials so impregnated, is made incapable of being burned by fire.

Having communicated this valuable property to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, their Lordships were pleased, in March, 1814, to cause the most trying experiments to be made by the Officers of *Portsmouth* Dock Yard, and these having fully succeeded, orders were soon after issued, that all the Bulkheads of Magazines of Ships of War and the other Bulkheads below, and also the Timber of all kinds, used in the vicinity of the fires in War Steamers, should be prepared with the solution in question, and to effect this purpose, there are two powerful hydraulic machines at work in *Portsmouth* and *Chatham* Dock Yards, capable of impregnating eighteen loads of timber daily.

I fear I have already detained Your Lordship too long on this subject, but I was desirous of shewing you that it is no ephemeral matter. I am endeavouring to bring under your notice, and I feel confident that Lord *Haddington* and Admiral Sir *George Cockburn*, or the Board of Admiralty generally, will fully confirm all I have advanced on the subject; and I shall be ready to afford Your Lordship any further information you may desire on this important business, for it is not applicable to *Quebec* alone, but to most of our other Colonies, though more especially to those of *North America*, and to any place where wood is used.

In order to give Your Lordship some idea of the value of the preparation in question, I beg to send you some pieces of Wood sawed from a large Log prepared in *Portsmouth* Dock York, with the minimum quantity required for rendering it unflammable, and also a piece of canvas, in the same state. By placing a portion of either in the flame of a candle or lamp, you will at once see the effect.

The accompanying Pamphlet will shew Your Lordship, how extensively and successfully it is used.

I have, &c,

(Signed,) W. BURNETT.
Director General of the
Medical Department of the Navy.

The Right Honorable
Lord Stanley.
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Admiralty,
14th August, 1845.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant, with its enclosure from Sir *Wm. Burnett*, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit to you, for the information of Lord *Stanley*, a copy of a Report from the Officers of *Portsmouth* Yard, upon the effects of his solution applied to the purpose of preventing ignition in Timber; or rather to prevent it from breaking into flame. In consequence of that Report, My Lords have ordered the Bulkheads in the holds and Magazines of Her Majesty's Ships to be fitted with Timber so saturated; and it is also applied largely to the various buildings in Her Majesty's Dockyards.

I send, for Lord *Stanley's* further information, a copy of a statement of the price per Load, of preparing Timber for building purposes.

I am, &c.

(Signed,) W. B. J. HAMILTON.

G. W. Hope, Esq.
Downing Street.

(Copy.)

Portsmouth Yard,
13th March, 1844.

SIR,

With reference to your directions of 1st ultimo, to make experiments as to the degree of prevention against ignition into flame, which Timber, saturated with Sir *Wm. Burnett's* solution, affords comparatively with wood of the same kind and unprepared; we have the

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the honour to state, that we have very carefully instituted a series of experiments on this subject, of which the following are the results.

Eleven different kinds of Timber were tried; each piece was two feet long, five inches wide, and three inches thick. Each piece was cut into two equal parts one foot long, and one part was prepared with a strong solution of Chloride of Zinc, (in the proportion of 1 lb. of Chloride to four gallons of water,) the other part was unprepared.

Care was taken after the preparation, to endeavour to bring both to the same degree of dryness.

One of the Furnaces at the Metal Mills, in which the cakes of Copper are heated previous to rolling, was selected for the experiments. The heat of this Furnace was very great.

Kind of Timber. *Result of Experiments.*

African Oak.—The unprepared burst into a strong flame in twenty-five seconds.

The prepared continued to resist flame for two minutes, and then a weak flame began to play gently over its surface.

English Oak.—Unprepared burst into flame in five seconds.

Prepared burst into flame in forty seconds, (a small flame,) at the end of ten minutes, the unprepared was rather more consumed than the other, but the difference was not considerable.

Italian Oak.—Unprepared ignited into flame in fifteen seconds.

Prepared into a small flame in thirty-five seconds.

Dantzic Fir.—Both prepared and unprepared being thrust towards the hottest part of the furnace, burst into flame immediately, but the heat was considered too great for such an experiment.

New Zealand Cowdic.—Placed not so far in the furnace as the above, but both immediately ignited into flame; the prepared however burnt less fiercely than the other.

Riga Fir.—Placed near the mouth of the furnace, the prepared was decidedly less inflammable than the other; it ignited into flame some time after the unprepared.

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Pitch Pine.—Unprepared burst into flame in five seconds, prepared resisted flame for six and a half seconds, and then gave out a feeble flame.

Red Pine (Canada.)—Red hot iron placed over both. The unprepared burst into flame immediately. The prepared gave no symptoms of flame, and the iron became cold without its inflaming.

Elm (Canada.)—Placed in the hot pots containing the Copper cakes lately ladled out of the refining furnace. The unprepared ignited into flame in half a minute. The prepared into a very much smaller flame in two and a half minutes.

Yellow Pine, (Canada.)—Placed in the cake pots, similarly to the before mentioned. The unprepared burst into a flame immediately. The prepared was watched for twelve minutes, but burst not into flame at all.

The heat was great; a second experiment was tried on this timber by placing red hot iron on it. The unprepared ignited immediately into flame. The prepared not at all.

It appears from the above experiments, that some of the prepared Woods, especially the *Canada Yellow Pine*, have resisted ignition into flame to an extraordinary degree.

We are of opinion that *Yellow Pine Timber*, prepared in this way, might be used most beneficially, not only for Magazine and Light Room Bulk-heads, but also for all the Bulk-heads of a Ship. There appears to be nothing in the solution calculated to injuriously affect the health of the crew; and if by preparing *Yellow Pine Timber* in this way, it might be made as durable as the Timber generally used for Bulk-heads, it would be found to possess the double advantage of preserving the Timber, and of preventing its ignition into flame.

The solution used in the above experiments was about eight times the ordinary strength.

I remain, &c.

(Signed,)

R. BLAKE,
F. STURDIE,
J. WATTS,
J. OWEN.

Portsmouth

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Portsmouth Yard,
25th May, 1844.

SIR,

With reference to your Memorandum 20th March last, directing me to report whether we propose that Bulkheads should be prepared with Sir *W. Burnett's* solution of the same strength as that used in the experiments described in our letter of the 16th March last, that is eight times the usual strength, and if so, what would be the expense of fitting a Line of Battle Ship in that manner, also the expense of solution even of the ordinary strength, we have the honour to state that we have instituted several experiments, with a view to ascertain what strength of the solution would successfully resist ignition into flame; the following are the results:—

1st. The hard woods, such as African, Dantzic and English Oaks, are not much affected by the solution in respect of ignition into flame, whatever be the strength of the solution.

2d. In the case of the ordinary strength (1 lb. of the Chloride to 4 gallons of Water,) the prepared and unprepared Woods are very nearly alike.

3rd. In solution of 1 lb. of Chloride of Zinc to 1½ gallons of Water and do. to 2 do., we found that certain Woods when exposed to the immediate contact of iron heated to a *blood-red heat, did not at all ignite into flames, whereas unprepared wood of the same kind burst into flame immediately.*

The following are the Woods:—

1 lb. to 1½ gallons of Water.	1 lb. to 2 gallons of Water.
Dantzic,	Spruce Deal,
Spruce,	Polish Larch,
Polish Larch,	Riga Fir,
Scotch “	Yellow Pine.
Yellow Pine,	

The same kind of Woods were boiled in solutions of 1 lb. Chloride to 2 gallons of Water.
— Do. — 3 do —

And in both cases the prepared Woods successfully resisted ignition into flame, while the unprepared burst instantly into flame.

The following is the comparative expense of fitting the Bulk-heads of the hold of a Line of Battle Ship with ordinary Timber unpre-

pared, and with Yellow Pine and Riga Fir, prepared with solution of 1 lb. Chloride to 2 gallons of Water.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bulk-heads, &c. in hold, of English Oak, 3 inches thick, 2760 cubic feet, at 7s. 6d. per foot.....				966	0	0
Ditto, Yellow Pine, 3 inches, 2760 feet at 2s. 4d.....	322	0	0			
Solution.....	243	0	0			
Labour.....	12	18	0			
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				577	18	0
Difference in favour of Yellow Pine.....				<hr/>		
				£388	2	0

Bulk-heads, &c. in hold, of Riga Fir, 3 inches, 2760 cubic feet at 3s.	414	0	0			
Solution.....	220	0	0			
Labour.....	12	18	0			
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				646	18	0
Difference in favour of Riga Fir.....				<hr/>		
				£319	2	0

We are, &c.

(Signed,) R. BLAKE,
J. WATTS,
J. OWEN.

53, KING WILLIAM STREET,
London Bridge, 13th August, 1845.

SIR,

In obedience to your desire, I beg to inform you, that the cost of preparing Timber for building purposes, if it be desired to preserve it from dry rot only, will be from 9s. to 13s. 6d. per load, according to the greater or lesser absorbent properties of the Wood.

But if the Timber is intended to be rendered unflammable, the cost will vary from 25s. to 35s. per load, and it may be well to mention, that unseasoned Timber is even more readily and effectually prepared than that which has been cut, the sap in green wood being firmly set by the process.

I am, &c.

(Signed,) C. JACKSON,
Secretary.

(Copy)

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(Copy.)

LONDON, 21st August, 1845.

SIR,

In reference to the conversation wherewith you honoured me yesterday, respecting the employment of certain proposed Woods, in the rebuilding of *Quebec*, and the formation of Railways in *Canada*, I beg to state, that if it were determined to send out either Sir *W. Burnett's* or *Payne's* Apparatus, I apprehend there would still be time to do so, previous to the departure of the last fall ships for the *Saint Lawrence*, at the cost of about a thousand pounds; and really, when one reflects on the enormous expenditure which is said to have attended the transport of a single 24 pounder, during the last American War in winter time, from *Montreal* to *Kingston*, and that the object of the present suggested outlay would be an eminent and *timely* beneficent one, I would venture respectfully to press it on the consideration of Government. It is a plan, indeed, which I feel so much confidence in, myself, as to have the desire to undertake it as a financial speculation, if I had the funds conveniently at hand to do so.

Since writing thus far, I have been called on, by the Secretary of Sir *W. Burnett's* Company, who says he would undertake the shipment of an Apparatus on their plan, this season, which *Payne* will not, as he requires three months' preparation, and says there are six prepared for the Russian Government, which it has taken twelve months to complete.

I venture no opinion on the respective merits of these rival processes, but am satisfied that either process would prevent the fibrous portions of the wood from flaming, and thus afford the required security from sudden or extensive ignition.

Should it be considered desirable to send out specimens of either, or both of the modes of preparation, to the Governor General, they can be had by reference to the respective Patentees.

The two tremendous calamities which have occurred so closely on each other at the ill-fated place in question, may be regarded as of a public nature; but a great portion of the individual settlers in the Province have to go through the ordeal of having their houses at least once burnt down, as it happened to myself some years ago, whilst at sea on my way home.

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Independent of the large sum voted by Parliament here, and applicable to the relief of the sufferers, both the Admiralty and Ordnance Departments have building and other operations going on in the Province, for which the Apparatus recommended might be used.

It would be alike applicable, in all likelihood, for the construction of Railways, and especially desirable in the section of the Western District about *Port Sarnia*, where I reside, since there is no stone to be had even for the formation of common Roads, which are now constructed of mere planks.

I have applied, Sir, the usual terms of parlance in speaking of the two appalling catastrophes in question; but after all, they may eventually prove blessed events, if, as I hope and trust, they produce a kindly fusion of the repulsive feelings between the two races,—if the sympathy shown by their neighbours to the French portion, who are the principal sufferers, on the spot, and the extensive subscriptions promoted here at home, and the paternal care both of the Governor General and of your Department, all tend to create that grateful and congenial return of sentiment which may be confidently anticipated * *

Your obliging condescension, Sir, has encouraged me to go into these latter details, which I trust you will excuse.

Any expense or fatigue or trouble which I may have incurred by my return from *Liverpool* and change of route, will be amply repaid if I can find that I have been of the least service in the matters herein treated.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) H. JONES, P. M.

Of *Maxwell* in *Sarnia*, *Western District*.

G. W. Hope, Esq.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 455.

Downing Street,

6th November, 1845.

My Lord,

I transmit to Your Lordship copies of a Correspondence which has passed between Mr. *Payne*—who has invented a process for preserving

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preserving Timber from decay—and this office, on the subject of an alleged mistake which has occurred either in this office or in *Canada*, in stating that one of the materials used by Sir *William Burnett* in his plan of preventing wood from igniting is Chloride of Lime. According to Mr. *Payne's* representation Chloride of Zinc is the solution used by Sir *William Burnett*, and not Chloride of Lime.

Your Lordship will be pleased to give publicity to this explanation, with the view of repairing any injury which may have been occasioned to Mr. *Payne* by this mistake.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honorable
Lord *Metcalf*, G. C. B.
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

WHITEHALL WHARF,
Cannon Row,
Westminster, 28th October, 1845.

MY LORD,

By this day's Post, I have received from *Canada*, a copy of the "Royal Gazette," published by authority, and dated 1st October, 1845, wherein I find two Letters from Your Lordship, bearing date Downing Street, 30th August, 1845; one addressed to the Governor and the other to the Lieutenant Governor of that Colony, recommending to the consideration of the Colonial Government, the propriety of adopting the Patent process of Sir *William Burnett*, in preparing Wood for house and ship building, as a means of diminishing the risk of fire.

This recommendation on the part of Her Majesty's Government, appears to be founded on a Report (also given in the Royal Gazette,) made by certain authorities of *Portsmouth* Dock Yard, detailing the result of a series of experiments performed by them upon different descriptions of Woods, which had been saturated with a strong solution of Chloride of Lime. I beg to be permitted to state, that the Chloride of Lime is not the material patented by Sir *William Burnett*, but the Chloride of Zinc. If, therefore, Her Majesty's Government meant to recommend the adop-

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tion of Sir *William Burnett's* process, and which process he, in his Letter to Your Lordship, (also given in the Royal Gazette,) states the Government were employing extensively in the Dock Yard here, it is evident the above report must lead the Colonial Government into error; the Chloride of Lime being the material used and recommended in it, and not the Chloride of Zinc, the latter being Sir *William Burnett's* Patent. That the Chloride of Lime is effective in diminishing the tendency to combustion in Wood, I do not doubt, and it forms one of the principal ingredients used and patented by me in my process; but certainly it forms no part of Sir *William Burnett's* Patent, and may be used singly by any person choosing to do so.

If used singly, however, although effective in arresting the progress of fire, there is one serious and well known objection against it, namely, its extremely deliquescent nature, causing continued damp—an objection evidently fatal to its adoption in this state, for either house or ship building purposes. This objection is removed by my Patent, my process being in using this Salt, to combine with it a Metallic Salt, and thus create a new and insoluble compound, equally protective against fire, and free from the objection of being any longer deliquescent.

Having thus brought these facts under Your Lordship's notice, it remains for you to adopt such measures as, under such circumstances, you may deem proper, and as may be best calculated to carry out the wise and humane intentions of Her Majesty's Government, in directing the attention of the Colonial Government to the adoption of some means for ameliorating, if not entirely preventing, the frightful consequences attendant on fires in these-ports of the British Possessions.

Had I been made aware of Her Majesty's Government having instituted inquiries on this subject, and directed experiments to be gone into, I would not have failed respectfully to have claimed for my process, a full and searching investigation, the result of which, I presume to think, could not have been otherwise than satisfactory. These experiments, however, appear to have been confined simply to a process, supposed to have been that patented by Sir *William Burnett*, Physician General to the Navy, nor does any step appear to have been taken to ascertain whether the
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important object in view, could have been obtained more effectually by any other means.

I therefore beg respectfully to ask of Your Lordship, to cause inquiry to be immediately made with reference to the statement I have herein submitted, and further that Your Lordship will give Instructions to such competent parties as you may think fit, to investigate, and report upon my process, particularly as to its effectiveness for the object now contemplated; and in making this last request, I ask the favour of Your Lordship's perusal of Mr. *Richard Philipps'* Report to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Woods and Forests, copy of which I enclose.

Hoping to receive an early communication on this subject,

I have, &c.

(Signed,) CHARLES PAYNE.

The Right Honorable
Lord Stanley,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Museum of Economic Geology,
20th September, 1842.

MY LORD AND GENTLEMEN,

I have, by your direction, and with the assistance of Mr. *Payne*, submitted to numerous experiments his process for preserving Timber from decay.

This method consists in depriving wood of its air, by an exhausting process, causing it then to absorb a solution, and afterwards forcing into it another solution, which shall so act upon the first contained in the pores of the wood, as by chemical decomposition to impregnate it with a solid material, and such as it is presumed will be efficacious in preventing its decay.

In order to prepare for the more direct experiment, it appeared to me to be proper to determine whether the process proposed by Mr. *Payne* is such as to ensure the penetration of the Timber by the solutions which he employs. With this view, a block of wood was immersed in water for twenty-four hours, and on weighing it at the expiration of that time, it was found to have absorbed less than

seven per cent of water; whereas a block of similar timber, submitted for only ten minutes to Mr. *Payne's* exhausting and forcing process, gained upwards of fifty per cent of water. Being thus satisfied that it is easy to penetrate Timber with a liquid to a great extent, I afterwards tried repeated experiments with Mr. *Payne's* decomposing process with some of the various solutions contemplated in his Patent; which of these it would be better to employ, it would require experience to determine. I found, however, that it would be easy to deposit eight per cent of solid, and presumed protecting matter, in the body of the Timber.

This was determined by subjecting the Wood, after impregnation, to a very high temperature, and afterwards weighing from time to time during ten days.

Time only can determine whether any substance thus introduced into Timber, can preserve it from decay, and there is much evidence in favour of the actual existence of such protecting power; and I am of opinion that Mr. *Payne's* plan will probably prove the most efficacious that has hitherto been proposed, on account of the great penetration which it effects, and the insolubility attending much of the matter introduced.

I therefore take the liberty of adding, that should you contemplate the use of any preservative material, Mr. *Payne's* process is, in my opinion, well worthy of being submitted to the test of experiment on a considerable scale, and I may add that some of the substances employed by him diminish the combustibility of Timber to a very considerable degree.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) R. P. PHILLIPS.

The Commissioners of
Her Majesty's Woods and Forests,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Downing Street,
5th November.

SIR,

I have laid before Lord *Stanley* your Letter of the 28th ultimo, and I am directed by His Lordship to state, in answer, that he is unable to

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to inform you by what means it has happened that, in the Report published in *Canada*, suggesting the application of Sir *William Burnett's* invention for preventing wood and other articles from becoming ignited when in contact with fire, the solution of Chloride of Lime should have been represented as one of the materials used in his process, instead of Chloride of Zinc.

His Lordship will regret if any prejudice has been occasioned to your interests by this mistake in the publication in *Canada* of Sir *William Burnett's* invention, and will be happy to remedy the inconvenience, if any, by transmitting to the Governor General of *Canada*, copies of this Correspondence with you.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) G. W. HOPE.

Charles Payne, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 456.

Downing Street,
15th November, 1845.

MY LORD,

On the subject
of the Deser-
tion of Seamen.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch No. 308, of the 5th of July last, enclosing the copy of a Memorial which you had received from the Masters and Owners of British Ships trading to *Quebec*, suggesting the adoption of certain remedies for the inconvenience to which they are at present subjected, by the constant infringement by their seamen of the engagements into which they have entered, previously to quitting this Country.

Her Majesty's Government entertain no doubt of the existence of the evil complained of to a considerable extent, and they think it advisable that some measures should be adopted for checking the practice of desertion.

The remedies suggested by the Memorialists are as follows:—

1st. That every Ship-owner sending a new vessel from *Canada* to the United Kingdom, should be compelled previously to import two-thirds of its complement of sailors.

2. That the seamen in *Canada* should be registered, and that the Masters and Owners of Provincial Vessels proceeding to Sea, should

be prohibited from taking to Sea any Seamen, without a ticket of registry (it is presumed either British or Canadian.)

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3. That until this Law be passed, Vessels of the United Kingdom proceeding from *Canada*, should be relieved of the restrictions as to taking Seamen without a registered Ticket.

With regard to the first of these proposed remedies, Her Majesty's Government would be unwilling to recommend so novel a restriction on the Ship-builders of *Canada*, to be imposed by the Imperial or even by the Provincial Parliament, until other available means had been tried to prevent desertion.

In the first instance, it would be better to try the second remedy proposed, which, although it might not prevent desertion altogether, would, at least, it is conceived, materially check it.

You are therefore at liberty to invite the Canadian Legislature to pass a law establishing a system of Registration of their own Seamen, and prohibiting Masters, &c., of Vessels proceeding from *Canada*, from engaging Seamen without either a Canadian or Imperial Register Ticket.

With respect to the third proposition, Her Majesty's Government entertain great doubts, whether the complaining parties in *Canada*, and probably the Authorities there, have not placed an inaccurate construction upon the Merchant Seamen's Act, by erroneously supposing that it prohibits the engagement in *Canada* of Seamen without a Register Ticket, by Masters, &c. of Ships registered in the United Kingdom.

The Law Officers of the Crown having been consulted on the subject, they have reported their opinion that the Act does not prohibit the taking Seamen to Sea, without a ticket, in Vessels returning to the United Kingdom, in sailing from *Canada*, *Quebec*, or any other Colonial Port.

I enclose a copy of that opinion for your information, and for the guidance of the Provincial Authorities.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honorable
Lord *Metcalfé*,
G.C.B., &c. &c. &c.

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(Signed,) F. THESIGER,
F. KELLY.

“ For the consideration of the Counsel of the Admiralty.”

“ I agree in the above opinion.”

(Signed,) RICH. GODSON.

“ 18th October, 1845.”

The Right Honorable
Lord *Metcalf*, G. C. B.,
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 457.

Downing Street,
15th November, 1845.

MY LORD,

I have to direct Your Lordship's attention to the following remarks, on an Act passed by the Legislature of *Canada* during their last Session, distinguished in the Records of this Office as No. 232, and entitled, “ An Act to incorporate the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company.*”

The 38th section, which fixes the maximum rates which the Company are to charge for the carriage of passengers and goods, gives them power to alter all or any of those rates, so long as they keep within the maximum. A similar power is given to Railway Companies in this Country, by the 90th section of the Act 8th and 9th *Victoria*, chap. 20; but, lest that power should be abused, for the purpose of prejudicing or favouring particular parties, or of collusively creating a monopoly, a proviso is introduced, that the same charges shall always be made upon all persons, and upon all goods, under the same circumstances. A similar precaution ought to be adopted in the present case.

But the 50th clause is open to a more serious objection. It gives power to the Company to take possession of such parts of the Rivers *St. Lawrence* and *Richelieu*, or of any other Rivers which may be required for the use of the Railway; but there is no provision (except

a partial one in respect of the *Richelieu*) for preventing the erection of works which might injure the navigation of either of those Rivers.

On the subject of the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway Bill.*

It would be very desirable that Your Lordship should obtain an amendment of these clauses, more especially the latter; and, in the mean time, Her Majesty's decision upon the Act will be suspended.

I intend to transmit to Your Lordship, shortly, copies of the General Railway Acts, and of the proceedings of the Government Railway Department, for the information of the Provincial Legislature, in their deliberations on this subject.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honorable
Lord *Metcalf*,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)
No. 458.

Downing Street,
18th November, 1845.

MY LORD,

In reference to the Correspondence enumerated in the margin, on the subject of Mr. *Harris'* Divorce Bill, I have now to communicate to Your Lordship the accompanying copy of a Report from the Law Officers of the Crown, from which it appears, that if the Bill were confirmed by Her Majesty, the Courts of Law in this Kingdom would not consider such an Act as a valid divorce, but that Mr. and Mrs. *Harris* would still retain, in point of law, their conjugal relation towards each other, within this Kingdom, and wheresoever else, beyond the limits of *Canada*, the Law of *England* prevails.

On the subject of *Harris'* Divorce Bill.

Under such circumstances, it will of course be impossible, that Her Majesty in Council could be advised to confirm, and finally enact this Bill.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Lord *Metcalf*,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

On the subject of the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway Bill.*

18th Nov. 45. { Lord Metcalfe, Despatch No. 278. Of 21st May, 1845.
Lord Stanley, Despatch No. 410. Of 4th Aug. 1845.
Lord Metcalfe, Despatch No. 245. Of 3d Sept. 1845.

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Doctor's Commons,
November 18, 1845.

MY LORD,

We are honored with Your Lordship's commands, signified in Mr. *Hope's* Letter of the 15th instant, stating that he was directed to transmit to us a Bill passed by the Council and Assembly of *Canada*, to dissolve the Marriage of *Henry William Harris, Esq.*, also, to transmit copies of the Correspondence which has taken place on the subject of that Bill, between Your Lordship and the Governor General of *Canada*. That the result of that Correspondence is to show, that Mr. and Mrs. *Harris* were married in *Canada*, in the year 1832—that he was, at that time, residing there as an Officer attached to his Regiment; the act of Adultery, on account of which the parties have been divorced, was apparently committed in *Canada*,—that Mr. *Harris* had no other domicile there, than such as attached to him in his Military capacity—that in the year 1841 Mr. *Harris* returned, with his Regiment, to the United Kingdom, and has not since resided in *Canada*,—that Mrs. *Harris* also quitted *Canada* for the *West Indies*,—that the Bill of Divorce was passed in March, 1845, and during the absence of both parties from the Province.

That Your Lordship further directed Mr. *Hope* to request, that we would report our joint opinion whether, if this Bill should be confirmed by Her Majesty, the Courts of Law in this Kingdom would consider such an Act as a valid divorce within this Kingdom, of Mr. and Mrs. *Harris*, and whether, notwithstanding the Act, they would not, within this Kingdom and elsewhere, beyond the limits of *Canada*, still retain, in point of Law, their conjugal relation towards each other.

In obedience to Your Lordship's commands, we have the honor to report, that as the parties were not domiciled in *Canada*, at the time of the passing of the Act for the dissolution of the Marriage, we are of opinion, that the Courts of Law in this Kingdom would not, if such Bill were confirmed by Her Majesty, consider such Act as a valid divorce.

We further think, that Mr. and Mrs. *Harris* would, notwithstanding such Act, retain, in point of Law, their conjugal relation towards

each other within this Kingdom, and where-
soever else, beyond the limits of *Canada*, the
Laws of *England* prevail. On the subject
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vorce Bill.

We have, &c.

(Signed,) J. DADSON.
FRED. THESIGER.
FITZROY KELLY.

The Right Honorable
Lord *Stanley*,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)
No. 1.

Downing Street,
30th December, 1845.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to transmit to Your Lordship, herewith, an Order made by Her Majesty in Council on the 23d instant, leaving to its operation an Act passed by the Legislature of *Canada*, No. 212, to secure the right of property in British Plantation Vessels. On the subject
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Act.

The last clause, however, enacts that this Act shall cease, if at any time the Imperial Act 3 and 4, Will. IV., chap. 55, entitled, "An Act for the Registering of British Vessels," shall be extended to Vessels navigating the Inland Waters of the Province of *Canada*. This Act having, however, been repealed by the Act 8 and 9 Vict., chap. 89, it would be desirable that the original Act, No. 212, should be amended by introducing the words "or any other Act for the Registering of British Ships," immediately after the words "the Act of Parliament," (viz.: 3 and 4, Will. IV., c. 55,) entitled, "An Act for the Registering of British Ships."

I have, &c.

(Signed,) W. E. GLADSTONE.

Lieutenant General,
The Earl *Cathcart*,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

(On the subject
of Colonial
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(Copy.)
(Circular.)

Downing Street,
15th January, 1846.

MY LORD,

I find that the impulse which has been given in every other part of the civilized World to plans of Railway communication, has been felt in many of the British Colonies. The subject has been pressed on my attention from many different quarters, and under circumstances, both physical and economical, as distinct and as various as are the conditions of those widely extended settlements.

To attempt to lay down any one set of rules, or even a single rule, binding inflexibly on the Executive Government of them all, would obviously be futile and impracticable. But the experience of this country has ascertained some general principles on the subject, the application of which is neither transitory nor local, but which, it may now be presumed, are applicable, in various degrees, to the legislation of every Country in this new field of enquiry. The object of this Despatch is to state, compendiously, what those rules or principles are.

It will, however, be convenient that you should be in possession, in the utmost practicable detail, of all the provisions which have been established, either by positive Statutes, or by Standing Orders of both Houses of Parliament, for the more effectually preventing the evils and securing the advantages incident to the creation of new lines of Railway in this Country. I subjoin a list of the various documents of this nature which accompany this Despatch. You will of course find in them much which could not be applied to the circumstances of the Colony under Your Government. But you will also find much, which will greatly abridge the labour of drawing up any Railway Acts, and much which embodies in a small space the results of long and laborious investigations, and of very costly experiments.

But whatever may be the utility or inutility of such details, I revert to the more general topic which has been already mentioned.

1st. Then, it is necessary that it should be expressly stipulated in the formation of every Railway Company, that the Legislature shall be free, by any future enactments, to repeal,

alter or amend any part of the original grant without being responsible, on that account, to provide compensation or indemnity to the Shareholders. It is, of course, assumed that in the exercise of this reserved authority, the Local Legislature will always respect the obligations of justice and sound policy. But to attempt once for all to enact a law of this kind which is thenceforward to remain unchangeable, unless the concurrence of the Shareholders can be obtained or purchased, would be to subject Society at large to all the hazards of what must, at first, be a precarious and doubtful experiment.

2nd. You will regard it as an indispensable preliminary to the enactment by Her Majesty of a Railway Bill, that of the proposed Capital, one tenth at least should have been actually invested in good and available securities for the prosecution of the work.

3rd. Every Railway Bill ought to contain provisions for the conveyance of the Royal Mails. The object of such provisions should be to secure moderation in the charges of conveyance, and to afford the utmost possible facility for the effectual discharge of this branch of the Public Service. Reference may be made on this head to such sections of the Imperial Railway Acts as relate to it.

4th. Every such Bill should also contain all necessary provisions to insure the prompt and punctual conveyance of Her Majesty's Forces, whether belonging to the Regular Army or to the Militia, and of all Policemen, Constables, or others, travelling on Her Majesty's Service. Rules of this nature will be found in the accompanying Acts of Parliament.

5th. In the contingency of Electrical Telegraphs being established on any line of Railway, provision should be made for a proper control and superintendence of them, according to the terms or spirit of the section of the Act of Parliament on that subject.

6th. The Statute 7th and 8th Victoria, chap. 85, sect. 1, contains a provision respecting the revision of the scale of Tolls on Railways, and the fixing a new scale in cases where, after 21 years, the profits shall have exceeded 10 per cent. The principle of this clause, with the substitution of 15 per cent. for 10, and of seven years for three, as the basis of the average to be calculated, ought, I apprehend

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apprehend, to be adopted in every Colonial Railway Act.

7th. The second section of the same Act contains provisions for the purchase, if it shall be thought fit, by the State, after a certain lapse of time, and on the terms there prescribed, of any Railway. In substance, such a provision should form a part of any Act which may be passed in the Colony under your Government.

8th. The fifth section of the same Statute contains a provision for the keeping, and the inspection of, the accounts of Railway Companies, which, with the necessary variations of form, should I think, constitute an integral part of every Railway Bill which may be passed in any British Colony. It is, however, material that you should observe, with respect to the three last provisions, that they are not intended to rule affirmatively by anticipation the questions to which they relate, or in any manner to prejudge the policy of the purchase of any Railway by the State. They have been prompted by the belief that the Railway system is still in a great degree an infant system, and that it is impossible accurately to predict the accompaniments and effects of its maturity, or to measure the exigencies which it may create. It has therefore been thought wise to take the best general guarantee of which the circumstances will admit, by keeping the field open for the free exercise, at a future day, of the discretion of the Legislatures, and to prevent the growth of any notion of constructive or prescriptive claim on the part of the Companies to retain, without reference to Public interests, as they may hereafter stand, their original position.

9th. You will find in the accompanying Acts various provisions, which have the public safety for their immediate object. Some modifications of them will of course be requisite to meet peculiar local exigencies; but enactments of this kind, very carefully considered, are essential to all good legislation on the subject.

10th. In those Colonies in which Representative Assemblies exist, and where the population is numerous, there will, I trust, be an adequate security both for the protection of private rights, and for preventing any improper favour being shewn to the interests of persons possessing peculiar local influence. In other Colonies the security against

abuses may be less perfect, and the duty of vigilance on the part of the Executive Government to prevent them, may be the more urgent. It is a duty, for the effective discharge of which, the Governor of every such Colony will consider himself as peculiarly responsible.

Such appear to me to be the main general principles or provisions, which ought to be embodied in any Railway Act which may be passed in the Colony under your Government.

You will perceive that my general object, in framing them, has been to leave the freest scope to private and associated enterprise, by the avoidance of all minute interference, and at the same time to take some simple securities for testing the solidity of projects, for guarding against risk to life, and for guaranteeing to the Public Service from the first, a fair share of the advantages of the construction of any Railway, and to the State as the representative of the public, the means of dealing with future contingencies. But I do not venture to insist even on these provisions as absolutely indispensable, in every Colony, and in every Railway Act. I am too well aware of the diversity of circumstances, prevailing in the various dependencies of the British Crown, to attempt so to fetter the discretion of the Local Governments; or so to impede the free exercise of the discretion of Her Majesty's confidential Advisers. The practical purpose which these Rules may serve, is as follows: It will not be necessary to reserve for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, any Railway Law, which satisfies all these conditions. On the other hand, any Railway Law framed in neglect or disregard of them, must be so reserved. In transmitting any Railway Law for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, you will distinctly point out to what extent these Rules have been followed or neglected, and what are the reasons which, in any such case of neglect, are supposed to justify or to have occasioned it. On the other hand, it may happen that in particular instances Companies may desire to accredit their schemes, by soliciting a larger measure than I have proposed of the intervention of the Government, I do not object to the guarded extension of that intervention, even beyond what the Legislature of the Colony under your administration may generally require, if it be with the active concurrence of the parties, and without expense to the public. For example, it

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it may happen that parties may desire to submit their projects to the examination of officers appointed or approved by yourself for the purpose. In such a case, or in any which you may judge to be analogous to it, I leave to you an unfettered discretion.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) W. E. GLADSTONE.

The Governor of *Canada*,
&c. &c. &c.

P. S. Lest the language in which my first recommendation is couched should be liable to an exaggerated construction, I beg to apprise you that it is intended only to recommend a provision strictly conformable to that of the 26th clause of the Model Railway Bill of 1845, and in no degree to go beyond the spirit of that provision.

List of Enclosures.

No. 1.—Volume of Reports of Committees and of General Railway Acts.

2.—Standing Orders of both Houses of Parliament relating to Railways.

3.—Railway Clauses, Consolidation Act, 1845, 8 and 9 Vic. c. 20.

*4.—Model Bill of 1845.

5.—Volume of Public General Acts for the Regulation of Railways.

* N. B.—No. 4. It has been impossible to procure a copy of this Act, but the Clause to which the Secretary of State refers in the P. S., may be seen at p. 48 of Reports of the Committees—Enclosure No. 1.

(Copy.)

No. 18.

Downing Street,
3rd February, 1846.

MY LORD,

The several Despatches enumerated in the margin, I acknowledge and propose to answer together, because they are all referable to the same common subject of the Act of the Canadian Legislature of the 17th of last March, cap. 3, for granting Provincial Duties of Customs.

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This Act stands for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, and I am not able, until an amendment shall have been introduced into it, to advise Her Majesty to allow it.

It involves two principles of great importance; the first directly, and the second virtually.

The first is, the distinction between goods sea-borne, and goods otherwise imported. On this subject I need simply refer you to what I have stated in regard to the proposal to levy inland countervailing duties upon goods generally. I am not only, Your Lordship will perceive, precluded by a difficulty, arising upon this part of the measure, from advising its allowance, but I also find, that for the duty of five per cent., which has heretofore been payable upon Leather and Leather Manufactures imported into *Canada*, rated imposts have been substituted, which appear to range generally from ten up to twenty-five or thirty per cent. *ad valorem*. In some cases a distinction is taken in favour of sea-borne articles—in others the application of the duty is uniform.

Her Majesty's Government are not prepared to assent to the imposition on such British goods as are ordinarily sent to *Canada* from the United Kingdom, or from a British Possession, of rates of duty substantially higher than those which were levied under the previous Provincial Customs Act, although they take no objection to the substitution for duties *ad valorem* of such fixed amounts as may be considered on the average equivalent to them. Your Lordship will consider this as their fixed decision, and will make it known accordingly. An amendment of the Act, to bring it into conformity with this decision, is indispensable.

Her Majesty's Government would very reluctantly consent to an increase of the duties upon Foreign goods, when imported by Sea into the British Colonies, as they stood before the passing of the Act now under consideration.

If it be possible to consider the Inland carriage as a matter rather for adjustment in the Province than as raising an Imperial question, in which the particular Colony can only be regarded as a portion of an Empire, animated by a central and single principle of action, it is not possible, in the judgment of Her Majesty's Government, to extend this view to Maritime

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291. May 23, '45.

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Maritime Commerce, without the risk of great inconvenience.

Any increase, however, of the kind to which I refer, must not only be specifically and avowedly laid upon Foreign goods, and upon Foreign goods alone, when the article is one likewise produced in the United Kingdom, or in the British Provinces, and entering into the Trade between them and the Province of *Canada*, but must likewise be supported by strong and special considerations, to be stated for the information of the Government.

Whatever influence of persuasion Your Lordship can exercise, you will employ for the purpose of recommending an adherence to the Commercial principles of the Circular of my predecessor, dated 28th June, 1843, or, at the

least, of moderating the disposition to call for augmentations of differential duties upon Foreign productions.

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I could have wished to find in this Act the usual exemption from duty of supplies required for Her Majesty's Forces.

Your Lordship will endeavour to procure the adoption of such provision, together with the amendment to which I have above adverted, as indispensable. * * * * *

I have, &c.,
(Signed,) W. E. GLADSTONE.

Lieutenant General,
The Earl *Cathcart*, K. C. B.,
&c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 5.

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Return from the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad Company.

STATEMENT of the cost of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad and appurtenances, and also the Receipts and Expenditure upon the same, together with the amount of Tonnage and Passengers transported by the Company for the season or year 1845, as required by the 49th section of the Act 2nd, William 4th. chap. 58.

Return from the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad Company.

Total cost of Railroad and Appurtenances to date					£52961	10	1
Period.	Number of Passengers.	Number of Tons, Freight.	Total Receipts.	Total Expenditure.			
For the year 1845	47855	13514	£ 20100 s. 0 d. 0	£ 14503 s. 13 d. 4			

I, *William D. Lindsay*, do make oath that the present Statement is just and true in every particular to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. D. LINDSAY.

Sworn before me this 11th March, 1846.
W. HALL, J. P.

Railroad Office, *Montreal*, 10th March, 1846.

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No. 32.

Downing Street,
3d March, 1846.

MY LORD,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 28th of January, No. 7, relating to the expected changes in the British Corn Law, deprecating such changes generally in the interest of *Canada*, and at the same time urging that if there be a determination on the part of Parliament to adopt them, it is much to be desired that they should not take immediate effect.

The interests of *Canada* have occupied the place to which they are justly entitled, in the deliberations of Her Majesty's Government upon this important subject, and upon others which are akin to it. At the same time, I need hardly point out to Your Lordship, that there are matters in which considerations, immediately connected with the supply of food for the people of this Country, and with the employment of its population, must be paramount.

Both in respect to Corn and in respect to Timber, Her Majesty's Government have determined to propose, and to use whatever influence they may possess for the purpose of carrying through Parliament the proposal, that the alterations about to be made should be gradual; and among the motives which have led them to this determination, has been the belief that this delay would be acceptable, and would also be advantageous to the people of *Canada*.

In order to supply you with some further evidence of their desire to consult the Colonial wishes and interests in discharging their public duties, I have to direct your attention to a Schedule hereto annexed, which exhibits the duties now chargeable upon articles of Agricultural Produce when imported from the British Dominions abroad, and the changes which it is intended to make in favour of the Colonial Trade, by the immediate abolition or reduction of these duties.

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I trust that *Canada* may largely avail herself of the advantages which are thus (for I venture to anticipate the favourable judgment of Parliament upon these propositions about to be submitted to it, on the part of the Crown) about to be placed within her reach. The desire of Her Majesty's Government is, that the Trade of *Canada* may in all respects approach as nearly to perfect freedom, as the dispositions of its inhabitants, and the exigencies of the Public Revenue there, may permit. And, in evidence of that desire, I may advert to my Despatch No. 19, of the 3rd of February, relating to the Provincial duty on the importation of Wheat, and may again apprise you, that it is not the intention of Her Majesty's Government to check any disposition which *Canada* may manifest, should such be the case, for the repeal of that duty by the interposition of the Prerogative.

Further, with regard to Corn, I have much satisfaction in reflecting, that if *Canada* will have to enter into competition with the Western States of *America*, and to engage in this rivalry when no longer covered by any protective duty, at least she will not be called to make the effort without some advantages on her side; among them I reckon her light taxation,—the assistance she has received from British credit and funds in the construction and improvement of her internal communications,—her more regular and steady course of trade with this Country,—her low tariff, so favourable to importation, and on that account powerfully tending to encourage her reciprocal commerce outwards,—some advantage in the point of proximity, as compared with the most Westerly States of the Union, which are also her most formidable rivals in cheapness of production; and lastly, the means of carriage without transshipments, by the *Saint Lawrence*, which cannot be had by the way of the *Erie Canal*. She will likewise have this in her favour, that her Corn Trade will have become a settled one of some standing, with all its arrangements made and in full operation, while any regular commerce in that article from the *United States* must be a new creation, and must go through the processes

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cesses attending its self-adjustment to circumstances as yet untried.

And if it be true that *New York* offers some advantages, as compared with *Montreal*, particularly in regard to the rate of insurance, on the other hand, I consider that the shipping of British *North America* has many advantages over that of the *United States*, in the competition for freights, as it is constructed at far less expense, and is, I must assume, navigated with equal vigour and equal economy.

It is beyond doubt that *Canada* has felt a very invigorating influence from the augmented facility of access to the British Market, which she has enjoyed since the Act of 1843, and that it has perceptibly stimulated the extension of her Agriculture; but the average prices of Wheat, during the years 1843, 1844 and 1845, have been only 50s. 10d., 51s. 3d., and 50s. 1d. respectively.

Not presuming to anticipate, within any very close limits, what are likely to be the ruling prices of this Grain, after a perfect freedom of Trade shall have been established, I yet venture to think that the most competent persons are not generally of opinion that they will exhibit any reduction which shall place them greatly below the rates I have just cited, and as I trust we may look forward to some diminution in the cost of conveyance, between the place of growth, or grinding, and *Montreal*, I cannot participate in the apprehensions of those who conceive that the measure, now under consideration, will involve ruin, or any thing approaching to it, to the Trade in Canadian Corn and Flour.

I trust, therefore, that the Agricultural Population of *Canada* will look forward, without fear, to a change, of which it is probable that the effects will be far less violent, either for good or for the partial evils which may accompany such good, than many, prompted either by their hopes or their fears, have been forward to anticipate.

I now pass to the question of Timber, which is of great moment with reference to the Trade of *Canada*, although it has not the same interest as the subject of Corn, for the mass of the Population.

I have much satisfaction in drawing Your Lordship's attention to the fact, that the Colonial Timber Trade prospers under the ope-

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ration of those changes in the Law which were enacted in 1842, and which had taken full effect before the end of 1843. I subjoin a statement of the number of Loads of Timber brought to *England* from the Colonies in each of the last ten years, and of the number of Loads of Deals brought hither in each of the last three years, during which period alone that mode of computation has been pursued, so far as relates to this branch of the Wood Trade.

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The increased facilities of internal transit in this Country, independently of the very great temporary demand connected with the construction of the Railways that are to effect this great improvement, promise a considerable and permanent extension of the market for Foreign Wood, an extension likely to be accelerated, unless it be as to *Scotland*, by the progressive diminution of the home growth of Timber through the United Kingdom.

The description of Wood supplied by the British *North American* Colonies—the Yellow Pine,—is not chiefly to be regarded as competing with the Wood of the *Baltic*, but rather as available for different, though concurrent uses. For example—the increase of *Baltic* Timber tending to encourage the construction of new buildings by supplying the best materials for particular portions of them, has an effect, not in limiting, but in extending the demand for Canadian Timber, as furnishing the cheapest and most convenient material for other portions,—namely, the inward fittings of the very same fabrics.

Her Majesty's Government are not indeed prepared to assert, that the question of the relation between the Duty on Foreign Timber and the Colonial Wood Trade ought to be adjusted with reference to this consideration alone, and you will perceive that they propose to retain a duty of 15s. per Load upon Foreign Timber, which I apprehend may be considered as, upon the average, nearly covering the difference between Freights from the *Baltic*, and those from British *North America* to the United Kingdom.

Not only are they free from the apprehension, that the proposed remission of 10s. per Load on Foreign Timber, and 12s. on Foreign Deals, will cause a contraction of the Trade from British *North America*, but they are sanguine in the anticipation, that that Trade will

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will continue, notwithstanding the proposed change, to extend itself.

The reduction of the Duty on Colonial Timber and Deals, to a nominal amount, which took place in 1842, involved the sacrifice of a considerable Revenue, and that sacrifice may, I trust, have tended, and may still serve to convince the inhabitants of *Canada*, that it has been the earnest desire of Her Majesty, in affording relief to Her people at home, by the changes effected in the Commercial Laws of the Empire, to obviate, as far as possible, the inconveniences, and to extend the benefits which those changes might tend to produce, for other portions of Her Subjects.

This Country has taken upon itself the serious task of reforming its own Commercial System, in opposition to what appears to be the

prevailing disposition among other nations, and to bear testimony to the world, and to put in action the powerful influence of example, in favour of sound principles of Trade. Her Majesty's Government trust, that the efforts of the British Legislature in this respect may be seconded, their range extended, and the example rendered yet more impressive, not only by the acquiescence, but by the approval and the active co-operation of the Legislatures and the inhabitants of the Colonies.

I have, &c.,

(Signed.) W. E. GLADSTONE.

Lieut. General

The Earl *Cathcart*, K. C. B.
&c. &c. &c.

Despatch on the subject of the Timber Trade.

SCHEDULE of certain ARTICLES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE OF THE BRITISH DOMINIONS ABROAD, with the present and proposed Duties thereon on Importation into the United Kingdom.

Schedule of Duties on Agricultural Produce.

		Present Duty.	Proposed Duty.
Pearled Barley...	per cwt.	£ s. d. 0 2 6	£ s. d. 0 0 6
Butter ...	"	0 5 0	0 2 6
Buckwheat ...	per quarter	6d. to 0 2 6	0 1 0
Cheese ...	per cwt.	0 2 6	0 1 6
Hams ...	"	0 3 6	0 2 0
Hops ...	"	4 10 0	2 5 0
Maize or Indian Corn ...	...	from 6d. to 0 2 6	0 1 0
Do. (Meal) ...	"	Prohibited ...	0 0 4½
Potato Flour ...	"	...	0 1 0
Skins, manufactured ...	...	10 per cent. ad valorem	5 per cent. ad valorem.
Starch...	per cwt.	0 5 0	and after the 1st. Feb. 1849 ... 0 2 6
Tallow ...	"	0 0 3	0 0 1
Tongues ...	"	0 2 6	0 2 0
Seeds, Canary ...	per bushel	0 2 0	per cwt. ... 0 2 6
" Carraway...	} per cwt.	0 5 0	0 2 6
" Carrot ...			
" Clover ...			

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SCHEDULE of certain ARTICLES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE, &c.—(Continued.)

Schedule of
Duties on
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Produce.

		Present Duty.	Proposed Duty.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Seeds, Leek	0 10 0	0 2 6
“ Onion		
Mustard	per bushel ...	0 0 6	per cwt. ... 0 7 2
Other Seeds ... ..	... ..	5 per cent. ad valorem	2½ per cent. ad valorem.
Animals, living ... ..	... ..	Various rates ...	Free.
Bacon	per cwt. ...	0 3 6	
Beef	“	0 2 0	
Cranberries	per gallon ...	0 0 1	
Hay	per load ...	0 8 0	Free.
Salted Meat not otherwise described	per cwt. ...	0 2 0	
Pork, salted, (not Hams)	“	0 2 0	
Potatoes	“	0 0 1	
Other Vegetables ... ..	... ..	2½ per cent. ad valorem	
Barley	per quarter...	from 2s. 6d. to 0 0 6	0 1 0
Rye	“	from 3s. to 0 0 6	0 1 0
Peas	“		
Beans... ..	“		
Barley Meal	“		
Rye Meal	“		
Pea Meal	“		
Bean Meal	“		
Oats	per quarter ...	from 2s. to 0 0 6	0 1 0
Oatmeal	“	{ for 181½ lbs. from 2s. to 0 0 6 }	per cwt. ... 0 0 4½

Schedule of
Duties on
Timber.

NUMBER of Loads of Timber imported from the British Colonies in North America in each of the last ten years.

Schedule of
Duties on
Timber.

Years.	Oak Plank, 2 inches thick or upwards.	Teak.	Timber, Fir, Oak, &c., 8 inches square or upwards.	Wainscot Logs.
	Loads.	Loads.	Loads.	Loads.
1836	2	“	525,645	“
1837	2	“	545,361	“
1838	1	“	560,621	“
1839	3	“	562,398	“
1840	3	“	646,953	85
1841	2	“	633,040	“
1842	1	“	375,292	“
1843	“	“	578,172	“
1844	“	“	545,820	“
1845	“	“	796,515	“

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NUMBER of Deals imported in each of the last three years.

Schedule of Duties on Timber.

Years.	Loads.	Of which were from British Colonies.
1843	609693	340688
1844	727456	395066
1845	884453	493826

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STATEMENT of Monies received and disbursed by the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*, Incorporated by Act of the Provincial Parliament, 8 Vict. cap. 25, for the year ending 17th March, 1846.

Return from the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
17th March, 1846.—To amount received to this date, on account of the first call on						
6127 Shares				17795	10	9
Deduct—						
Disbursements of Mr. Galt's journey to England:						
For advertizing, printing, engraving, postages and other disbursements	£474	2	9			
Travelling expenses, from 14th June to the 31st December, 1845	303	3	5			
	£777	6	2 Stg.			
at the current rate of exchange when paid	963	14	5			
Disbursements of the London Committee	928	12	6			
Secretary's Salary to 31st December, 1845	150	0	0			
Advertizing and other printing in Canada	42	9	9			
Professional fees	15	0	0			
Stationery, postage, Corporation Seal, and other petty disbursements ...	68	1	4			
				2167	18	5
				£15627	12	4

Errors excepted,

THOMAS STEERS, *Secretary.*

I, *Thomas Steers*, Secretary to the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*, being duly sworn, declare that the foregoing is a correct Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the said Company, for the year ending 17th March, 1846, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

THOMAS STEERS.

Railroad Office, *Montreal*, 28th March, 1846.

Sworn before me, at *Montreal*, this 30th March, 1846.

J. BELLE, J. P.

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APPENDIX No. 8.

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Return from the Canada Baptist Missionary Society.

RETURN of Immovable Property held by the Corporation of the *Canada Baptist Missionary Society.*

Return from the Canada Baptist Missionary Society.

	Estimated value.			Rental.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
I. A Lot lying between Guy Street and Charles Street, St. Antoine Suburbs, Montreal, containing by admeasurement two acres and three perches, more or less, with a new stone building (the Canada Baptist College) not yet finished, and a cottage	7000	0	0	None.		
II. A Lot measuring 115 feet by 92 feet, with a stone house and outbuildings, situated at the corner of Richmond Square, St. Antoine Street, Montreal ...	1200	0	0	None.		
III. A Lot measuring 95 feet by 47 feet 6 inches, with a brick building used as a Chapel, situated in Ann Street, Griffintown, Montreal	500	0	0	30	0	0
IV. A piece of Land in Roxton Township, Canada East, containing by admeasurement ten acres, more or less, with a dwelling house, school house, and outbuildings	200	0	0	None.		

JOSEPH WENHAM,

Treasurer, C. Bap. Miss. Society.

Montreal, March 31st, 1846.

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Return from the Quebec Library Association.

To the Honorable the Legislative Council of the Province of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament Assembled :

The Board of Directors of the *Quebec Library Association*, in accordance with the 8th Clause of the Act incorporating the said Association, passed at the last Session of Parliament, 17th March, 1845, to wit :

VIII. "And be it enacted, that the said Corporation shall be bound to transmit

"yearly to each of the three branches of the Legislature, during the first fifteen days of the Session thereof, a detailed account of their revenues and expenditures, shewing also the nature and extent of the immovable property possessed by them, and the revenue derivable therefrom."

Return from the Quebec Library Association.

Respectfully

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the Quebec
Library Association.

Respectfully state that the Revenue of the Association for the past year amounted to £455 15 6, obtained as follows:

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the Quebec
Library Association.

	£	s.	d.
To balance on hand, 2nd January, 1845	105	14	11
“ subscriptions, collected from 399 Members	320	7	6
“ do for the year 1846	26	0	0
“ amount received for papers sold, &c.	3	13	6
	£	455	15 6

And that the Expenditure of the Society was £364 12 11, in detail as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
By cash paid for books	48	11	1
“ do papers and periodicals	67	16	5
“ do binding	5	11	11
“ do printing and advertizing	16	5	9
“ do salaries of Librarian and Superintendent	103	6	8
“ do light and fuel	46	13	5
“ do insurance	7	10	0
“ do postages	21	0	5
“ do sundries	14	5	0
“ do Lecture Room	10	11	4
“ do collecting subscriptions	0	5	0
“ do repairs to building	1	11	0
“ do incidental expenses	21	0	4
		364	12 11
Balance in City Bank	91	2	7
	£	455	15 6

And that the Association is not yet possessed of any Immoveable Property.

All which is humbly and most respectfully submitted.

J. CHARLTON FISHER, L. L. D.

President Q. L. A.

Quebec, 27th March, 1846.

APPENDIX No. 10.

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MECHANICS INSTITUTE OF MONTREAL.

April, 1846.

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF PROPERTY.

Return from
the Montreal
Mechanics
Institute.

										Estimated value.		
										£	s.	d.
Library, 850 volumes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	212	10	0
Scientific apparatus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58	0	0
Chemical do	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	0	0
Minerals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	0	0
Maps, charts, and drawings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	10	0
Pamphlets and unbound works	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Furniture	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	0	0
Carpets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
										£468	0	0

Return from
the Montreal
Mechanics
Institute.

Certified,

JOHN OSTELL,
President M. M. I.

CHAS. M'DONALD,
Rec. Sec.

APPENDIX No. 11.

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Despatches, &c.
relating to the
Boundary be-
tween Canada
and New
Brunswick.

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Frederickton,
April 3d, 1846.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to enclose to Your Lordship, copies of two Letters which I have received from the Commissioners, who have been employed by direction of Her Majesty's Government, in carrying into effect, at the public expense, the 4th article of the Treaty of *Washington*.

It was the duty of these gentlemen to adjudicate the claims of the parties, and to cause their lands to be surveyed, and having done so, I submit to Your Lordship, that any operations by other Surveyors, on the same lands, would only lead to embarrassment in the execution of the Treaty, without being productive of any advantage, for if the Territory, or any part of it, be ultimately assigned to *Canada*, authenticated transcripts of the Surveys and Reports of the Commissioners would be transmitted, on which the Titles of the parties would be confirmed.

I take this opportunity of enclosing to Your Lordship, the copy of a Despatch, which I have lately addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with a Joint Address from the Legislative Council and Assembly, on the subject of the Boundary in dispute between the Provinces.

Duplicate,
No. 14, dated
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Joint Address,
dated Feb'y. 27.

I have the honor to be,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed,) W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

His Excellency Lieut. General
The Right Hon. Earl CATHCART,
K. C. B., &c. &c. &c.

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Frederickton,
2d April, 1846.

SIR,

We beg to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that we have received intelligence of the arrival

of two Surveyors from *Canada*, who are now employed in extending the Settlers' Lines on the River *St. John*, below the *St. Francis*, and on the *Madawaska* River, between the Seigniority Line and the Little Falls, both of which Tracts have already been surveyed under our direction, in the course of last season, as will appear by the Plans now in our possession.

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J. A. MACLAUGHLAN,
JOHN C. ALLAN,
Commissioners.

The Hon. J. S. SAUNDERS,
Provincial Secretary.

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Frederickton,
3d April, 1846.

SIR,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of this day, requesting us to explain, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the proceedings taken by us last season, in settling the claims of the Settlers under the Treaty of *Washington*: and, in reply thereto, beg to state, that upon receiving our appointment as Commissioners, in April last, we immediately proceeded to *Madawaska*, and caused public notice of our appointment and arrival to be given to the Inhabitants, and requested all persons claiming lands, under the Treaty, to appear before us, and state their claims. That, in consequence of this notification, all persons having any claims to lands within the settlement, appeared before us, and were examined upon oath as to the validity of their respective claims—the nature and extent of their improvements,—and the original occupation of the land. We also required their statements to be confirmed by other evidence, in all cases which we considered at all doubtful,

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ful, or where the person claiming the land was not the first occupier; and, in all conflicting claims between the Settlers, the evidence on both sides was fully heard, and the matter decided according to the best of our judgment, upon principles of justice and equity, and to the satisfaction of the parties in almost every instance.

We may also state, that the claims of each individual were separately adjudicated upon, and any evidence which he thought proper to produce in support of it, fully weighed and considered.

After having heard all the evidence, we proceeded to the land claimed by and in the occupation of the Settlers, and, in presence of the parties, established the boundaries between the lots and the courses of the dividing lines. This was followed up by a perfect and complete survey of each lot, under our direction, the side and rear lines being distinctly marked to prevent any collision between the respective occupiers; as will appear by the Plans which have been shewn to His Excellency.

We have, &c.,

J. A. MACLAUGHAN,
JOHN C. ALLAN,
Commissioners, &c.

The Hon. JOHN S. SAUNDERS,
Prot. Secy.

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No. 14.

Frederickton, N. B.
February 27th, 1846.

Sir,

Since the departure of the Mail this day, a deputation from the Legislative Council and Assembly have waited on me with a Joint Address to the Queen herewith enclosed, which I have been requested to forward by Express, in order that it may reach Halifax in time for the Mail Packet.

The claim of the two Houses, that the Canadian Boundary, as defined by the Act of Parliament 14 Geo. III, chap. 83, appearing to be substantially just, I anticipated that it would be urged by them, and the objections to a River Boundary between contiguous States and Provinces have been so abundantly proved, as well as the advantage of adopting the high-

lands dividing the waters as in the Act in question, and the Treaty of 1783, that it ought to be adhered to as far as may be practicable.

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The Canadian Government having formed some settlements on the left Bank of the *Ris-tigouche*, would probably desire to preserve these, but a line drawn from the bend of the River to meet the line of the American Boundary, on the *St. Francis*, would disturb none of those settlements, and the intersection of the southern part of the *Tamiscouta* Seigniorie which is unsettled, would be attended with no inconvenience or prejudice to any party. I am therefore induced to hope that this line, which I proposed to Lord *Metcalf*, in January, 1844, may be the utmost limit of the concession made to *Canada*, in the settlement of the question, and that the intermediate Territory on the Frontier of the *United States*, may be settled by the people of this Province, who have proved on so many occasions their devoted loyalty to the Crown, and the sacrifices they are prepared to make for its support, and for the preservation of British interests in this quarter.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

The Right Honorable,
W. E. Gladstone.

(Copy.)

To the Queen's Most Excellency Majesty.

The Joint and Humble Address of Her Majesty's Legislative Council, and House of Assembly, of the Province of *New Brunswick*, in General Assembly convened.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:

We, the Legislative Council and Assembly of *New Brunswick*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with renewed assurances of our devoted attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Government.

The occasion of this our humble and dutiful Address, is one of vital importance to the present and future interests of this Province; and confident in the justice of the claims now

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to be preferred for Your Majesty's Royal consideration, we cannot for a moment doubt the decision which Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to pronounce in the premises.

From the first erection of this Province into a separate Government, in the year 1785, down to the year 1842, the Territorial Rights, as well as the legal Jurisdiction of this Province, have been undisputed on the Upper *Saint John*, and its Tributaries, save by the American Government.

During the whole of that period, the Government of this Province exercised Jurisdiction over the said Territory, and the inhabitants residing thereon, in like manner as in other parts of the Province, viz: by granting lands, organizing Militia, appointing Magistrates and Parish Officers, making roads and building bridges, relieving the poor, serving Writs and Process of every description, and granting Licenses to cut logs and timber; and even pending the dispute with the American Government, the accustomed Jurisdiction was retained by this Province, except in the disposal of lands and timber, which was suspended by agreement between the two nations.

Upon the Treaty of *Washington* being concluded, we reasonably supposed, that our accustomed Jurisdiction would be continued without interruption, over the residue of the Territory; but to our astonishment we learned in 1843, that the Canadian Government for the first time, had asserted a right by selling logs and timber from the lands on the River *St. Francis*, and other Rivers and Streams in that vicinity.

Knowing that the Southern Boundary of *Canada* had been already defined by the Act of Parliament 14 Geo. III, cap. 83, and that by no possible construction of that Act, could its Southern Boundary be extended, to include any of the Rivers flowing into the Main *Saint John*, and thence to the sea; we had hoped that the remonstrances of the Government of this Province, would at once have put an end to the unwarrantable claims of *Canada*, and prevented us from further interruption; but we regret to inform Your Majesty, that in this respect we have been disappointed, and that at the present time, the two Provinces are exercising a conflicting Jurisdiction over the same Territory.

The Province of *Canada* is described in the Royal Proclamation of 1763, and by the Act above referred to, as being "Bounded on the South by a line from the *Bay of Chaleurs*, along the Highlands, which divide the Rivers that fall into the River *Saint Lawrence*, from those which fall into the Sea, to a point in 45° of Northern latitude, on the eastern bank of the River Connecticut," and we entertain not the smallest doubt, that it will appear, as clearly to Your Gracious Majesty, as it does to us, that no part of the Province of *Canada* can possibly be situated on the Southern side of the line, described with so much clearness in the said Act, and which can at any time be surveyed and marked upon the ground without difficulty.

Yet, notwithstanding the explicit language of the Act thus defining the Boundary, the Canadian Government now so far overstep the same, as to claim as their Southern Boundary, a line running from the mouth of *Ristigouche* River to *Mars Hill*, as indicated by the yellow line on the Map hereunto annexed; a claim which, if sustained, would deprive this Province of more than one quarter of its Territory.

Having brought under your Majesty's notice, the former occupation and Jurisdiction of this Province, together with the Southern Boundary of *Canada*, as fixed by Act of Parliament, in contrast with the present claims of that Province, we would now respectfully submit for Your Royal consideration, the equitable, as well as legal right of this Province, to the Territory in question, arising out of the compact entered into between Your Majesty's late Royal Uncle, of revered and blessed memory, and the Legislature of this Province.

By the Provincial enactment 8th William IV, chap. 1, entitled, "*An Act for the support of the Civil Government of this Province*," and the terms of which was settled by the Imperial Government before its enactment, it was provided, among other things, that the proceeds of all Sales and Leases of Crown Lands, Woods, Mines and Royalties, deducting the expenses of collection, should be paid over to the Provincial Treasury for the use of the Province, and in return therefor, the sum of fourteen thousand five hundred pounds, currency, was charged upon all the Revenues of the Province, for the support of the Civil Government,

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Government, which Act was afterwards made perpetual, and confirmed by Your Most Gracious Majesty in Council.

We would now humbly submit to Your Majesty's consideration, that at the time the said Act was passed, and the Civil List was guaranteed in perpetuity, we had no reason to apprehend that the line of boundary, as then claimed by the British Government, and disputed by the Government of the *United States*, would be abandoned, whereby a large extent of Territorial resources, for defraying the Civil List, would be lost to this Province.

We need not remind Your Majesty, that throughout the whole of the negotiations with the *United States*, the Territory in question was claimed by Your Majesty's Government, as a part of *New Brunswick*; nor did we ever learn that during that protracted dispute, any such claim was made, as is now set up by the Canadian Government.

Your Majesty's Government, however, in the exercise of its undoubted power, was pleased to concede to the American Government, by the Treaty of *Washington*, at least three fifths of the Territory then in dispute; which embraced by far the most valuable portion thereof, both for Agricultural and Lumbering operations.

We assure Your Majesty, that although the loyal inhabitants of this Province were greatly disappointed by the terms of the said Treaty, they were unwilling to complain of a result, however injurious to their interests, seeing that it was confirmed by Your Majesty's Government, and approved of by the British Parliament; but when a neighbouring Colony now seeks to deprive us, not only of the residue of the said Territory, but of a large additional portion, the proceeds whereof have been transferred to us by a solemn compact with the Imperial Government, we cannot but complain; and while we lay before Your Gracious Majesty at this time, our protest against the unwarranted encroachments of the Canadian Government, and their usurpation of our Territory, we assure Your Majesty that we entertain the most unshaken confidence in Your Royal judgment, and that the result of this, our humble and dutiful appeal, will afford the inhabitants of this truly British Province, another proof, that in the hands of Your Majesty, their rights and interests will ever be protected.

We, therefore, most humbly and dutifully implore Your Majesty, to order the line of Boundary in question, to be surveyed and marked out in the terms of the Act of Parliament, commencing at the *Bay of Chaleurs*, and thence, passing along between the Heads of the Rivers that fall into the River *St. Lawrence*, and those that fall into the Sea, to a point in the line of Boundary, lately established by the Treaty of *Washington*; and also to secure to this Province, the quiet and peaceable possession of the whole of the Territory lying on the Southern side of this line of Boundary, with all the privileges, profits and advantages now arising, or which may hereafter arise from the same.

(Signed,) WILLIAM BLACK,
President Legislative Council.

(Signed,) J. W. WELDON,
Speaker House of Assembly.

(Copy.)

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The undersigned have the honor to submit the following Report, on the subject of the Boundary Line, between the Provinces of *Canada* and *New Brunswick*; and of their conferences with the gentlemen named for this purpose by His Excellency Sir *W. Colebrooke*, at *Frederickton*, on this subject; as well as in reference to granting Licenses to cut timber on the Territory in dispute, until the Boundary be determined.

It is necessary to refer to the Boundaries expressed in various public Documents, Commissions, &c.

The Royal Commission appointing the Governor of *Nova Scotia*, dated 21st November, 1763, states the Boundaries of that Province thus, "To the northward our said Province shall be bounded by the Southern Boundary of our Province of *Quebec*, as far as the western extremity of the *Baie des Chaleurs*, to the eastward by the said Bay and the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, and to the westward although our said Province hath anciently extended, and doth of right extend, as far as the River *Pentagast* or *Penobscot*, it shall be bounded by a line
" drawn

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“ drawn from Cape *Sable*, across the entrance
“ of the *Bay of Fundy*, to the mouth of the
“ River *St. Croix*, by the said River to
“ its source, and by a line drawn due north,
“ from thence to the Southern Boundary of
“ our Colony of *Quebec*.”

The Proclamation of 1763 describes the Boundary of the Province of *Quebec*, thus, after running certain lines not affecting the matter in question, up to “the south end of “the *Lake Nipissing*, from whence the said “line crossing the River *Saint Lawrence* and “the *Lake Champlain*, in forty-five degrees “of north latitude, passes along the *High-lands which divide* the Rivers that empty “themselves into the said River *Saint Lawrence*, from those which fall into the Sea, “and also, along the north coast of the *Baie des Chaleurs* and the coast of the Gulf of “*Saint Lawrence*, to Cape *Rosier*.”

The British Statute of 1774 thus designates the Boundary, the Territories, &c. “Bounded “on the south, by a line from the *Bay of Chaleurs*, along the *Highlands which divide* “the Rivers that empty themselves into the *St. Lawrence* from those which fall into the “Sea, to a point into forty-five degrees of “northern latitude, on the eastern bank of the “River *Connecticut*.”

The Treaty of 1783, between *Great Britain* and the *United States of America*, in defining this portion of the Boundary, between the two contracting parties, uses the following language :

“ From the northwest angle of *Nova Scotia*, “ viz: that angle which is formed by a line “ drawn due north from the source of the *St. Croix* River to the *Highlands*, along the “ said *Highlands which divide* those Rivers “ that empty themselves into the River *St. Lawrence* from those which fall into the “ *Atlantic Ocean*, to the northernmost head “ of the *Connecticut* River, thence down along “ the middle of that River, to the 45th degree “ of north latitude, east by a line to be drawn “ along the middle of the River *St. Croix*, “ from its mouth in the *Bay of Fundy* to its “ source, and from its source directly north “ to the aforesaid *Highlands*, which divide “ the Rivers that fall into the *Atlantic Ocean*, “ from those which fall into the River *St. Lawrence*.”

The Boundaries of *New Brunswick* were in 1784, defined in the Commission to the Governor of that Province, thus :

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“ Bounded on the westward, by the mouth
“ of the River *St. Croix*, by the said River
“ to its source, and by a line drawn due north,
“ from thence to the Southern Boundary of
“ our Province of *Quebec*, to the northward
“ by the said Boundary, as far as the western
“ extremity of the *Baie des Chaleurs*; to the
“ eastward by the said *Baie* and the Gulf of
“ *St. Lawrence*, to the Bay called *Baie Verte*; to the south by a line in the centre
“ of the *Bay of Fundy* from said River to its
“ source; and from thence by a due east line
“ across the Isthmus, into the *Baie Verte* to
“ join the eastern line above described.”

A careful comparison and consideration of the foregoing descriptions brought us to the conclusion, that, on the part of the British Government, it was intended, that the language used, should so define the limits as, that the Eastern Boundary of the *United States*, and the Western Boundary of, first, the Province of *Nova Scotia*, and afterwards of *New Brunswick*, should be identical, that each of them would go north, as far as the north-west angle of *Nova Scotia*, when the Southern Boundary of the Province of *Quebec* would be reached, and consequently, the limits of *New Brunswick* could not be extended, either westward of a line to be drawn due north, from the source of the River *St. Croix*, or north of the range of *Highlands*, which would limit the *United States* Territory, and we thought it clear, that the same range of *Highlands* was intended by the different phrases, “the *Highlands which divide* the “Rivers, that empty themselves into the “River *St. Lawrence*, from those which fall “into the Sea,” or “the said *Highlands which divide* those Rivers that empty themselves into the River *St. Lawrence*, from “those that fall into the *Atlantic Ocean*,” for *New Brunswick* was carved out of the Province of *Nova Scotia*. Its northern limit is defined by the same words, as are used to define the northern limit of *Nova Scotia*, viz: “The Southern Boundary of our Province of “*Quebec*,” the north-west angle of *Nova Scotia*, became the north-west angle of *New Brunswick*. That north-west angle was defined to be “that angle which is formed by a “line drawn due north, from the *St. Croix* “River

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“River to the Highlands.” The Province of *Nova Scotia* extended no further north than these Highlands, which, therefore, as the Province of *Nova Scotia* was bounded on the north by the Province of *Quebec*, must have formed the Southern Boundary of *Quebec*.

When, therefore, *Great Britain* asserted a particular range of Highlands, to be those constituting the Northern Boundary of the *United States*, under the Treaty of 1783, she also, to the extent of the *United States* frontier at all events, necessarily asserted those Highlands to be the Southern Boundary of *Canada*, and having acceded to a boundary to the northward of what she had contended was the true one, *Canada* cannot be the less entitled to treat the Boundary so agreed upon as hers also; in other words, to continue conterminous with the *United States*, as far eastward as the line, due north from the source of the *St. Croix*. The adoption of a conventional line between *Great Britain* and the *United States*, by which a portion of the Territory included within the former limits of *Canada*, and therefore *pro tanto*, at the expense of *Canada*, was given up, could not affect the rightful claim of that Province, as far south as that conventional line.

If, then, *Great Britain* rightly asserted the range of Highlands, by which the north-west angle of *Nova Scotia* was formed, was to be found at *Mars Hill*, then it would necessarily follow, that the same range formed the Southern Boundary of the Province of *Quebec*, which must then be traced from *Mars Hill*, to the westernmost extremity of the *Baie des Chaleurs*. This line would deprive *New Brunswick* of Territory, which she has long possessed, and her right to which has in some degree been recognized by *Canada*, as well as by the British Government.

On the other hand, the *United States* insisted, that the north-west angle of *Nova Scotia* was formed by a range of Highlands nearer the *St. Lawrence*; the same range which *New Brunswick* now contends for. This line would deprive *Canada* of Territory which she has long possessed, both under the French and English Governments, and her right to which has in some degree been recognized by *New Brunswick*, as well as by the British Government.

It would, we believe, be found impossible to find in either of these ranges, a literal com-

pliance with the Proclamation of 1763, and the Act of 1774.

The words of the Proclamation, “the High-lands which divide the Rivers that empty themselves into the said River *St. Lawrence* from those which fall into the Sea, and also along the north shore of the *Baie des Chaleurs*,” do not certainly appear to contemplate crossing the *Baie des Chaleurs*, in order to arrive at a range of Highlands on the south side of the Bay, though the distance across be only a few miles, and yet this must be done to reach the Highlands which are connected with *Mars Hill*.

On the other hand, the words of the Act of 1774, “Bounded on the south by a line from the *Baie des Chaleurs* along the Highlands, which divide the Rivers that empty themselves, &c.” would never be supposed to have been intended to direct that, from the *Baie des Chaleurs*, a line should be run in a direction almost north, for a distance of from thirty-five to forty miles, ere the commencement of the Southern Boundary of *Quebec* could be found, for this line from the *Baie des Chaleurs* to the Highlands, would form a western, and not a southern Boundary for the Province of *Canada*.

While, therefore, we are of opinion that the same Highlands which formed the Northern Boundary of the *United States* and the Southern Boundary of *Canada*, were also in their continuation, intended to divide *Canada* and *New Brunswick*, we are compelled to admit that these Highlands, as they exist, do not fulfil what evidently was anticipated by the framers of the Proclamation of 1763, and the statute of 1774, and while we insist, that the range contended for by *Great Britain*, was the true line of division, we are fully aware that its exact course and termination was erroneously assumed, and have, consequently, been erroneously described.

If, then, neither one nor other of these ranges will fulfil all the terms of the Proclamation and statute, we are driven to enquire whether the intention of the British Government is so evinced by the language used in these instruments, as to afford the means of arriving at a conclusion, in what direction this line of division was really intended to be run. Now it appears to us unquestionable, that from the *Baie des Chaleurs*, the Southern Boundary

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Boundary of *Quebec* was to commence according to the statute, the words, "Bounded on the south by a line from the *Baie des Chaleurs* along the Highlands," appear to admit of no other construction. The words of the Proclamation, though not making the *Baie des Chaleurs* the point of commencement, appear to us equally to make it, in connection with, and continuation of, the Highlands named the Southern Boundary of that Province; the words are, "along the Highlands which divide the Rivers, &c., and also along the north coast of the *Baie des Chaleurs*." It seems to us a very forced construction to treat these words as meaning "along the Highlands which divide," &c. unto the termination thereof, and thence southerly to the western extremity of the *Baie des Chaleurs*, and also along the north coast," &c. To this construction *New Brunswick* necessarily resorts, in claiming the Highlands nearest the *St. Lawrence* as her Northern Boundary.

We abstain purposely from the discussion of the arguments arising on the words, "Rivers that empty themselves into the River *St. Lawrence*, and those which fall into the Sea." This subject was exhausted in the controversy between *Great Britain* and the *United States*. We have not overlooked the difference of the language in the Treaty of 1783, and all the other documents we have referred to; nor omitted to notice that the former contains the words "which fall into the *Atlantic Ocean*," while in all the others we find, "which fall into the Sea." We treat them as synonymous, and think ourselves warranted in so doing, by the reasons, on which our first conclusion respecting the prolongation of the line of Boundary between *Canada* and the *United States*, in order to ascertain the line between *Canada* and *New Brunswick*, are founded.

We think, then, that the language used, and before quoted, justifies us in considering it to have been the intention of those by whom it was used, that from the *Baie des Chaleurs*, a line was to run in a westerly direction, until it intersected the line drawn due north from the source of the *St. Croix*; such a line must evidently commence on the north side of the Bay, and from the description of the Boundaries of *Nova Scotia*, and of those of *New Brunswick*, the point on the North Shore is to be at the western extremity of the *Baie des Chaleurs*; which western extremity had been

pointed out in various grants from the Crown, and particularly in one dated in 1788, to *John Shoolbred*, Esquire. In the grants now referred to, the Crown both before and after 1763, treated the Province of *Quebec* as extending from this western extremity along the River *Ristigouche*, and from this point for a considerable distance up the River, each Province has treated it as the Boundary between them. *Canada*, by the aforementioned grants of land, and in 1829, the erection of the County of *Bonaventure*, by a statute, *New Brunswick* having erected her County of *Northumberland*, as bounded on the north by the *Baie des Chaleurs*, and the Southern Boundary of the Province of *Quebec*, which would not represent its Boundary, according to the views now urged on her behalf, for the *Baie des Chaleurs* would be the Northern Boundary only as far as its western extremity, and then the Province of *Quebec* would form an Easterly Boundary, for thirty miles and upwards, ere the Southern Boundary of the Province of *Quebec* would be arrived at.

It appeared, therefore, to us, that the line of the River *Ristigouche* had been adopted, to a certain extent at least, as that complying with the spirit and intention of the various public documents, and in consequence of its being impossible to find such a line of Highlands, as would fulfil all the conditions required.

The due north line to be drawn from the source of the *St. Croix* River, did not seem at first sight, likely to afford any difficulty as to the boundary on this side—the more especially, as the point of starting had been agreed upon between the Governments of *Great Britain* and *United States*, and the line itself had been partially traced. It appears, nevertheless, that *New Brunswick* treated a considerable part of the Territory, lying westward of the protraction of this north line, as being within her limits, and has made settlements there, as well as disposed of the Timber growing thereon; we have found no reason whatever for supposing that in the first instance, *New Brunswick* acted otherwise than under a full belief that the settlements made, and the jurisdiction exercised, were upon, and over Territory, to the east of the due north line, for it cannot be denied that for a long time it was believed that the source of the *St. Croix*, from which the due north line was to be run, was considerably to the westward of the point ultimately

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ultimately decided on, and no doubt therefore *New Brunswick* acted under this belief. From the time, however, that the due north line was actually established, we do not profess to understand upon what principle of right, the *extension* of those settlements and claim of jurisdiction could be maintained.

We have been particular in this explanation, in order that Your Excellency may understand the views we entertained, and which influenced our judgments in endeavouring to lay the foundation, in connection with the gentlemen appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of *New Brunswick*, to confer with us, for determining the Boundary between the two Provinces.

These views may be thus recapitulated:—

1st. That it was the intention of *Great Britain*, that the Territory of the *United States* should be conterminous with the Province of *Canada*, from west to east, till the line, due north from the source of the River *St. Croix*, was reached.

2nd. That this due north line would be the Boundary between the *United States* and the Province of *New Brunswick*, till the Northern Boundary of the *United States* Territory was reached.

3rd. That at that point, it was not intended the Province of *New Brunswick* should extend *directly* north, but in a northerly and easterly direction, along the assumed range of Highlands to the westernmost extremity of the *Baie des Chaleurs*.

4th. That the Territory of *New Brunswick* was not to extend to the westward of this due north line.

5th. That in the absence of Highlands, fulfilling these expressed intentions of *Great Britain*, in reference to the boundaries of her Colonies, the line of the River *Ristigouche* had been for a certain distance adopted by both Provinces, and that this line is in fact nearly in accordance with the intention of *Great Britain*, though confessedly at variance with the language used, as it does not pass along Highlands.

6th. That the respective settlements and jurisdiction, made and exercised by *Canada* and *New Brunswick* on the opposite sides of the *Ristigouche*, and the settlements and

jurisdiction made and exercised under an erroneous impression of right, to the westward of the due north line, rendered the adoption of a conventional line almost indispensable. No time was lost on our arrival at *Frederickton*, in opening our conference with the two gentlemen named by His Excellency Sir *William Colebrooke* for that purpose.

It required a very short time to convince us that our views were irreconcilable. The suggestions on the part of *New Brunswick* for a conventional line, were based on an assumption of right we could not admit, for they treated whatever land lay between their proposed line and the Highlands nearest the *St. Lawrence*, as so much given up by them, and for which they were to be compensated by lands to the westward of the line due north from the source of the River *St. Croix*.

Their claim was twofold:—

1st. They insisted that the Southern Boundary of *Canada* was to be found in the range of Highlands nearest the River *St. Lawrence*, the range contended for by the *United States*, as forming their Northern Boundary.

2nd. As to their Western Boundary, they claimed a right founded upon possession and enjoyment, and the exercise of various acts of jurisdiction, to the west of the due north line, and that *Canada* had not till lately denied or disputed such right, or claimed any herself in this Territory; and they further urged, in connection with this branch of the subject, that even admitting the right of *New Brunswick* to the west of the due north line to be questionable, still it could not be questioned by *Canada*, because as her southern limit, according to their construction, was far to the north, and near the River *St. Lawrence*, she could not, under any circumstances, have any pretension to this Territory, or interfere with *New Brunswick* in her occupation of it.

While, therefore, they admitted that the settlement of a conventional line was exceedingly desirable, by agreement between the Provinces, they urged the adoption of such a line as would be sustained by the foregoing assumptions; such a line, in fact, as no one could agree to, who was not prepared to concur to a great extent in the justice of the principles advanced by them.

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It is needless for us here to recapitulate the general arguments against the adoption of the range of Highlands contended for by *New Brunswick*, as constituting the Southern Boundary of *Canada*. But there are some particular facts, which were advanced by us in reply to these pretensions, to which we would respectfully solicit Your Excellency's attention.

The Province of *Canada*, when under the French Government, clearly was not confined within these limits, first, as to that part lying east of the due north line from the source of the River *St. Croix*, there had been various grants and concessions extending to the River *Ristigouche*. Such were the Seigniorship of *Cloridon* and of *Matapedia*.

At the cession of *Canada* to *Great Britain*, all individual rights and the French Laws were guaranteed. British authority succeeding French authority, and after the cession, and after the Proclamation of 1763, and the Statute of 1774, namely in 1787, the Seigniorship of *Cloridon* was resumed by the Crown according to the Laws so guaranteed, and as a possession in *Canada*, clearly shewing that the limits of *Canada* were, under British authority as well as under French, considered to extend far south of the Highlands contended for by *New Brunswick*. In 1788, another Seigniorship was conceded, commencing on the western extremity of the *Baie des Chaleurs*, and extending several miles upwards along the River *Ristigouche*, thus intervening directly between that River and the Boundary claimed by *New Brunswick*. *Canada* has also erected a County on this part of the Territory, and the inhabitants have exercised political rights, and continue to be represented in the Legislature, under the authority of the *Union Act*, though, according to these claims the whole County of *Bonaventure*, which the Imperial Parliament, in 1840, recognized as part of *Canada*, and which extends to the River *Ristigouche*, is within the Province of *New Brunswick*, and that Province was not at any time in ignorance of the more important of these proceedings. Her County of *Northumberland*, whose northern limit was declared to be the Southern Boundary of *Canada*, was erected in 1785, but it was never attempted to be pushed across the River *Ristigouche*, although on the claim now put forth, it reached the Highlands near the *St. Lawrence*. That County has since been divided, and the

County of *Ristigouche*, extending to the southern Boundary of *Canada*, has been erected out of part of it; but it has been in fact limited, and is so at this moment, by the River *Ristigouche*.

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It was impossible for us, therefore, to agree to any settlement, predicated on the assumption, that the land between this River and the Highlands near the *St. Lawrence*, belonged to *New Brunswick*, because *de facto*, she never had possessed any part of it, and could never, according to our view, *de jure*, have claimed. We felt we had at least, equal ground for contending that it was *Canada*, who lost by taking the River *Ristigouche* as a boundary, instead of the range of Highlands from *Mars Hill* to the *Baie des Chaleurs*. We say at least equal ground, for we had the authority of *Great Britain* in support of our claims to the Boundary, and we forbore to urge this, only because we thought it our duty to endeavour to procure a reasonable settlement, even at some sacrifice, and not to interpose the difficulties arising from an assertion of extreme rights.

Then as to the land to the westward of the due north line, we have already given the general reasons, which to us appear conclusive for maintaining, that the northern limit of the *United States* was also the southern limit of *Canada*. But there are other facts to be considered, in reply to the attempt to limit *Canada* by the Highlands, so often adverted to.

Settlements were made from *Canada* long ago, far to the southward of these Highlands, on the River *St. Francis*. The Seigniorship of *Madawaska* and of *Lake Temiscouata*, conceded by the French Crown, was, and still is treated as part of *Canada*. It extends about thirty miles south of these Highlands, embraces part of the River *Madawaska* within its limits, and comes to within about twelve miles of the River *St. John*; and *New Brunswick* has recognized this grant, by giving up timber cut upon its limits, which had been seized, on the ground that it had been cut upon Crown Lands without legal authority. We could not then entertain a Conventional Line, taking for its basis the assumption that *Canada* had no right to treat all the land to the westward of the due north line, and to the northward of the *United States* Boundary, as being comprised within her limits.

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The line, therefore, suggested by His Excellency Sir *William Colebrooke*, in His Despatch to Your Lordship, dated 13th January, 1815, appeared to us to be open to most serious objections. This line, it was proposed, should be run directly from a point on the River *Ristigouche*, which appears, as laid down on Mr. *Wells'* Map, marked A, to be in latitude $47^{\circ} 49'$ north, and longitude $67^{\circ} 20'$ west, or thereabouts, to the northern-most angle of the *United States* Boundary, on the River *St. Francis*.

The leading objections to this line, in our opinion, are:—

1st. It departs from the line of the *Ristigouche* River, which, for the reasons already given, and because it has already been partially adopted as a line of division by both Provinces, and because it is a natural Boundary, easily to be ascertained, we think should be adhered to.

2d. It gives to *New Brunswick* lands north of that River, over which she has never exercised Acts, either of possession or jurisdiction, and which lie within the limits of the County of *Bonaventure*, according to the Statute of *Lower Canada*, and are consequently recognized by the Imperial Statute uniting the *Canadas*, as within the Lower Province.

3d. By depriving *Canada*, for so long a distance, of both banks of the River *Ristigouche*, it interferes materially with her means of communication with the *Baie des Chaleurs*, to which it ought to be our endeavour to promote the carrying of timber for shipment.

4th. It intersects Lake *Temiscouata*, and various tributary streams, the objection to which has been already pointed out by the Executive Council of *Canada*, and to whose Report on the subject we beg to refer.

5th. It intersects the Seigniorship of *Madawaska*, placing part of it under the jurisdiction of the Laws of *New Brunswick*, which are incompatible with such a tenure.

6th. It transfers to *New Brunswick* a much larger portion of Territory, which belongs to *Canada*, than any plea arising from actual settlement and possession, taken under the authority of the Government of the former, either warrants or requires.

7th. It aggrandizes *New Brunswick* throughout, at the expense of *Canada*, without any sufficient justification, or even equitable ground, except so far as the settlements north of the *St. John*, and east of the *Madawaska* Rivers are concerned.

We are compelled, therefore, earnestly to entreat of Your Excellency not to agree to this line.

The only other line suggested on the part of *New Brunswick*, is a line to commence at the Forks of the River *Peetamkedgewee*, which appear, as laid down on Mr. *Wells'* Map, marked A, to be in latitude $47^{\circ} 49'$ north, and longitude $67^{\circ} 57'$ west, or thereabouts, running thence a direct course, towards the same northerly angle of the *United States* as that proposed by His Excellency Sir *William Colebrooke*, until it reached the limit of the Seigniorship of *Madawaska*, then around and following the boundaries of that Seigniorship, until it reached a point where the westerly side of the Seigniorship would be intersected by the first mentioned line produced, and thence following the course of the first mentioned line, from the Forks of the River to the northerly angle of the *United States*, and on the River *St. Francis*.

It was asserted, that the River *Peetamkedgewee* is in truth the main branch of the *Ristigouche*, and should have been so designated on the Map, and if this were agreed to, then the branch would, as part of the River *Ristigouche*, form a continuation of the Boundary formed by that River.

We felt it impossible to agree to this line. The course of the River *Peetamkedgewee*, instead of being, as that of the *Ristigouche*, south-westerly from the mouth, forms nearly a right angle with that River, running westerly of north, and differing from the line proposed by Sir *William Colebrooke* only in two points of any importance; first, that it leaves the Seigniorship of *Madawaska* entirely within *Canada*, and projecting into what then would be *New Brunswick*, in a sort of wedge-like form, while, as if by way of compensation for this trifling concession, it takes more than double the quantity of land contained within the portion of the Seigniorship so left out, and is open to every objection which could be urged against Sir *William Colebrooke's* line, except the foregoing one marked No. 5. We conceive,

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ceive, therefore, that this line could never be acceded to by Your Excellency in behalf of *Canada*. Feeling it necessary to offer some counter suggestions, and after explaining fully, that it was to be considered merely as emanating from ourselves, subject entirely to Your Excellency's decision, and as being made without knowing the views of the Executive Council, but, at the same time, fully persuaded that it would be considered as the uttermost limit of concession, and very probably thought to go too far—we pointed out a line to be drawn as follows: from the mouth of the River *Ristigouche*, following its different windings south-westerly, until it reaches the due north line from the source of the River *St. Croix*; thence in a direct course to the nearest angle of the *Madawaska* Seignior;—thence, to the River *Madawaska*, along the boundary of the Seignior;—thence, down that River to the River *St. John*, and the Boundary of the *United States*.

But even if this proposition was agreed to, a right must be reserved to *Canada* to construct a Railroad from the *St. John* to the River *Ristigouche*, through the Territory thus acquired by *New Brunswick*, to be under the control of *Canada*, in order to facilitate the conveyance of her products to the *Baie des Chaleurs*, without subjecting it to the internal regulations of the Government or Legislature of *New Brunswick*.

This line would give to *New Brunswick* all the settlements east of the *Madawaska*, and north of the *St. John*, together with a large and valuable tract of land adjoining, (if the Map be correct, containing more than 600 square miles,) it would give *Canada* access to the *St. John*, make the *Madawaska* a well defined Boundary, open to both Provinces, and would preserve the *Ristigouche* in like manner to both Provinces.

In strict right, we have felt that *New Brunswick* ought not to cross the due north line, and that her proper Boundary would be, to follow that line from the point where it first intersects the River *Ristigouche*, and it is principally with a view to procure an immediate decision, that we have suggested terms which we conceive so favourable to the Sister Province.

On the part of *New Brunswick*, there did not appear any disposition to accede to this suggestion, and we proceeded to endeavour to

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From what we could gather, it seemed to us there was a strong feeling to deny all right in *Canada*, to any land whatever south of the Highlands near the *St. Lawrence*, or to agree, even temporarily, to recognize her authority to license cutting timber in any part of these lands, but to push the pretension of *New Brunswick* to all the Territory between those Highlands and the Boundary of the *United States*, as settled by the Treaty of Washington, for we could in no other way interpret the claim of jurisdiction of *New Brunswick*, west of the due north line, and her adherence to those Highlands as the southern limit of *Canada*. A glance at the Map, keeping in mind the limits assigned to *New Brunswick*, by the Royal Commission of 1784, will show the injustice, and we must add, extravagance of such pretensions.

Whatever the motive may have been, we found, however, that they would not be parties to any arrangement, under which licenses were to be granted for cutting timber in any part of the Territory, under the authority of *Canada*,—they proposed to resume licensing, but to exercise exclusive jurisdiction in this respect, keeping an account of what was cut and collected, until the question was settled, and refused our proposition that *Canada* should continue as she had begun to grant Licenses,—*New Brunswick* doing the same—that the expenses of management should be borne out of the respective Provincial Funds, and that the proceeds of all Timber cut under such Licenses should be collected by *New Brunswick*, and funded until the question of Boundary was decided.

We could not agree to their proposal, because we felt that *Canada* ought not to recede one iota from the position she had taken. They refused, apparently resolved not to recognize, even temporarily, the authority of *Canada*. Both proposals, it must be borne in mind, were made without prejudice to future proceedings.

The necessity that all Timber cut on the land should be brought down the *St. John*, was glanced at, as showing the power of *New Brunswick* to control all operations in this respect; we felt obliged to remark that *Canada* would be driven to survey several Townships

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in the Territory, and fill them with Settlers, in order to maintain her just rights and prevent it being urged against her, that she was acquiescing in what we should be forced to treat as the encroachment of the Sister Province.

Such was the substance of our communications. His Excellency Sir *William Colebrooke* expressed his intention of bringing the whole matter before the Executive Council of *New Brunswick*, and again communicating with Your Excellency.

We have only to urge the necessity of permitting no delay that can be avoided in a final arrangement; for we have certainly arrived at the conclusion, that the interests of *Canada* are in every respect prejudiced by delay, and the stress which it appears to us is laid on the so called tacit acquiescence of *Canada*, in the possession and jurisdiction of *New Brunswick*, west of the due north line, renders it, in our humble opinion, imperatively necessary to urge a prompt decision.

The Timber is being carried off in the meantime by plunderers, and if a forfeiture takes place, it is all to the advantage of *New Brunswick*; if by License from that Province, the share *Canada* may get in the proceeds, is left to future negotiation.

It is not for us to offer any suggestions here, as to the course proper to be taken. Your Excellency will doubtless adopt the measures you may deem best under all circumstances.

A copy of a Minute of our conversations with the gentlemen appointed on the part of Sir *William Colebrooke*, accompanies this Report.

We have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed,) W. H. DRAPER,
“ D. B. PAPINEAU.

28th July, 1845.

Monday, 14th July.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor announced to us that he had named Mr. *Street*, a Member of the Executive Council, and Mr. *Reade*, who had been in *Washington*

on the part of *New Brunswick*, at the negotiation of the *Ashburton Treaty*, to confer with us. Mr. *Reade* having met with an accident, we met Mr. *Street* alone.

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Mr. *Street* commenced by observing, that unless we laid down some basis on which we could agree, we were not likely to approach a settlement, and invited us to consider on what principle we would agree as to the Boundary, in order to discuss the details for carrying such principle out.

We replied that this involved several considerations,—

1st. Were we simply to ascertain the Boundary Line, as fixed by the Commissioners establishing *New Brunswick* as a separate Province—if so, there was little to discuss. The Gulf of *St. Lawrence* was the Eastern Boundary, the *Bay of Fundy* the Southern. The Western, was definitely fixed by a line due north from the source of the *St. Croix*, a line which had been explored in part, and had only to be continued till it reached the Southerly Boundary of the Province of *Quebec*, and the Southerly Boundary, which was defined as the Highlands dividing, &c.

2nd. The fact must not be overlooked, that (however, it might have arisen) both *New Brunswick* and *Canada*, had adopted the *Ristigouche* River for a certain distance, as their Northern and Southern Boundary. *New Brunswick* by the creation of the County of *Ristigouche*, bounded by the river of that name, and *Canada* afterwards by the creation of the County of *Bonaventure*, which has for its Southern Boundary this same river. This mutual recognition, that is mutual in regard to the Western limits of the County of *Ristigouche*, appeared to have so far settled the question, and then all that remained to be determined, was the Boundary from the north western corner of this County to the due North Line;

Or, 3rd. The settlement of a Conventional Line, in which could be considered settlements made without the defined Boundaries of *New Brunswick*.

Mr. *Street* suggested a settlement on the footing of *uti possidetis*. He remarked that *Canada* had encroached on *New Brunswick* by coming to the *Ristigouche*, as the Highlands referred to in the *Quebec Act*, and the Proclamation

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Proclamation of 1763, were clearly the range far North of that River, and much closer to the *St. Lawrence*, and that we could not (admitting the due North Line as traced on *Wells' Map A.* only for argument sake to be correct) disturb the long possession and jurisdiction of *New Brunswick* west of that Line, and in the Territory at and about the *Madawaska* Settlement, without retiring all pretensions to the land south of these Highlands, which would be a most inconvenient course; and if *New Brunswick* gave up so much in that quarter, she might, if on no other ground, justly retain the whole *Madawaska* Territory. Besides, he intimated that the North Line, as shewn on the Map, was established in accordance with the Treaty of 1783, and could have no reference to the Line intended in 1763, and that in fact the Line intended in 1763, was much west of that traced on the Map.

In reply, we urged, that we could not recognise any settlement or possession of *New Brunswick* to the westward of the due North Line, as conferring a right, until they had shewn some Document or competent authority, for crossing the clearly expressed and defined Western Boundary. That no length of possession, or even exercise of jurisdiction, could alter the Boundary assigned to that Province by the Sovereign authority.

That the assertion as to the Southern Boundary of the former Province of *Quebec*, being so evidently the Highlands referred to by *Mr. Street*, so far from being admitted by us to be correct, was in our opinion, open to the greatest doubt, and that we conceive we had the authority of the British Government, in its long protracted negotiations with the *United States*, for asserting this was not the true range of Highlands, but that they must be sought much farther South, and according to the argument of the British Government and the reports of their Commissioners, the range of Highlands which were designated in the Treaty of 1783, would carry the limit of *New Brunswick* as far South of the *Ristigouche*, as that Province claimed to carry it North, and we could not therefore admit as a basis that *New Brunswick* in adopting the *Ristigouche* as the Boundary *pro tanto*, was making any concession, and consequently acquiring any right to a corresponding compensation, to the westward of the due North Line.

Mr. Street re-asserted the position of the Highlands; and repeated his denial that the Boundaries in the Treaty of 1783, could affect the question, which must rest on the Proclamation of 1763, and the *Quebec Act*; and he insisted further, that even admitting the force of our argument as to the due North Line, bounding the Province of *New Brunswick*, that her having taken possession to the west of it was nothing to us, as *Canada*, being bounded by a range of Highlands much nearer the *St. Lawrence*, could not cross them, and that she had no right to the Territory between those Highlands, and the Line established by the Treaty of *Washington*; and he referred to that Treaty and to the proceedings now being carried on, on the North of the *St. John*, at the expense (for the present) of *New Brunswick*, as confirming her claim to all the land to the southward of the Highlands, he referred to, and the Boundary as now established, of the *United States*, and he challenged us to shew any title of *Canada* to the Territory; and in reply to the grant of the Seigniorship of *Madawaska* and other Settlements, made by the French before the Cession, he urged that the Cession had made all the Territory that of *Great Britain*, who had thought fit to bound the Province of *Quebec* by certain Highlands, beyond which we could derive no claim from Acts of the French Government prior to 1763.

We admitted the authority of the Imperial Government, but insisted, that that Government meant one and the same range of Highlands by the Treaty of 1783, which were already referred to in 1763. That we had the authority of the British Government for saying that those Highlands were not the range *Mr. Street* asserted, and that it was not to be assumed that *Great Britain* intended to leave a narrow and unapproachable strip of land, between the *United States* and the Province of *Canada*, and *New Brunswick*, which would be the result, if *Mr. Street's* position were correct; and we disclaimed any proceedings for carrying out the Treaty of *Washington*, or any Article of that Treaty, as having any bearing on the boundaries of *Canada* and *New Brunswick*.

Mr. Street then observed, that we should never probably convince one another as to the Boundary, as of right, and it would be better to try and settle a Conventional Line, and for the

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the sake of discussion, and as ascertaining what prospect there might be of our concurring, he would make a suggestion. He promised that he thought the River *Ristigouche* wrongly marked on the map, and that the true head and line of the River was that designated as the *Peetahkedgewee*, and he proposed a line drawn from the head of that River, to the northernmost point of the *United States* Boundary, at the River *St. Francis*, or at least from the head of that River to the Boundary of the Seignior of *Madawaska*, and round that Seignior till it again reached the course of a direct line from the River above-mentioned, which he insisted was really the *Ristigouche*, to the northern point of the *United States* Boundary.

We at once declined this; first, because we could not assent to the change as to the River *Ristigouche*; next, because thinking *New Brunswick* properly bounded by the due north line, the extremest concession, and this only for the sake of a prompt settlement of all difficulties, must be the easterly side of the *Madawaska* River.

This put a stop for the present to the discussion respecting the Boundary, and we then proceeded to propose an *ad interim* arrangement, as to the Timber Licences, &c. &c.

We proposed that *Canada* should grant Licences as she had already commenced; that *New Brunswick* should also grant Licences; that the expenses of management should be borne out of the respective Provincial Funds; that the proceeds of all Timber cut under these Licences, should be collected by *New Brunswick*, and funded until the question of Boundary was decided; Mr. Street at once stated, that granting Licences by both, would inevitably lead to confusion; that he thought *New Brunswick* had better recommence granting Licences, and that no other should be granted until the dispute was settled, and that they would collect and keep separate the revenue, this arrangement to be without prejudice to the claim of either party; and he repeated the claim of *New Brunswick* alone to grant such Licences; &c., on the ground of possession and jurisdiction, Civil and Criminal, so long exercised, commencing, in fact, in 1787, and that *Canada* had till very recently acquiesced, without remonstrance, and ought not now to object to the continuation of this jurisdiction (without prejudice to her claims) until the Boundary was decided.

That as all the Timber must pass through *New Brunswick*, and become subject to its laws and jurisdiction, it would be better to let the whole matter *ad interim* remain in their hands.

We strongly objected to this, because it would, by receding from the course adopted in 1843, of granting Licences, imply a partial, though only temporary abandonment of rights, we believe incontrovertible. That our proposal could not affect the facts on which the claim of *New Brunswick* was rested, whether those were the Southern Boundary of the Province of *Quebec*, as defined by the Highlands, or the long possession and exclusive jurisdiction which was asserted. That we were quite aware *New Brunswick*, by her own Legislation, might enforce forfeiture of Timber coming down the River, cut under our Licences, and by thus taking advantage of her geographical position, render, for the present, the market of *St. Johns* inaccessible to us, but that they could not prevent our assertion of our rights, by settling Townships, which would be immediately filled up by the surplus population of *Lower Canada*, and though such a course was to be deprecated, as inevitably leading to collision and possibly bloodshed, yet we could not engage that the forbearance of *Canada* to assert actively her claims by taking possession, in opposition to the possession claimed by *New Brunswick*, would be continued. A long and desultory conversation ensued, involving the question of possession by *New Brunswick*, and the consequences which ought legitimately to attach to it, but neither party seeming disposed to yield, it was agreed we should reflect on the matter, and meet (with Mr. Reade if he were able to attend) to morrow at eleven o'clock.

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We attended this morning, according to the understanding yesterday. Mr. Reade being still unable to come out, the Honorable *I. Saunders* was appointed in his place, to act with Mr. Solicitor General *Street*, on behalf of *New Brunswick*.

Mr. *Street* renewed his observation of the importance of determining certain principles as a basis of settlement, and then applying those principles to the existing facts, observing that if the principle was to adhere to the letter of the Boundaries established by Proclamation.

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clamation, Statute or Royal Commission, all that was necessary was to explore and trace out those Boundaries, but that if a line departing from those Boundaries was to be adopted; if some rules for ascertaining such a line should be first laid down, the conclusion would be more easily arrived at.

We remarked, that, with reference to a large portion of the Boundary, there could be no difficulty. The eastern, southern, and western limits of *New Brunswick* could not be mistaken; for though as to the latter, it had been suggested that the due north line as explored, had been commenced further eastward than it should have been, yet as it was obvious that the British Government intended, that the line drawn due north from the source of the River *St. Croix*, to the Southern Boundary of our Province of *Quebec*, should be identical with the line described in the Treaty of 1783, as "a line drawn due north from the source of the *St. Croix* to the Highlands," when once the British Government had determined what that line should be, for the purposes of the Treaty of 1783, it at the same moment gave its construction of the same line which was to form the Western Boundary of *New Brunswick*, according to the Royal Commission of 1784. It was on the Northern Boundary of *New Brunswick* alone, that any real difficulty existed; that there had been mutual Legislative Acts of *Canada* and *New Brunswick*, by which the River *Ristigouche* had for a considerable distance been adopted as the Boundary between the Provinces, and we proposed to assume the line as thereby settled by the Act of both Provinces, as far as the north-western angle of the County of *Ristigouche*, and starting thence, to endeavour to settle the residue.

To this Mr. *Street* objected, as the adoption of the *Ristigouche* so far would be a waiver of the claims of *New Brunswick* to all the land lying north of the *Ristigouche*, and south of the Highlands near the *St. Lawrence*, which he contended were those meant by the Proclamation of 1763, and the Statute of 1774, and as the title of *New Brunswick* to this land was, in his opinion, clear, if for the sake of settlement, she gave up any part of it, she would insist on a corresponding indemnity on the west.

We then proposed, without prejudice to any claims on either side, but merely for the

purpose of endeavouring to arrive at a Conventional Line, to take this as a starting point, and equally without prejudice, and only for the same purpose, to treat the *Ristigouche* as having been so far settled by the Acts of both Provinces as the Boundary.

Mr. *Street* then claimed that the possession and authority taken and exercised by the Province of *New Brunswick*, commencing as early as 1787, and tacitly acquiesced in by *Canada*, to the west of the due North Line, should equally be recognized for the purposes of settling the Conventional Boundary.

To this we replied, that there was no analogy between the two cases. In the former, *Canada* had, by express enactment, made the River *Ristigouche* the Boundary of a County, and *New Brunswick*, which had also, by an earlier Statute, created the County of *Northumberland*, part of which now constituted the County of *Ristigouche*, bounded by the Province of *Canada*, had never attempted or claimed to push her jurisdiction or settlements beyond that River, and that however clear it might be to *New Brunswick*, that the Highlands she contended for were the true Boundary, it appeared to us that in insisting on a range of Highlands far to the south, we had the authority of the British Government. In the latter case, *Canada* had done nothing through her Legislature in the slightest degree adopting or conceding the pretension of *New Brunswick*, and as to her tacit acquiescence, as long as the dispute between the *United States* and *Great Britain* was pending, any assertion of her individual claim would have been premature, as the first point to be determined was, what was the limit of British Territory, apart from the consideration of, within what Province that Territory might be situate; and since that question had been determined, *Canada* had not been inactive. That, without meaning to insist that the limits of *New Brunswick* might not be extended to the west of the due North Line, we could only view this as a concession for the sake of an immediate arrangement, and having in view the probability that the settlements to the west of that Boundary of *New Brunswick*, were made under the erroneous belief that they were within the limits of that Province, and therefore that the inhabitants who had thus, under the authority of the Provincial Government, occupied and improved these lands, were entitled to consideration.

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Mr. *Street* objected to the adoption of the point proposed by us, and referred, first, to the Conventional Line suggested by His Excellency Sir *William Colebrooke*, commencing on a bend of the River *Ristigouche*, according to Mr. *Wells'* Map A. in latitude 47° , $49'$ north, nearly, and longitude 67° , $20'$ west, or thereabouts, and running a direct course thence, to the northerly angle of the *United States Territory* on the River *St. Francis*, and he again renewed, as a proposition by which he conceived the Government of *New Brunswick* would be content to procure a settlement, to adopt the River *Pectamkedgewee* as the true *Ristigouche*, and commencing at the forks of that River, appearing on Mr. *Wells'* Map A. to be in latitude 47° , $49'$ north, or thereabouts, and longitude 67° , $57'$ west, nearly, and running from thence a direct line towards the same northerly angle of the *United States Territory*, until it reached the limit of the Seignior of *Madawaska*, then around, and following the Boundaries of that Seignior, until it reached the point where the first line to be drawn from the forks of the River, towards the north angle of the *United States Territory* would intersect the westerly side of the *Madawaska* Seignior, and thence following the course of the first mentioned line to the same north angle of the *United States Territory* on the River *St. Francis*.

We at once stated our conviction, that neither of the proposed lines could ever be acceded to on the part of *Canada*, and stated our belief that the extreme limit to which *Canada* could concede, would be to take the River *Ristigouche* as the Boundary, until it reached a point where the due North Line drawn from the source of the River *St. Croix*, and forming the Boundary between *New Brunswick* and the *State of Maine*, first intersects the River *Ristigouche*, thence in a direct line to the nearest angle of the *Madawaska* Seignior, being east of the River *Madawaska*, thence following the Boundary of the Seignior southwesterly, to the River *Madawaska*, thence down the River *Madawaska* to the River *St. John*, and the limit of the *State of Maine*, and so along the River *Ristigouche* to the *Baie des Chaleurs*.

The *New Brunswick* gentlemen declined this proposition, and we then ceased any further discussion as to the Boundary. The subject of the Timber Licensing was again

taken up, but, as on the part of *New Brunswick*, it was refused to admit any proposal under which Licenses were to be granted by the Government of *Canada*, either alone in one part of the Disputed Territory; or in conjunction with *New Brunswick*, no arrangement could be come to.

During the discussion as to the actual respective legally fixed Boundaries of the two Provinces, Mr. *Street* proposed the appointment of three Commissioners to explore the Highlands. We objected, on the ground that it would create delay and expense—both useless. For if the Provinces could agree on the Conventional Line, it was unnecessary, and if the question had to be determined by Imperial authority, existing circumstances arising from the conduct of both Provinces, could not be overlooked in a settlement; and it was equally certain that they would neither take the Highlands near the *St. Lawrence*, nor those forming a continuation of the chain by which the British Commissioners had contended the *United States* was bounded, according to the Treaty of 1783; however clearly it might appear, therefore, which of these ranges was the true one, other considerations had intervened, which rendered the adoption of either impossible, and such a survey could therefore have no beneficial result, while the delay it would cause in a definite arrangement, would be highly injurious at least to *Canada*.

It occurred also, that to a question put to Mr. *Street*, to show any documentary evidence by which *New Brunswick* could be warranted in extending her jurisdiction west of the due North Line, contrary to the Act by which the British Government had established the new Province of *New Brunswick*, he asked, how, in her turn, could *Canada* justify her claims in that Territory? We answered that before 1763, there were only two parties claiming the same. *Great Britain* on one side, *France* on the other. That which was not British possession was French, or rather French Canadian possession. After 1763, British authority and dominion was substituted in *Canada*, to French authority and dominion; but the Colony of *Canada* remained the same. After 1783, *United States* dominion was substituted for British dominion in one part of these possessions, therefore everything west of the due North Line, which by any subsequent Act of the Imperial

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Imperial authority of *Great Britain*, was not acknowledged to be American property, must, of course, remain Canadian property or Territory.

(Copy.)

FREDERICKTON, N. B.,
January 5th, 1846.

MY LORD,

It having been reported to me, by the Commissioners employed in carrying into effect the provisions of the Treaty of *Washington*, that Mr. *Francis Rice*, a Justice of the Peace of the County of *Carleton*, resident in the *Madawaska* Settlement, had been appointed a Crown Land Agent under the Department in *Canada*, for the sale of Lands in that part of the County, I have the honor to request that Your Lordship will be so good as to inform me if such may be the case,—and, whether the appointment may have the sanction of the Canadian Government. I beg to draw Your

Letter to Lord Metcalfe, dated 26th April, 1845.

Letter from Lord Metcalfe, dated 5th May, 1845.

Letter to Lord Metcalfe, dated 13th May, 1845.

Lordship's attention to my correspondence with Lord *Metcalf*, referred to in the margin, and to remark that it would be the duty of Mr. *Rice*, as a Magistrate, to enforce the Laws of this Province within the Settlement against all persons who might disregard them; and I need not impress on Your Lordship the consequences of such a conflict of jurisdiction, and its effects in increasing the difficulties attending the settlement of the Disputed Boundary between the Provinces.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

His Excellency

Lieutenant General

The Earl *Cathcart*, K. C. B.,

&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Government House,
Montreal, 16th January, 1846.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Despatch, dated the 5th instant, and in reply to transmit, for Your

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Excellency's information, a copy of the Report 22nd December, 1845. of a Committee of the Executive Council of this Province, advising the appointment of a Resident Agent for the Crown Land Department in the *Madawaska* Settlement, in pursuance of which, the nomination of Mr. *Francis Rice*, a Justice of the Peace of the County of *Carleton*, resident in that Settlement to the above situation, took place accordingly, by the usual Warrant under my Signature.

I have not failed to give my best attention to the correspondence between Lord *Metcalf* and yourself, to which Your Excellency has adverted, from which it appears that His Lordship's letter, dated the 5th of May, 1845, must have shewn to Your Excellency the probability of the measure in question being sooner or later adopted, Lord *Metcalf* having therein deprecated the intrusion of the authority or *New Brunswick*, or any change having that object in view, pending the settlement of the boundaries of the two Provinces, in a Territory which had been shewn in a former communication addressed by His Lordship to Your Excellency, on the 28th of April, 1845, was considered by the people of this Province to belong to *Canada*.

I sincerely trust that no such consequences as Your Excellency seems to anticipate will arise from this appointment, the sole object of which being to secure the rights and the interests of the Canadian population, within the limits in which they have an undoubted claim to the protection of their Government.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) CATHCART.

His Excellency

Sir *W. M. G. Colebrooke*, K.H.

&c. &c. &c.

EXTRACT from a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, dated 22nd December, 1845, approved by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, in Council, on the 24th of the same month.

On a letter from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, dated 16th instant, that the appointment of *Francis Rice*, Esquire, as Crown Land

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Land Agent in the Territory of *Madawaska*, may be confirmed, with such a fixed and annual salary, not exceeding £200, as the Commissioner may think the nature of the services to be rendered will warrant, &c.

The Committee approve of the recommendation of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, that an Agent be appointed to dispose of the Waste Lands of the Crown in the Territory in question."

Certified,
(Signed,) E. PARENT.

To the Civil Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Government House,
Montreal, 2nd February, 1846.

SIR,

I have the honor to transmit to Your Excellency, a letter which I have received from the Commissioner of Crown Lands in the Province of *Canada*, directing my attention to an extract of a communication received by him, from *Francis Rice*, Esquire, Resident Agent for that Department, in the *Madawaska* Settlement; and concurring in the view Mr. *Papineau* has taken of the subject, to request that Your Excellency will have the goodness to acquaint me as early as possible, whether the proceedings therein referred to, on the part of the authorities of *New Brunswick*, in a Territory always considered to be under the control of *Lower Canada*, are sanctioned by the Imperial Government.

In the event of such not being the case, and that no special instructions have been given to Your Excellency by Her Majesty's Government at home, to empower the Authorities of *New Brunswick* to adopt such immediate, and I may say premature measures, without any previous communication or understanding with the Executive Government of *Canada*, I must take upon myself, on the part of the Government of this Province, to submit to Your Excellency, the expediency of causing the Surveys complained of in the documents herewith transmitted, to be discontinued within the limits claimed by *Lower Canada*,

until Her Majesty's pleasure on the subject of the Boundaries now in dispute between the two Provinces can be ascertained.

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I take this occasion to make known to Your Excellency, that Her Majesty having been advised to confer upon me the office of Governor General of Her British Provinces in *North America*, to be held in conjunction with my present command, I have received Her Majesty's command on accepting the office, to publish the fact, that I had become Lord *Metcalf's* Successor, and having already been sworn in as Administrator of the Government, that my authority as Governor General will, in all substantial respects be the same, although the title alone will be wanting until my Commission arrives.

I have, &c.,
(Signed,) CATHCART.

His Excellency,
Sir *W. M. G. Colebrooke*, K. H.
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

To His Excellency the Right Honorable
CHARLES MURRAY, *Earl Cathcart*, of
Cathcart, in the County of *Renfrew*, Ad-
ministratoꝛ of the Government of the
Province of *Canada*, &c. &c. &c.

MY LORD,

I consider it my duty humbly to call Your Excellency's attention to the enclosed abstract of a letter to this Department from *Francis Rice*, Esquire, one of its Agents, dated *Temiscouata*, 29th December, 1845.

Your Excellency will see by that abstract, that the authorities in *New Brunswick* have actually been surveying land in *Canada*, under pretence of the execution of the fourth article of the Treaty of *Washington*. As I have been authorized by Order in Council to have the land surveyed and granted, I respectfully beg leave to submit whether it would not be advisable for Your Excellency, to communicate with the Lieutenant Governor of *New Brunswick* on the subject of those Surveys, in order to ascertain whether such proceedings on the part of the *New Brunswick* authorities, in a Territory always considered under the control of *Lower Canada*, are sanctioned by the

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the Imperial Government. By the answer I shall be guided in the steps to be taken in carrying out the Surveys, and other measures contemplated by the Order in Council of 6th November, 1845.

I have, &c.,
(Signed,)

D. B. PAPINEAU,
C. C. L.

Crown Lands Office,
30th January, 1846.

(Copy.)

Extract of a letter from *Francis Rice*, Esquire,
Crown Land Agent, *Madawaska*, dated
the 29th December, 1845.

" I suppose you are aware, that the Gov-
ernment of *New Brunswick* have appointed
two Commissioners to carry into effect the
fourth Article of the Treaty of *Washington*,
that is to grant free titles to those who had
settled on the Disputed Territory six years
previous to the date of said Treaty. These
gentlemen have arrived in *Madawaska* in
the month of April last, with four parties
of Surveyors, and have laid out the settlers'
lots from the Seigniorly on the *Madawaska*
River, down to its outlet, and from that up
to the *Saint Francis* on the *Saint John*
River."

(Copy.)

Frederickton, N. B.,
February 13th, 1846.

MY LORD,

I have had the honor to receive Your Lordship's letter of the 2nd instant, enclosing to me a communication from Mr. *Papineau*, the Commissioner of Crown Lands in *Canada*, and from Mr. *F. Rice*, a Resident Agent of his Department, at *Madawaska*, relative to the Surveys executed under the direction of the Commissioners, appointed to carry into effect the 4th clause of the Treaty of *Washington*, and requesting to be informed if these proceedings are sanctioned by the Imperial Government.

I have, in reply, to inform Your Lordship that the provisions of that Treaty were ordered by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to be carried into effect, and that the Commissioners appointed, and who are responsible for their proceedings, have from time to time made Reports which have been duly transmitted to the Secretary of State, accompanied by a plan of the Surveys executed by them.

With respect to their Surveys having been carried into a Territory, which Your Lordship considered to be under the control of *Lower Canada*, I beg leave to observe, that the limits of the *Madawaska* Settlement, from whence Mr. *Rice* makes his Report, have never been defined, and as he has, for several years, exercised jurisdiction in it as a Magistrate of this Province, an office he has not resigned, he is well aware of the fact, of which the framers of the Treaty were also cognizant, as appears from the 3rd Clause, wherein the Settlers on the *St. John* and its Tributaries, were recognized to be Inhabitants either of *Maine* or *New Brunswick*. On this point, I beg to refer Your Lordship to the supplementary Report of the Surveyor General of *New Brunswick*, at page 10, enclosed in my letter to Lord *Metcalf*, dated the 13th December, 1844.

As the Commissioners have suspended their operations during the winter season, there will be full time to receive instructions from Her Majesty's Government before any thing further can be done. They were simply instructed, in general terms to carry the provisions of the Treaty into effect, pursuant to the orders of Her Majesty's Government, to whom it will become my duty to transmit the correspondence which I have held with Your Lordship, and to request that no delay may occur in arresting the consequences of the conflicting Jurisdiction which has recently arisen between the Provinces.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

His Excellency
The Right Honorable
The Earl *Cathcart*, K. C. B.
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No. 13.

Downing Street,
3d February, 1846.

MY LORD,

I have the honour to transmit to Your Lordship, for your information, the copy of a Despatch which I have addressed to the Lieutenant Governor of *New Brunswick*, in answer to communications which my predecessor, in this Office, had received from him respecting the formation of a Railroad, from *Halifax* to *Quebec*, through the Province under his Government.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) W. E. GLADSTONE.

Lieutenant General
The Earl *Cathcart*, K. C. B.
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 4.

Downing Street,
2d February, 1846.

SIR,

I have received your Despatches of the numbers and dates enumerated in the margin, relative to the construction of a Railroad, which shall connect *Halifax* and other points in *Nova Scotia*, as well as the chief Towns of *New Brunswick* with *Canada*, by *Quebec*, and thus facilitate the intercourse between *Great Britain* and all those Provinces. You will learn from my Circular Despatch, addressed to you by this mail, that my attention has been already directed to the important subject of Railway communications in the British Colonies, and you will readily conceive that, considering the magnitude of such undertakings, I find it necessary to use great caution, previously to sanctioning the adoption of

any positive measures, so as to avoid the risk of exciting expectations which may not be realized. The remark which applies to proposed Railways in all Her Majesty's possessions abroad, is peculiarly appropriate to a project of the kind now under my notice, which is an enterprize of great importance, and possessing a commercial as well as a military character.

Her Majesty's Government are certainly disposed to view with great favour the present scheme, if it be undertaken with an earnest intention on the part of the Provinces concerned, to provide adequate means for the purpose of carrying it into execution. But, I must distinctly observe to you, that a very strong, and also a very peculiar case, must be made out to justify those Provinces in the expectation, that Her Majesty's Government would take upon themselves the responsibility of recommending the promotion of any such undertaking, whether in whole or in part, to Parliament, for assistance from the funds of this Country. Reliance must be placed in a great degree on private enterprise and capital, but up to the present time, I have very little knowledge as to what is really to be expected from those sources, towards the formation of any Railway communication of the nature I have described. I am disposed to hope much may be ascertained from the proceedings of the Legislatures now in Session, as to the strength or weakness of the disposition which prevails in the respective Provinces to present Railway projects to the Assemblies. The form of the Bills, and the actual shape which such projects may assume, will necessarily improve my means of estimating their solidity.

In considering specially your Despatch No. 100, of the 13th November, and the valuable information which it contains from yourself and from Captain *Owen*, for which I request you will accept my thanks, I must acknowledge, that I am disposed to agree with you in thinking, that a line from the North Eastern point of *Nova Scotia*, keeping far from the Frontier of the *United States*, would be

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be the most advantageous with reference to Imperial interests, and consequently would be the line which would have the best claim upon the countenance and aid of the Imperial Government.

If you should find that there is any disposition to entertain that route as a main line, into which collateral lines from *Halifax*, *St. Johns*, or other points might run, I apprehend that it would be prudent to encourage the adoption of such a route, in preference to any other; but I must request you to understand, that in the present state of my information, I cannot hazard any positive opinion, nor give you any instructions which should overrule your own clear and decisive judgment, on any question that may arise with regard to the merits of different schemes.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) W. E. GLADSTONE.

Lieutenant Governor,
Sir *Wm. Colebrooke*.
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Government House,
Halifax, 30th March, 1846.

MY LORD,

I have the honour to enclose, for Your Excellency's information, a copy of a set of Resolutions passed by the House of Assembly of *Nova Scotia*, on the 14th instant, in relation to the projected Railroad from the *Atlantic*, through *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, to *Quebec* and *Montreal*, by which Your Excellency will perceive that the Legislature of this Province have authorized the expenditure of any necessary sum of money, for the purpose of exploring and ascertaining the best line of route for the proposed work within the bounds of this Colony, and that the House of Assembly express a hope, that some corresponding movement will be made by the Local Parliaments of *New Brunswick* and *United Canada*.

Your Excellency is already apprized, by my Despatch No. 353, dated 17th November, addressed to Lord *Stanley*, of which I had the honor to send you a copy, of the very strong opinion I entertain, as to the benefits which would result to the whole of the British

North American Colonies, from the carrying into effect of the contemplated scheme; and I shall therefore be much gratified, should Your Excellency and the Legislature of *Canada*, deem it expedient to adopt a similar course with the Legislature of *Nova Scotia*, or to take any other steps calculated to advance the undertaking.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) FALKLAND.

The Right Honorable
Earl *Cathcart*, K. C. B.
&c. &c. &c.

In the House of Assembly,
14th March, 1846.

Whereas, the project of a Railroad, to be laid from some Port on the Southern shore of *Nova Scotia* to *Quebec*, has been the subject of earnest consideration during the past year, and as no doubt can be entertained that the successful accomplishment of such an enterprize, would prove highly beneficial to the inhabitants of Her Majesty's North American Colonies, and be attended with important advantages of a National, as well as of a Provincial nature, it becomes proper to ascertain whether so great an enterprize can be achieved at a reasonable expense, and with a just prospect of commensurate return.

And whereas, in order that the Legislature of this Province may be enabled to reach a sound conclusion on the subject, it is necessary that the examination of the Country, to the East and West of *Halifax*, with a view to determine the most appropriate location, and that surveys of such lines as it may be found proper to define and describe, with full estimates, both of expense and probable income, should be made by competent persons.

Therefore Resolved, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested to cause such examination, surveys and estimates to be made, during the ensuing season—and that this House will provide for the expense thereof within the limits of this Province, and to use his best endeavours to obtain the aid of Her Majesty's Government, towards

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towards carrying out the intention of this House, by furnishing qualified Engineers, and in such other way as may be practicable and proper—and that His Excellency be also respectfully requested to correspond with His Excellency the Administrator of the Government in *Canada*, and His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of *New Brunswick*, with a view to procure, if possible, the concurrent action of those Provinces, directed to a similar examination, surveys and estimates within their respective limits.

Resolved also, that this House so soon as it shall be assured that the said undertaking, can, with prudence and propriety, be entered upon, will pass and concur, in such Acts of Legislation for the incorporation of a Company as may be necessary and proper, and will then further consider in what other modes, and on what conditions, and to what extent it will be proper, and within the means of the Legislature of *Nova Scotia* to grant Provincial assistance towards a scheme, the successful accomplishment of which, promises results of no ordinary magnitude to this Province, and Her Majesty's Dominions in *North America*.

Copy from the Journal.

J. WHIDDEN,
Clerk.

(Copy.)

No. 353.

Government House,
Halifax, November 17th, 1845.

MY LORD,

I have the honour to acknowledge Your Lordship's Despatch No. 249, dated 21st September, being in reply to my Despatch No. 339, of the 19th August, in which I informed you, that I had received a Memorial from a body, styling themselves the Promoters and Provisional Board of the *Halifax, Quebec and Montreal* Railway Company, requesting that I would in my capacity of Lieutenant Governor of *Nova Scotia*, take steps for their incorporation, and for securing to them certain exclusive facilities and advantages therein detailed.

I deemed the observations contained in Your Lordship's communication, to be of so much importance, so well calculated to prevent the evils you deprecate, as likely to result from precipitate action in this matter, and at the same time, essentially to promote the ultimate success of the undertaking, should it turn out to be practicable, that I thought it my duty to promulgate them through the medium of the Provincial Press.

By the same Packet which brought the above, a second letter was addressed to me, by Mr. *Bridges* (who signs himself the Secretary to the Provisional Committee of the projected Railway,) accompanied by a paper containing an account of certain proceedings which took place at a meeting of the said Committee, and in which I conceive my previous correspondence with that gentlemen, to be very inaccurately described.

This paper, together with a copy of Mr. *Bridges'* letter, I herewith send, as well as two other papers, transmitted to me by the last Mail, (the one purporting to be a prospectus of a Railway from *Halifax* to *Quebec*, by way of *Fredericton*, with a branch to *St. John*, in *New Brunswick*, to be undertaken by a Company with a capital of no less than three million six hundred thousand pounds sterling, and the other a prospectus of a Railway from *Halifax* to *Windsor* in *Nova Scotia*, to be constructed by apparently the same Company, with a capital of two hundred thousand pounds), and a copy of the letter in which they were enclosed.

These prospectuses, both marked "private," and said to have been so in *England*, were made public in this City, by Messrs. *Wm.* and *Geo. R. Young*, who are named in them as Solicitors (in *Nova Scotia*) to both Companies, and a meeting of Merchants and others was subsequently held, at which, as I am informed, much suspicion was thrown on the origin and management of the contemplated scheme in *London*. Opinion is therefore divided as to the character of the Company; but all parties appear to entertain the belief, that the construction of a Railroad from hence to *Quebec* and *Montreal*, by solvent parties, would lead to results, highly conducive to the prosperity of the British North American Colonies.

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Whether the (so-called) *Halifax and Quebec Railway and Land Company*, has been formed with the intention, or possesses the adequate funds, to execute the gigantic project to carry out which, it has been ostensibly called into existence, Your Lordship has much greater facilities than I can command for ascertaining; but various facts, in relation to their proceedings, have come to my knowledge, with which I consider it imperative on me to make you acquainted.

The Attorney General of *Nova Scotia* found his name on the prospectus of the *Halifax and Quebec Railway*, as standing Counsel to the Company, without, as he assures me, having been in any manner consulted on the subject, either before or after his appointment; and I have read in the newspapers, a letter from Mr. *T. C. Haliburton* of *Windsor*, a Judge of the Supreme Court of this Province, whose name was put forth on the prospectus of the Railroad, between *Halifax* and *Windsor*, as a Member of the Provisional Committee, indignantly repudiating all connection with the Company.

Mr. *Robie*, the Senior Member of the Executive, and President of the Legislative Council, and Mr. *Jeffery*, the Collector of Customs, who has been twice Administrator of the Government of the Colony, during the absence of the Lieutenant Governor for the time being, both of whose names appear in the same prospectus, as Members of the same Committee, have written me a letter, a copy of which I forward, stating that their names have been introduced into it without their consent or knowledge, and without any communication ever having been made to them on the matter, and that they therefore decline serving; and I have likewise learned that other influential gentlemen here, whose names are inserted in the prospectuses as being connected with one or other scheme, have denied that they have ever sanctioned such insertion.

Such reckless conduct, in the unauthorized use of the names of some of the most respectable gentlemen in *Nova Scotia*, may very naturally inspire distrust, and deprive the Company, who profess themselves ready to achieve this vast enterprise, of the confidence of the community; but does not, I think, militate against the highly beneficial tendency or the practicability of the plan itself, to the success of which, provided it can be brought about, by proper and justifiable means, it appears to

me that every well-wisher to British interests and dominion in *North America*, must be anxious to contribute, and which therefore, solicitous as I am for the future welfare of a Colony in which I have so long resided, I should deeply lament to see abandoned, for want of every exertion having been made to ascertain its feasibility, or from its having been undertaken by individuals not endowed with sufficient weight and influence to effect its completion.

As the most sanguine advocates of this costly project do not appear to anticipate, that it can for some years to come produce the amount required to pay a fair rate of interest to the Shareholders, after the abstraction of the sums necessary to defray the large annual expenditure, which such a work will entail to keep it in repair, it becomes requisite to consider from what sources they (the Shareholders), may be guaranteed from any great loss, until the lapse of time shall have rendered the property a remunerating one, and it has been proposed to effect this through prospective grants, to be in force for a certain number of years, by the Local Legislatures of *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick* and *United Canada*, each Province to contribute to the whole sum granted, in the proportion of its revenue: a hope is also indulged that, as the Mother Country would reap from the work all the advantages of direct communication with *Quebec*, contemplated by the long talked of Military Road through *New Brunswick*, which would then be no longer necessary, the British Government, provided the plan assume a practicable shape, and be proceeded with under proper auspices, may be induced to contribute towards the completion of the former, some portion of the money which would have been expended in the latter route had it been constructed.

So deeply imbued am I with the conviction, both that the proposed Railway will cost more than is generally supposed, and that the proceeds at the commencement will bear small proportion to the outlay, which will have been incurred, that without I entertained the hope of a combined and spirited action on the part of the several Provincial Legislatures, I should look on the scheme as idle and visionary in the highest degree, if regarded as an investment of capital, likely to produce immediate profitable returns.

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As, however, I cannot but feel persuaded that the Local Legislatures will be sufficiently alive to the great benefits which would accrue from the accomplishment of this grand design, to be willing to endeavour to place it on such a footing, that European capitalists may be enabled to co-operate in its promotion with safety, I am desirous of affording to the Parliament of *Nova Scotia*, at its next meeting, all the information likely to forward such an attempt; and I would therefore request Your Lordship to be good enough to interest yourself to procure, from the Ordnance Department, copies of any surveys which have been made in the Provinces of *New Brunswick* or *Canada*, with a view to the formation of the Military Road above alluded to, or any other topographical data which may exist, likely to facilitate the object I have in view.

The step, however, which appears to me to be of primary importance, and to demand immediate attention, is the conducting of an accurate survey, for ascertaining the practicability of the plan, and for the selection of the best route.

The importance of the ultimate object is so great, both to the Mother Country and the Colonies, that I trust Your Lordship will deem this preparatory measure to be worthy of Imperial assistance, and I am therefore induced to ask you, whether Her Majesty's Government would be disposed to send out competent Military or Civil Engineers to conduct such survey, either at the expense of the British or of the Colonial Governments, as your Lordship may deem proper.

Such a measure would engage confidence, both in *England* and the Colonies, and preclude the risk which would attend unsound or inadequate information on this essential part of the undertaking.

As it is my intention to communicate with the Governor General, and Sir *William Colebrooke*, on this topic, I should wish to know if any reasonable hope might be entertained that, should the three Colonies unite in pledging a portion of their revenues, for the interest and gradual repayment of the principal of the money advanced, any assistance would be afforded them, on the same terms as those on which aid was extended to *Canada*, in the cases of the *Rideau*, *Beauharnois* and *Welland* Canals; or more direct succour from the Imperial Treasury upon the like security.

I have already intimated my opinion, that if a Company were to be incorporated under the name of the *Halifax* and *Quebec* Railway, or any other similar denomination, it were better that it should be done by an Act of the Imperial Parliament, but as it may be deemed expedient to introduce an Act for the incorporation of some such body here in the approaching Session, I should be much obliged, by Your Lordship's instructing me as to the nature of the guarantees and provisions, which it may be right to insert for the protection of the Stockholders and the Public.

The immense political advantages that would attend the satisfactory completion of the proposed Railway, must be so apparent to Your Lordship, as to make any detailed reference to them on my part, alike unnecessary and obtrusive, and I will therefore trespass on your attention no longer, than to solicit an early answer to this communication.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) FALKLAND.

The Right Honorable
Lord Stanley.

(Copy.)

FREDERICKTON,
3rd April, 1846.

MY LORD,

I have the honour to enclose to Your Lordship, the copy of an Address, passed by the House of Assembly, of this Province, with a series of Resolutions, pledging the support of the House to Her Majesty's Government, in the construction of a Railway, to connect the Provinces of *Canada*, *New Brunswick*, and *Nova Scotia*.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

His Excellency,
Lieutenant General,
The Earl Cathcart, K. C. B.
&c. &c. &c.

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NEW BRUNSWICK,
House of Assembly,
April 3rd, 1846.

Resolved, that copies of the Resolutions, passed yesterday, on the subject of a Railway, to connect the British Colonies on this Continent, be furnished His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, and that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to Her Majesty's Government, as well as to the Right Honorable the Governor General of *Canada*, and the Lieutenant Governor of *Nova Scotia*.

(Signed,) CHARLES P. WETMORE,
Clerk.

NEW BRUNSWICK,
House of Assembly,
April 2nd, 1846.

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tween Quebec
and Halifax.

First—Resolved, that nothing would tend more to advance the prosperity of the British Colonies on this Continent, to cement their union, and preserve their integrity as valuable appendages of the Crown, than a Railway connecting the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*.

Second—Resolved, that this House confidently looks to Her Majesty's Government, for its parental aid towards this great national project.

Third—Resolved, that this House, viewing the establishment of such Railway as a measure of the greatest importance to these Colonies, both politically and commercially, will not be behind-hand with their fellow subjects, the people of *Canada* and *Nova Scotia*, in making such provision, both from the Public Funds and Lands, as the resources of the Province will warrant.

(Signed,) CHARLES P. WETMORE,
Clerk.

APPENDIX No. 13.

(Vide Journal, page 77.)

Despatch re-
lating to the
Duty on
Wheat.

(Copy.)
No. 48.

Downing Street,
1st April, 1846.

MY LORD,

I have received Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 19, of the 25th February last, in which you enclose a Memorial from the Board of Trade at *Montreal*, praying that, in consideration of the injury which the Memorialists apprehend from the anticipated change in the Corn Law of this Country, Her Majesty's Government would recommend the repeal of the Provincial Act imposing a local duty of 3s. per quarter on Foreign Wheat imported into *Canada*,—that the Imperial duty of 2s. per barrel on Foreign Flour brought into the

Province may be repealed, and that Grain, Flour and Meal, of whatever origin, may be introduced from *Canada* into the United Kingdom free of duty.

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No. 19, 3rd February.

No. 32, 3rd March.

1. The Despatches noted in the margin, which I have had occasion to address to Your Lordship on the subject of the Trade of *Canada*, will have already explained the views which, in common with my colleagues, I entertain, with respect to the apprehensions of the Board of Trade of *Montreal*, or of other parties similarly situated, as to the effect in *Canada* of the alteration of the English Corn Law, if it be passed in conformity with the views of Her Majesty's Government. But as it is necessary that I should return a distinct answer to the Memorial which

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which is now before me, I have to instruct Your Lordship to acquaint the Memorialists that, if Parliament shall adopt the changes in the Corn Law of this Country which have been submitted to their deliberation, Her Majesty's Government will regard the local duty of 3s. on Corn as an exclusively Provincial question, and if the Legislature of *Canada* shall think it expedient to pass an Act for the repeal of that duty, Her Majesty will not be advised to disallow the measure.

2. You will state to the Memorialists that, according to the view of Her Majesty's Government, any proposal to alter the Imperial duty on Flour imported into *Canada*, should follow and be dependent on, but should not precede the abrogation of the 3s. duty.

3. That, with respect to their application for the free introduction into this Country of Grain, Flour and Meal, of whatever origin, Her Majesty's Government regret that they do not think it entirely compatible with the spirit of the Commercial Treaties between this Country and other Powers, to revive the system which once prevailed, of allowing the introduction of Goods from Colonies at Colonial duties with reference, not to their origin, but solely to their place of Export.

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I have, &c.

(Signed,) W. E. GLADSTONE.

Lieutenant-General

The Earl *Cathcart*, K. C. B.,

&c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 14.

(*Vide Journal*, page 116.)

Documents relating to the Erection of Law Courts in Toronto.

(Copy.)

Toronto,

27th January, 1846.

SIR,

In company with my brother Judges I have inspected the accommodation provided by the Law Society in their new building for the Court of Queen's Bench, and for the Practice Court and Offices connected with it; and we cordially unite in declaring that the Court Room of the Queen's Bench, the Practice Court, and the apartments assigned to the Judges, are in all respects most convenient and satisfactory. They are indeed not merely adequate in themselves, and well arranged, both as regards the public convenience and the personal comfort of those whose duties are to be discharged in them, but they have been designed and finished on a scale becomingly liberal, though not extravagant.

The Judges feel sincere gratification in remarking, that by the exertions of the Law Society, the Superior Courts of Justice in *Upper Canada* are at length accommodated

in a manner worthy of the Country, and they have only to repeat a hope which they have already expressed in a communication to the Government, that such public arrangements may be made as will allow the Judges to feel that these increased advantages which they will enjoy, both personally and as composing the Court, are permanently assured, and have not been procured by sacrifices which may prove in any degree burthensome to the Law Society.

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With regard to the rooms set apart for the Office of the Clerk of the Crown and Pleas, to which the attention of the Judges was especially called, by the gentlemen who were so kind as to attend with them on the part of the Society, they appear to be sufficient in point of space, and as good as the Law Society are at present able to provide, making such allowance as it is necessary to make for other arrangements. The Vaults for Records and Papers seem to be ample and safe, though we doubt whether under-ground Vaults will be found sufficiently dry. The experiment, however, could be made.

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The Judges are glad to find that the Society has been able to provide Mr. *Small* with a convenient room on the ground floor—as it would have been impossible for him during his present indisposition, to have made use of an apartment in the higher story in which his Clerks will be placed. This separation, however, of the principal Officer from the subordinate Clerks, which unfortunately seems to be unavoidable, may occasion a good deal of inconvenience; and though we do not see that any better arrangement could be made, as the East Wing is required for the purposes of the Law Society, yet we trust the time is not distant when the erection of a plain and cheap range of apartments running back from the new building, will enable the Society to provide for the accommodation of the Office of the Clerk of the Crown and Pleas, and for the safe keeping of the Records and Papers in a connected suite of fire-proof rooms above ground.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) J. B. ROBINSON, C. J.

The Hon. *R. S. Jameson*, Esquire,
Treasurer of the Law Society.

(Copy.)

Toronto,
30th January, 1846.

SIR,

I have the honor to state, for the information of the Building Committee of the Law Society, of which you are a Member, that having long watched with great interest the liberal exertions made by the Society for the accommodation of the Courts of Law and Equity, and their respective Officers, I have taken the earliest opportunity after their completion, of leaving the inconvenient rooms temporarily appropriated to the Court of Chancery in the East Wing of the former Parliament Buildings, and commenced the first Equity Sittings of the year in the new Court.

I now beg to assure the Building Committee, through you, that both myself and the profession generally feel highly satisfied with the accommodations thus afforded to the Pub-

lic Service. In point both of elegance and convenience they are all that can be desired.

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I have, &c.
(Signed,) R. S. JAMESON,
Vice Chancellor.

Clarke Gamble, Esquire,
Chairman Building Committee,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Toronto,
6th February, 1846.

SIR,

As Chairman of the Building Committee superintending the improvements at *Osgoode Hall*, with a view to the removal thither of the Supreme Court of *Canada West*, and their officers,

I have been instructed by the Law Society to enclose you the accompanying Correspondence, and to state for the information of the Executive Government, that the Society is now prepared to enter into a perpetual covenant with Her Majesty, to find the necessary accommodation for the Courts and their Officers from this time forth.

With reference to the consideration to be received therefor, the Society having in view the communication of the Bench to the Government upon a former occasion, upon the inexpediency of the Courts becoming the tenants of any individual or corporation, would accept a proportion of the present outlay in lieu of an annual rental.

The total expenditure upon *Osgoode Hall*, in consequence of the present arrangement, will fall very little short of ten thousand pounds; and in mentioning the sum of six thousand pounds, as the consideration of the agreement between the Government and the Society, I feel that I am placing the remuneration at a very low rate. It must be borne in mind that the whole of the west wing, together with a portion of the centre building, comprising in all twenty apartments, many of them necessarily very spacious, is entirely occupied by the Courts and their Officers, and should it happen

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happen that the vaults under ground are not found to answer for the keeping of the records, another fire-proof building must be added for that purpose.

In setting aside rooms for the Crown Office, the arrangement was first made for the Department, irrespective of Mr. *Small*; and the Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench being satisfied therewith, the Society, in consideration of that gentleman's infirmity, appropriated a room on the ground floor for his especial use, of the same size, and in the same situation as the Judges' Chambers. This room forms part of the suite of rooms originally with the assent of the Judge and Vice-Chancellor assigned to the Court of Chancery; and when another apartment is required for any additional Clerk in the Registrar; or Master in Chancery's Office, which he has intimated will soon be the case, further accommodation must be provided for him in the Centre Building. This, together with the slight inconvenience (mentioned by the Chief Justice) consequent on the separation of Mr. *Small* from his subordinate Clerks, arises from his state of health, and not from the fault of the Society, or the want of proper arrangement in the Building.

On behalf of the Society, I now tender to the Executive Government the Building and apartments approved of by the Judge and Vice-Chancellor, for the use of the Courts and their Officers, as before mentioned, and pray that the necessary steps may be forthwith taken to complete the arrangement on the part of the Government.

I have, &c.
(Signed) C. GAMBLE.

The Honorable
D. Daly, Provl. Secretary.
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Secretary's Office,
Montreal, 5th March, 1846.

SIR,

I have the honour, by command of the Administrator of the Government, to acquaint you, that His Excellency, in Council, has had under consideration your letter of the 6th ult.,

on the subject of the accommodation prepared in *Osgoode Hall*, by the Law Society, for the Superior Law Courts of *Upper Canada*.

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His Excellency concurs with the Chief Justice and his brethren, in desiring that the Courts should be permanently assured in the accommodation thus provided, and is therefore favorable to entering into an arrangement of the character suggested by you on behalf of the Society.

In order to effect this, His Excellency is advised that the necessary funds should be provided for by a duty on certain Law proceedings, and that either an application should be made to the Legislature to sanction the advance of the necessary sum, to be repaid by a Tax on Law proceedings in these Courts, or that such a Tax being imposed, the net proceeds of the Tax should be half yearly paid to the Treasurer of the Law Society, until the whole amount of £6,000, and interest from the date of agreement with the Society, is paid.

Before bringing either of these proposals before the Legislature, His Excellency has directed me to inquire whether the Law Society would not be disposed to accept half-yearly payments, in the manner last suggested, which, His Excellency is of opinion, would be a better way of disposing of the question, than to ask for an advance of £6,000 from the Legislature.

I am, therefore, to request that you will be pleased to let me hear from you on this subject, at your earliest convenience.

I have, &c.
(Signed) D. DALY.

CLARKE GAMBLE, Esquire,
Toronto.

Toronto, Canada West,
12th March, 1846.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 5th instant, relative to the arrangement for the liquidation of the sum of six thousand pounds, to be paid by the Government to the Law Society of *Upper Canada*, for the accommodation prepared in *Osgoode Hall*, for the Superior Courts in *Upper Canada*.

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I submitted the same, at once, to the consideration of the Committee of Economy, and was in hopes, at one time, that we might be enabled to accept the proposal of half-yearly instalments, by the issuing of our own Debentures, based on the payments to be made to us by the Government; but upon applying to those to whom the Society is now indebted for the building, we are reluctantly compelled to decline such arrangement. If the Government will issue to the Law Society, Debentures for the sum of six thousand pounds, payable at any periods based upon the tax proposed, or otherwise, we shall find no difficulty in negotiating them, but our Creditors refuse to take our own Debentures.

As I mentioned in the first communication I had the honor to address to you upon the subject, the improvements at *Osgoode Hall* have cost nearly ten thousand pounds. The Society borrowed four thousand pounds on mortgage. Our Bankers allowed the Society to overdraw their account to the amount of three thousand pounds more, during the progress of the work, upon the assurance that the amount should be repaid immediately after the next Session of Parliament, and the Contractor is entitled to his balance (which, together with the outlay on the site itself, will take the whole of the residue) at the completion of his work next month.

Should Government Debentures be issued to the Society for the amount to be paid, the Bank of *Upper Canada* undertake to cash them all, and the Society will be thus enabled to meet its engagements.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) C. GAMBLE.

The Honble. *D. Daly*,
Secretary, &c.

(Copy.)

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, dated May 5th, 1846, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the same day:—

On a Letter from *Clarke Gamble, Esq.*, Chairman, Building Committee, *Osgoode Hall, Toronto*, relative to an arrangement for the liquidation of the sum of £6,000, to be paid by the Government to the Law Society for the accommodation prepared in *Osgoode Hall*, for the Superior Courts in *Upper Canada*;

The Committee recommend, that a Message be sent by Your Excellency to the Legislature, with the Correspondence, &c., respecting the accommodation for the Superior Courts of *Upper Canada*, in *Osgoode Hall*, recommending that the Legislature do, in consideration that the Society enter into a valid covenant for all time to come, to provide sufficient accommodations for such Courts, authorize the issue of Debentures on the security of the Province, in favour of the said Society to an amount not to exceed £6,000; authority to raise a tax on certain proceedings in Law and Equity, to meet the interest; and authority to sell for money a portion not exceeding one third of the block of land in *Toronto*, on which the Buildings in which these Courts have been hitherto held, stand, to be applied in part discharge of the said Debentures.

Certified,

(Signed,) E. PARENT.

To the Provincial Secretary.

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APPENDIX No. 15.

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(Copy.)

No. 55.

Downing Street,
18th April, 1846.

MY LORD,

I have the honour to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a Despatch with its enclosures, which I have had occasion to address by this Mail, to the Lieutenant Governor of *Nova Scotia*, upon the subject of the employment of Officers of the Engineer Corps on the survey of the Provinces in British *North America*, through which the proposed line of Railroad between *Halifax* and *Quebec* and *Montreal* may pass.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) W. E. GLADSTONE.

Governor General,
the Right Honorable
the Earl *Cathcart*.

Downing Street,
18th April, 1846.

MY LORD,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 2nd of April, No. 22, in which you enclose an Address to the Queen from the House of Assembly of *Nova Scotia*, together with certain Resolutions of that House, on the subject of the projected Railroad from *Halifax* to *Quebec* and *Montreal*.

You will, I think, concur with me in the opinion, that it would at present be premature to enter upon the consideration of the request of the House of Assembly, that the money

which may be voted by the House of Commons for the construction of a Military Road, through the British Provinces of *North America*, should be devoted instead to the formation of a Railway.

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Whenever the Survey, which it is essential should be first undertaken, shall be completed, I shall be prepared to offer my advice to the Queen as to the course which it may be proper to take in reference to the request of the Assembly, for the appropriation of these funds to the Railroad.

I am happy to inform you by this early opportunity, that I have recommended the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to give their sanction to the employment of Officers of Engineers on the Survey in *Nova Scotia*, and the neighbouring British Provinces, for which the House of Assembly has pledged itself to provide, and that instructions in accordance with my wishes on this subject, have been given by their Lordships to the Master General and Board of Ordnance, who will communicate with their Officers in *North America*. I enclose for your information, the copy of a letter which has been addressed by my direction to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, together with copies of two letters addressed by their Lordships to the Board of Ordnance, and have to add that I shall hope to be able to make known to your Lordship, at a future and not distant time, the matured intentions of Her Majesty's Government with respect to this Survey.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) W. E. GLADSTONE.

Lieut. Governor
Viscount *Falkland*,
&c. &c. &c.

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Downing Street,
16th April, 1846.

SIR,

The project of a Railroad between *Halifax* and *Quebec*, having excited considerable attention in the British Provinces of *North America*, as well as in this Kingdom, Mr. Secretary *Gladstone* has been in communication with the Governor General of *Canada*, and the Lieutenant Governors of the Provinces concerned in this undertaking, on the preliminary points which it is necessary to determine before any active proceedings can be adopted for the construction of such an important work. Mr. *Gladstone* having, by the Mail which arrived yesterday, received from the Lieutenant Governor of *Nova Scotia*, a Despatch enclosing an Address to the Queen, from the House of Assembly of that Province, with resolutions pledging the House to provide for the expense of the Survey of those parts of *Nova Scotia* through which it is expected that the Railway would pass, has directed me to request you would represent to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, that as Her Majesty's Government consider the proposed enterprise an object of general as well as Provincial importance, they are desirous of affording their co-operation to the House of Assembly of *Nova Scotia*, in the requisite preliminary measure for which that House has now pledged itself to provide. It will not, however, be sufficient to restrict the proposed Survey only to *Nova Scotia*. Mr. *Gladstone* does not doubt that the people of *Canada* and *New Brunswick* have been equally animated by a desire to aid in the formation of some great chain of communication by Railway, between the several Provinces, and (although the Legislatures have not, so far as he is at present aware, adopted proceedings corresponding with those of the Legislature of *Nova Scotia*,) he considers that it will not, on that account, be proper to withhold from the former Provinces, the advantage of the Survey which will be afforded to *Nova Scotia*. The season during which this work can be executed being necessarily very limited, it would not be advisable to defer its commencement, and Mr. *Gladstone* would therefore impress upon the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the expediency of an immediate intimation being made to the Board of Ordnance of the wishes of Her Majesty's Government, that instruc-

tions should be conveyed by the ensuing Packet, to the Commanding Engineer in the British Provinces in *North America*, to depute such Officers of that Corps to undertake the Survey in question, as may be selected by the Master General and Board of Ordnance, for that purpose.

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I am further to request that the Board of Ordnance may be distinctly apprized, that to render this Survey adequate to its object, it will be necessary to examine the question where the Port of Embarkation for *England* would most properly be fixed, having regard to the convenience of the public, the purposes of despatch, and the general safety of the Port and terminus in time of War.

Mr. *Gladstone* hopes to be enabled before the next Packet to consider, in connection with the Master General and Board of Ordnance, the specific instructions which it may be proper to give to these officers.

I am, &c.

(Signed,) JAS. STEPHEN.

C. E. Trevelyan, Esq.

&c. &c. &c.

Treasury Chambers,

17th April, 1846.

SIR,

I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to acquaint you, for the information of the Master General and Board of Ordnance, that a desire having been expressed by the Legislature of *Nova Scotia* to establish a Railroad between *Halifax* and *Quebec*, and to have the best opinion as to the line which it would be expedient to adopt, their Lordships consider it to be an object of general, as well as Provincial importance,

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importance, that the best line should be selected; and they therefore request the Board of Ordnance to give to the Legislature of *Nova Scotia* the assistance of such Engineers at present in *North America*, as they may consider qualified for this duty, and to send out to them orders to place themselves without delay in communication with the Governor General of *Canada*, and the Lieutenant Governors of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, for the purpose of effecting such a Survey as may enable them to form a judgment as to the line most expedient to be adopted.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) C. E. TREVELYAN.

To the Secretary to the Ordnance.

Treasury, 18th April, 1846.

SIR,

With reference to my letter, dated the 17th instant, on the subject of the Survey of the proposed Railroad between *Nova Scotia* and

Canada, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to transmit for the information of the Master General and Board, a copy of a letter from Mr. *Stephen*, dated the 16th instant, stating the wish of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for Colonial affairs, that the Survey in question should embrace a comprehensive plan of communication between the Provinces of *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick* and *Canada*, and adverting to certain points to which attention is particularly required; and I am to request that you will move the Master General and Board to send instructions by the Mail about to leave *England* to the Officers of the Royal Engineers in the three Provinces above mentioned, to take early and effectual steps to carry Mr. *Gladstone's* wishes into effect, in communication with the Governor General of *Canada*, and the Lieutenant Governors of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*.

I am, &c.

(Signed,) C. E. TREVELYAN.

R. Byham, Esq.,

&c. &c. &c.

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APPENDIX No. 16.

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Return of Patents of Invention, entered on the Records in the Office of the Registrar.

A RETURN OF PATENTS OF INVENTION, entered on the Records of this Office, issued under the Statute of the late Province of Upper Canada, passed in the 7th year of the Reign of George the IV., and intituled, "An Act to encourage the progress of useful Arts within this Province;" shewing the date of each Patent, the name of the Patentee, and, briefly, the purpose for which the said Patent has issued.

Return of Patents of Invention, entered on the Records in the Office of the Registrar.

Name of Patentee.	Date of Patent.	Purpose of the Invention.
Scripture, Eliphalet Spencer	17th June, 1830 ...	"The Centripital Power Press," for printing—expressing or extracting oils, juices, packing, punching holes in iron, &c. &c. &c.
Baird, Nicol Hugh	... 14th July, 1831 ...	"The Suspension Wooden Bridge."
Cleghorn, Jno. Wilson	... 13th September, do ...	"A Machine" upon entirely a new principle, for thrashing grain, &c.
Lisson, Zebediah ...	... 27th June, 1832 ...	"The Machine" for planing and matching plank for floors, &c.
Hathway, Jonathan Gaylord	24th December, do ...	"Hot Air Cooking Stove."
Kyans, Jno. H. ...	{ Patent granted in England, 22nd September, 1832, and recorded in Upper Canada, 16th September, 1833 ... }	An improved mode of "Preserving Paper," canvass, cloth, and cordage for ships and other uses, and the raw materials of hemp, flax, or cotton from which the same is made.
Foster, Ambrose ...	... 21st November, 1833 ...	Improvement in the Steam Engine, commonly called "The Re-acting Engine."
Sandford, Nathan	... 23rd May, 1834 ...	"Improvement" in the principle of building Steam Vessels.
Carpenter, Alexander	... 17th do do ...	"The Revolving Flue," as applied to cooking apparatus and Cooking Stoves.
Burlington, James and Bewly Thomas ...	{ 6th November, do ... }	{ New method of building ships, boats, &c., for navigating seas, rivers, lakes, and canals, to be propelled with the aid of steam. }
Talbot, Edw. Allen	... 18th July, do ...	"Talbot's Atmospheric Propelling Engine," for vessels, carriages, &c.
Graham, Thomas ...	... 25th March, 1835 ...	Improvement in the construction and mode of propelling Steam Vessels.
Rich, Martin, and Jackson, William ...	{ 28th April, do ... }	{ Invention and improvement of certain apparatus to be attached to Saw Mills for fixing and removing saw logs. }
Van Norman, Joseph	... 1st June, do ...	"Improved Cooking Stove."
Cahill, James ...	... 1st do do ...	"Improved Cooking Stove."
Judson, Samuel and Lyman	25th March, do ...	"A Machine" for planing, jointing, grooving, and preparing for immediate use, boards and planks.

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Name of Patentee.	Date of Patent.	Purpose of the Invention.
Van Norman, Joseph ...	29th January 1836 ...	Improved method of producing charcoal from wood.
Brown, Levi R. ...	15th April, do ...	Improvement in the "Cooking Stove," with a new method of carrying off the steam.
Wilson, James Lorenzo ...	26th January, 1837 ...	Improvement in the "Cooking Stove."
White, William ...	23rd February, do ...	New machine for removing "Smut" from Wheat.
Springer, Duncan ...	10th May, 1839 ...	A new method of applying a "Multiplying Lever" to the working gear of "Saw Mills."
Mackelcan, Geo. Josiah ...	8th February, 1840 ...	"Improvements" in the "Steam Boat Paddle."
Howard, Jno. G. ...	24th do do ...	New method of constructing "Timber Bridges."
Thomas Jno. Morgan ...	23rd March, do ...	Improvement in the construction of "Piano Fortes."
Smith, Alexander ...		
Mackelcan, Geo. Josiah ...	29th May, do ...	"Improvements" in addition to, and in connection with, those set forth in certain Letters Patent, granted him on the 8th February last, in the "Steam Boat Paddle."
Ainslie, James ...	21st August, do ...	"Machine" for the expeditious manufacture of clay into slate, called "Ainslie's Clay Slate."
Chatterton, Richd. Dover	22nd June, 1841 ...	A new and useful description of "Paddle Wheel" for Steam Vessels, &c.
Trip, Harvey ...	1st September, do ...	Water wheel called "The Submerged Anfractuons Water Wheel."
Rogers, George ...	3rd December, do ...	do called "The Vertical Percussion Reaction Water Wheel."
Walker, Nelson ...	15th January, 1842 ...	"An Improved Guard Propeller," to prevent injury or destruction of the original propeller from the sides of canals, drift wood, &c., being an improvement upon a Patent grtd. him in Lower Canada in March, 1841.
Tate, Chas. M. ...	13th do do ...	"A Method" of giving "Motion and Efficacy" to the propeller in Steam Boats and other Vessels.
ditto ...	21st do do ...	"A Method" of constructing "Cambs" for the purpose of opening the cut off or other valves of Steam Engines, called "An Expanding Camb."
ditto ...	27th do do ...	A new method of "Tanning Hides or Skins."
ditto ...	27th do do ...	A new and improved method of "Extracting the Tanin from Bark."
Fleming, Peter ...	7th March, do ...	A newly invented "Paddle Wheel" for propelling vessels, &c., called "The Osculatory Propeller."
Beach, Mahlon ...	27th April, do ...	A new and useful description of "Thrashing Mill."
Baird, Nicol Hugh ...	12th January, do ...	A paddle wheel termed "The Sweeping Paddle Wheel."
Dissett, Thomas, and Smith, James ...	16th May, do ...	{ An improved method of constructing and laying down "Marine Railways."

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Return of Patents of Invention, entered on the Records in the Office of the Registrar.

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Name of Patentee.	Date of Patent.	Purpose of the Invention.
Hallowell, Willm.	... 16th July, 1842 ...	A "Shower Bath," designated "The Circumfluent Shower Bath."
Baker, Jacob ...	... 20th September, do ...	Improvement in the construction of "Penstocks and Water Wheels."
Lamb, John ...	... 3rd October, do ...	Newly invented "Water Wheel," possessing many advantages over those now in use.
Riley, George ...	... 6th July, do ...	Improved method of "Brewing Ale, Beer, Porter, and other Malt Liquors."
Hough, Asa H. ...	... 20th February, 1843 ...	An improvement upon a newly constructed "Suction and Forcing Pump;" a Patent for which had previously been granted to Abraham Kaysler of New York.
Creighton, William	... 31st March, do ...	An improvement in the "Rotary Steam Engine" heretofore in use.
Duncan, John ...	... Patent granted in England 7th March, 1842, and recorded in Upper Canada 5th July, 1843	Improvements in "Machinery for Excavating Soil."
Brown, John O. ...	... 5th July, 1843 ...	Certain improved "Trusses," single "Inquinal Trusses," double "Inquinal Trusses," and the "Femoral Trusses."
Lamb, Peter R. ...	... 7th do do ...	Improved "Washing Machine" for clothes.
Montgomery, Jno.	... 9th August, do ...	A "Composition" for preventing and instantly extinguishing "Fires."
Gouverneur, Isaac	... 14th do do ...	A "Machine" for "Propelling Vessels" or other floating bodies by the action of heated air, gasses, steam, &c.
Bigelow, Hiram ...	... 29th September, do ...	Invention of a "Revolving Drying Kiln," for the purpose of drying wheat and other grain.
Carpenter, Alexander	... 10th October, do ...	A new mode of applying heat in the process of cooking with stoves, by means of a "Horizontal and Perpendicular Return Flue."
Newton, William ...	... Patent granted in England 11th January, 1841, and recorded in Canada 1st November, 1843 ...	Improved machinery for "Cleaning Wheat" and other grain or seeds from "Smut" or other injurious matters.
Mackelcan, Geo. Josiah	... 24th November, 1843 ...	New and improved "Clothes Mangle."
Riley, George ...	... 15th December, do ...	Improved mode of "Distilling and Rectifying Spiritous Liquors."
Furnival, James Patent granted in England 29th March, 1841, and recorded in Canada 18th May, 1844 ...	Invention of an expeditious mode of unhairing, mastering, and "Tanning Hides and Skins."

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Name of Patentee.	Date of Patent.	Purpose of the Invention.
M'Call, William 30th May, 1844 ...	A new mode of applying the "Power" to be derived from the use of the "Wheel and Screw," in driving any kind of machinery in mills or manufactories.
Hutt, Frederick ...	... 27th January, 1844 ...	Invention of a "Machine" called the "Self Propelling Gate," which opens and shuts itself by means of weights and pulleys.
Distin, William Langmead ...	29th June, do ...	Improvement in the manufacture of "Cooking Stoves."
Haarle, John ...	... 29th do do ...	Certain improvements on a "Machine" described as an improved "Engine Pump or Fire Engine."
Armstrong, William	... 3rd September, do ...	A "Portable Fire Extinguishing Machine."
Smith, Junius ...	... Patent granted in England 3rd June, 1843, and recorded in Canada 15th November, 1844	For certain "Improvements in Machinery for Sawing Wood."
Gilbert, Ebenezer E.	... 25th June, 1845 ...	A new method of constructing "Counter Balance Machines" for raising and lowering casks and weights.
Griffiths, John ...	... 14th July, do ...	"Improvement in a Riding Saddle."
Ives, Lewis ...	... 16th do do ...	Improved capstan for loading and unloading merchandize and timber vessels, called "Ives's Connected Capstan."
ditto ...	... 16th do do ...	Improved method of loading or unloading timber vessels, denominated "Ives's Improved Method of Loading or Unloading Timber Vessels."
Watts, William ...	... 19th do do ...	New mode of constructing instruments for digging potatoes, called "Potatoo Diggers."
Harris, John ...	... 4th August, do ...	The invention of a "Revolving Horse Rake."
Maitland, John ...	... 12th do do ...	The invention of a "Principle of Distillation and Rectification" not known or used before.
Young, Albert ...	... 16th do do ...	Invention of a machine called the "Metallic Coil Spring Tooth Horse Rake," for raking hay and grain.
Cull, James and Charles	... 29th November, 1845 ...	Invention of a new principle in the construction of a still for the distillation and rectification of spiritous liquors, called a "Combination Still."
Lloyd, Jenkins ...	... 17th January, 1846 ...	New method of making "Cast Iron Ploughs" for agricultural purposes.
Young, Albert ...	... 14th February, do ...	The invention of an "Improved House Pump or Fire Engine."
Burrows, Geo. Kirk	... 27th do do ...	Method of making "Presses" for pressing clay or other ductile substances into "Bricks, Tiles, Stove Pipe Holes," &c.
M'Kinlay, William	... 7th do do ...	An improvement in "Horse Thrashing Machines."

PROVINCIAL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 14th May, 1846.

Certified,

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

APPENDIX No. 17.

*(Vide Journal, page 186.)*Supplemen-
tary Estimate.SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE of Certain Expenses of the Civil Government of
the Province of Canada, for which a Supply is required, for the year 1846.Supplemen-
tary Estimate.

SERVICE.	Amount Currency.		
	£	s.	d.
Towards defraying a portion of the Contingent Expenses of the Administration of Justice in that section of the Province, late Upper Canada	6000	0	0
To reimburse to M. MacIver, Moneys advanced by his late Father, Evander MacIver, towards rebuilding the Bridge over the River Batiscan	23	15	0
To compensate the Mercantile Library Association of Montreal, for losses sustained in consequence of the removal of the Institution from the St. Ann's Market	200	0	0
For an allowance to cover the Travelling Expenses of the two Circuit Judges in the District of Quebec, at £30 each	60	0	0
To cover the amount due to certain persons for Road Work performed in the year 1837, in the Townships of Cornwall and Roxborough, under the authority of the Provincial Statutes 7 Will. IV. cap. 107, and 2 Vic. cap. 56	58	17	0
For the payment of certain old Claims outstanding against the original appropriation for Works on the Ottawa	254	6	0
For the expense of erecting Log Huts as Stations on the Bagot Road, to afford shelter to Travellers in Winter	120	0	0
To meet the claims of Reed & Sheppard against the late Commissioners of the Cornwall Canal... ..	1181	10	3
To indemnify the Lutheran Congregation of Williamsburgh, for the loss of Land originally set apart for their accommodation	500	0	0
To indemnify Messrs. G. S. Boulton and Z. Burnham, for moneys expended by them in the improvement of the Navigation of the Inland Waters of the Newcastle District	238	6	4
Further required to complete the London, Chatham, and Amherstburg Road	325	0	2
For the liquidation of the balance due on the amount of Debentures issued by the late Commissioners for the St. Lawrence Improvements	339	8	9
To complete the Deepening of the Channel in Lake St. Peter	9500	0	0
To make good the Damages caused by the Works carried on for the Improvements on the River Trent, in the Newcastle District	1500	0	0
Further required for the Contingent Expenses attending the re-organization of the Militia of the Province	500	0	0
Further required to meet the Expenses of the Commissioners on the Claims for Losses during the Political Troubles of 1837 and 1838, in Lower Canada	200	0	0
Total	£21001	9	6

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 1st June, 1846.

Appendix

APPENDIX No. 18.

D. No. 1.

Clerk Assistant's account with the Legislative Council.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF CANADA for Contingent Expenses,

To C. DELERY, Clerk Assistant, *Dr.* Clerk Assistant's account with the Legislative Council.

			Voucher.	£ s. d.
March	26, 1845	... To paid J. J. Audubon, Quadrupeds of America, account...	1	5 7 6
do.	27, do	... " Charles Dolson, Chatham Journal to 12th September, 1844	2	0 15 0
do	28, do	... " James Adamson, Assistant Librarian	3	30 10 0
do	do do	... " James Adamson, engrossing Acts	4	2 12 6
do	29 do	... " W. A. Maingy, arranging books in Library, &c. ...	5	10 0 0
do	do do	... " W. A. Himsforth, copying Acts on parchment ...	6	15 11 5½
do	do do	... " Robert Armour, jun., books for Library per account No. 97	7	44 4 6
do	do do	... " J. H. Davis, Long Point Advertizer, 20	8	1 5 0
do	31, do	... " Edw. Botterell, balance of services as Extra Messenger ...	9	40 15 0
do	do do	... " John Bright, per resolution 29th March	10	5 0 0
April	1, do	... " J. M. Ferris, services during the Session	11	25 0 0
do	do do	... " J. E. Doucet, balance of services as Writing Clerk ...	12	81 10 0
do	do do	... " W. A. Maingy, balance of services to 29th March ...	13	86 15 0
do	do do	... " F. Vallerand, copying bills for England	14	7 11 10½
do	do do	... " Thomas Hanley, carriage hire	15	6 18 9
do	do do	... " Robert Lemoine, allowance L. C. 29th March ...	16	67 9 8
do	do do	... " Robert Armour, jun., do do do	17	134 19 5
do	do do	... " N. Desrocher, attending hot air stoves, &c.	18	6 9 6
do	do do	... " O. Vallerand, per Resolution L. C. 29th March	19	50 0 0
do	do do	... " F. S. Jarvis, do do do	20	50 0 0
do	do do	... " John Fenwick, do do do	21	5 0 0
do	do do	... " J. F. Taylor, jun. do do do	22	67 9 8
do	do do	... " J. F. Taylor, jun., salary to 31st March... ..	23	29 15 6
do	2, do	... " E. R. Fabre, books per account No. 90	24	1 8 9
do	do do	... " Armour & Ramsay, on account of 98	25	60 0 0
do	do do	... " Armour & Ramsay, on do of 100	26	60 0 0
do	do do	... " John Walten, Cruden's Concordance	27	0 15 0
do	do do	... " R. Abraham, Montreal Gazette to 31st December, 1844	28	1 17 9
do	do do	... " Andrew Downs, chairs	29	174 5 0
do	do do	... " Timothy Neary, services as Extra Messenger ...	30	50 15 0
do	do do	... " Patrick M'Tavey, subscription to Constitution to 31st March	31	0 15 0
do	4, do	... " A. Lachance, per Resolution L. C. 29th March ...	32	5 0 0
do	do do	... " L. Duvernay, subscription to La Minerve	33	1 0 0
do	5, do	... " The Morning Courier, subscription to 29th March ...	34	2 3 6
do	7, do	... " Robert Weir & Co.	35	0 13 6
do	do do	... " do do subscription to Herald to 29th March	36	2 11 1

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			Voucher.	£ s. d.
April	7, 1845	... To paid Robert Maingy, engrossing Acts	37	8 8 4
do	11, do	... " Edward Stavelly, do do	38	6 12 10
do	12, do	... " M. Keating, per Resolution L. C. 28th March	39	25 0 0
do	do do	... " The Pilot, advertizing and Pilot to 29th March	40	2 18 9
do	do do	... " Melanges Religieux, to 1st January, 1845	41	2 5 0
do	14, do	... " J. F. Taylor, sen., allowance per Resolution L. C. 29th March	42	179 8 3
do	do do	... " The Post Office, Montreal, postages to 5th inst.	43	284 7 10
do	do do	... " Robert Richardson, engrossing Acts on parchment	44	16 15 2
do	do do	... " William Buchanan, preparing and making accounts of L. C.	45	15 0 0
do	do do	... " The Cobourg Star, 1½ year's subscription to 21st March, 1845	46	1 2 6
do	15, do	... " W. A. Maingy, engrossing Bills on parchment	47	12 9 0
do	do do	... " W. C. Burrage, in L. C. Office... ..	48	5 10 0
do	16, do	... " The Chronicle and Gazette, to 10th March, 1845	49	1 17 6
do	19, do	... " F. Vallorand, engrossing Bills on parchment	50	2 4 10
do	do do	... " W. A. Himsworth, do amendments to sundry Bills	51	1 15 4
do	23, do	... " Jean Benoit, sundry joiner and carpenter's bills	52	3 5 7½
do	do do	... " Charles DeLery, allowance per Resolution of L. C.	53	179 8 3
do	do do	... " M. Keating, sundry disbursements	54	4 11 4½
do	do do	... " Alfred Taylor, engrossing Bills on parchment	55	17 4 5
do	24, do	... " James Atkin, copying Bills on parchment	56	29 7 11
May	21, do	... " Ovide Montigny, fuel wood	57	1 9 0
do	do do	... " Robert Richardson, writing Acts on paper	58	1 16 8
do	do do	... " The Toronto Banner, subscription to 29th March	59	0 11 6
do	24, do	... " W. A. Maingy, services in Office L. C.	60	22 11 8
do	27, do	... " J. E. Doucet, Writing Clerk	61	28 0 0
June	11, do	... " M. Keating, sundry disbursements	61½	1 8 1½
do	13, do	... " The British Colonist, 1½ year's subscription to 29th March	62	1 10 0
July	1, do	... " Robert Lemoine, extra allowance to 1st July	63	12 10 0
do	2, do	... " The London Enquirer, one year's subscription to 13th March	64	0 15 0
do	3, do	... " The Berean Newspaper	65	0 15 0
do	12, do	... " Lovell & Gibson, on account of printing	66	200 0 0
do	do do	... " John F. Taylor, jun., salary to 1st inst.	67	68 15 0
do	do do	... " Robert Armour, jun., extra allowance to do	68	25 0 0
do	do do	... " Charles DeLery, do do to do	69	25 0 0
do	25, do	... " The Belleville Intelligencer, 1 year's subscription to March, 1845	70	1 0 0
do	do do	... " The Toronto Mirror, three-quarters of a year's subscription to 1st April	71	0 11 3
do	do do	... " J. F. Taylor, sen., extra allowance to 1st July	72	25 0 0

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Clerk Assistant's account with the Legislative Council.

				Voucher.	£	s.	d.	
August	7, 1845 ...	“	Quebec Fire Insurance Office, premium on £3000 library and furniture, &c.	73	15	0	0	
do	15, do ...	“	Lovell & Gibson, on account of printing	74	200	0	0	
do	16, do ...	“	The Victoria Chronicle, subscription to 1st March ..	75	1	0	0	
do	do do ...	“	Ottawa Advocate, 1½ year's subscription to 31st do ...	76	1	10	0	
do	20, do ...	“	Israel Jones, 1 gross steel pens	77	0	6	3	
September	4, do ...	“	Robert Armour, jun., extra allowance	78	12	10	0	
do	13, do ...	“	The Woodstock Monarch, 1½ year's subscription to 31st March	79	1	4	7	
do	26, do ...	“	Stationery account, £150 sterling, at 11 per cent. premium	80	185	0	0	
October	1, do ...	“	J. F. Taylor, jun., salary to 1st inst.	81	68	15	0	
do	do do ...	“	Robert Armour, jun., balance of extra allowance to 1st inst.	81½	12	10	0	
do	do do ...	“	James Adamson, salary to 1st do	82	19	10	0	
do	do do ...	“	R. Lemoine, extra allowance	83	12	10	0	
do	11, do ...	“	Antoine Lachance, on account of wages... ..	84	12	0	0	
do	27, do ...	“	The Dutch Canadian, fourteen months subscription to 29th March	85	0	17	2½	
November	1, do ...	“	Lovell & Gibson, on account of printing	86	200	0	0	
do	3, do ...	“	The Niagara Chronicle, 14 months subscription to 29th March	87	0	17	6	
do	10, do ...	“	Louis Longpré, firewood	88	50	0	0	
do	17, do ...	“	M. Keating, sundry disbursements	89	8	15	3	
do	do do ...	“	J. F. Taylor, sen., extra allowance	90	25	0	0	
do	do do ...	“	Charles DeLery, do do	91	25	0	0	
do	do do ...	“	Antoine Lachance, dusting books in Library	92	3	18	0	
December	7, do ...	“	E. Hall, fuel wood	93	1	5	0	
do	24, do ...	“	T. C. Oliva, on account of fixing books, &c.	94	13	15	0	
do	23, do ...	“	do sundry disbursements	94½	2	4	8	
do	30, do ...	“	Antoine Lachance, sawing and piling wood	95	5	18	9	
do	do do ...	“	M. M'Carthy, sundry services	96	3	13	1½	
January	1, 1846 ...	“	Robert Lemoine, extra allowance	97	12	10	0	
do	19, do ...	“	James Adamson, salary to 31st December last ...	98	15	0	0	
do	do do ...	“	J. F. Taylor, sen., extra allowance to 1st inst.	99	25	0	0	
do	do do ...	“	Charles DeLery, do do do	100	25	0	0	
do	do do ...	“	J. F. Taylor, jun., on account of salary to 31st ult. ...	101	68	15	0	
do	do do ...	“	J. F. Taylor, jun., on account of salary	102	25	0	0	
do	24, do ...	“	The Morning Courier, 12 months subscription	103	2	2	9	
February	3, do ...	“	The Bathurst Courier, subscription to 31st March ...	104	0	7	6	
do	do do ...	“	The Montreal Times, advertizing	105	0	8	6	
March	16, do ...	“	A. Lachance, on account of wages	106	12	0	0	
do	18, do ...	“	John F. Taylor, jun., on account of salary	107	25	0	0	
					£	3446	15	1½

D. No. 2.

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with the Legis-
lative Council.

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To C. DELERY, Clerk Assistant, *Dr.*Clerk Assistant's account
with the Legis-
lative Council.

			Voucher.	£	s.	d.
March	26, 1846 ...	To paid Lovell & Gibson, on account	108	250	0	0
do	do do ...	" Kingston Herald, to 14th March	109	0	3	9
do	27, do ...	" Mrs. Skinner, seamstress work on account	110	7	10	0
do	28, do ...	" Thomas T. Harrison, Historical Charts per account	111	2	0	0
do	do do ...	" J. J. Audubon, Quadrupeds	112	10	15	0
April	1, do ...	" St. Catherine's Journal, to 29th March	113	0	18	9
do	2, do ...	" James Adamson, salary to 1st inst.	114	15	0	0
do	3, do ...	" Michael M'Carty, services	115	6	16	10½
do	6, do ...	" M. Keating, sundry disbursements	116	9	6	10½
do	9, do ...	" The Transcript, to 1st inst.	117	1	15	0
do	13, do ...	" Lovell & Gibson, balance of account to date	118	74	3	2
do	22, do ...	" Armour & Ramsay, balance of account	119	22	4	7
do	do do ...	" Wilmer, Smith & Co.	120	31	5	0
do	do do ...	" Armour & Ramsay, imported books	121	593	13	4
do	do do ...	" do do binding books	122	279	13	7
do	30, do ...	" G. F. Prowse, tinwork, &c. per account	123	31	0	9
do	do do ...	" Lovell & Gibson, for Literary Garland	124	4	0	0
do	do do ...	" Virgil & Co., transportation of packages	125	0	7	6
do	do do ...	" Post Office, Montreal, to 5th April	126	213	7	0
do	do do ...	" Armour & Ramsay, 22nd instant, balance of account	127	20	6	4
May	1, do ...	" Revue Canadien, newspaper, per account	128	6	5	0
do	do do ...	" Christian Guardian	129	2	5	0
do	9, do ...	" Montreal Water Works, to 1st May, 1846-	130	30	0	0
do	do do ...	" Stationery account	131	99	11	6
do	11, do ...	" Benjamin, Brothers, haberdashery	132	72	12	0
do	do do ...	" Townsend, thermometers, &c.	133	6	0	0
do	12, do ...	" Scott, Shaw & Co., hardware	134	8	12	6
do	do do ...	" Charles Proctor, soap and candles	135	9	10	5
do	do do ...	" J. H. Townsend, plumber work	136	12	12	10½
do	do do ...	" Le Journal of Quebec, newspaper	137	1	13	4
do	13, do ...	" Alfred, Savage & Co., sperm oil	138	3	15	0
do	14, do ...	" Robert Chalmers, books	139	0	16	3
do	do do ...	" Molson & Spiers, duty account per Great Britain	140	14	12	5
do	do do ...	" T. L. Doutray, advertizements 1st April	141	0	19	6
do	do do ...	" do do do 4th do	142	0	10	6
do	18, do ...	" The Sherbrooke Gazette, to 31st March, 1846	143	0	5	0
do	do do ...	" F. X. Gareau, Histoire du Canada	144	0	15	0
do	20, do ...	" Armour & Ramsay, stationery and binding	145	31	3	10
do	22, do ...	" Mrs. Skinner, seamstress, balance of account	146	10	4	6
do	23, do ...	" Robert Weir & Co., advertizing, per account	147	2	5	10
do	do do ...	" do do notice to newspaper	148	0	12	9

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			Voucher.	£	s.	d.
May	23, 1846	...	To paid Robert Weir & Co., the Montreal Herald, to 1st April	149	1	10 0
do	26, do	...	" J. J. Audubon, for 3 sets Quadrapeds per account	150	8	12 6
do	27, do	...	" Joseph Hammell, attendance, and travelling expenses on account of Quebec Gas Water Works	151	3	15 0
do	do do	...	" The Church newspaper, to 29th March	152	1	3 0
do	do do	...	" F. Clarke and Co., glazing and cleaning windows	153	6	7 1
do	28, do	...	" Hubert Sentenne	154	0	5 0
do	do do	...	" Antoine Lachance	155	1	2 6
do	29, do	...	" Richard Watson, Upper Canada Gazette	156	37	4 2
do	30, do	...	" M. Cantenell, cleaning snow from roof	157	1	0 0
do	do do	...	" Thomas Hanley, Cab hire	158	4	13 9
June	4, do	...	" Rev. F. I. Lundy, for books	159	4	0 0
do	do do	...	" J. & W. Hilton, for making doors in Library	160	12	5 0
do	do do	...	" Montreal Water Works, for water	161	22	10 0
do	do do	...	" George Mathews, engraving seals	162	1	3 9
do	do do	...	" John C. Fisher, Official Quebec Gazette	163	16	0 0
do	do do	...	" William Hall, for locks	164	3	2 3
do	5, do	...	" E. R. Fabre, for books	165	7	10 0
do	do do	...	" Quebec Gazette, by authority	166	6	2 0
do	do do	...	" John Leeming, for books	167	38	15 11
do	do do	...	" E. & G. Wright, for earthenware	168	1	7 3
do	do do	...	" Alfred Savage & Co., sperm oil	169	1	10 0
do	do do	...	" Times newspaper for advertizing	170	0	8 6
					£	2069 18 4½

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50. — SAGUENAY PILOTS BILL:—
Brought up, 95. Read 1st time, 95. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 102. Their Report against proceeding further with the Bill, 106. Adopted, 106.
51. — CUSTOMS DUTIES BILL:—
Brought up, 95. Read 1st time, 95. Read 2nd time, 97. Committed, 97. Reported without amendment, 97. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 102. Royal Assent given to the same, 141, 143.
52. — UPPER CANADA BANK BILL:—
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53. — DISTILLERS DUTY BILL:—
Brought up, 98. Read 1st time, 98. 2nd reading postponed, 103. Read 2nd time, 112. Committed, 113. Reported without amendment, 113. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 117. Royal Assent given to the same, 141, 143.
54. — COMMERCIAL BANK BILL:—
Brought up, 99. Read 1st time, 99. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 103. Bill No. 52, referred to the same Committee, 103, 104. Amendments reported by them, 114. Agreed to, 114. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 120. Agreed to by that House, 128. Royal Assent given to the same, 161.
55. — NOTARIAL PROFESSION BILL, (L. C.):—
Brought up, 104. Read 1st time, 104. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 108. Same empowered to send for persons and papers, 133. Amendments reported by them, 188. Considered, 190. Agreed to, 192. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 200. A Conference requested by that House, 210. Agreed to, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 210. Report of the Managers for this House, 215. Reasons of the Assembly for disagreeing to the amendments, 215. The amendments insisted on by the Council, 216. A Committee appointed to prepare reasons therefor at another Conference with the Assembly, 216. Their Report 216. Certain reasons proposed to be offered to the Assembly, 216. Adopted, 216. A further Conference desired by this House, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 216. Master in Chancery's Report on the delivery of the Message, 217. A further Conference agreed to, 217. Report of the Managers for the Council, 218. A free Conference requested by the Assembly, 218. Agreed to, and that House acquainted thereof, 218. Report of the Managers for the Council, 219.

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56. ——— QUEBEC GAS AND WATER LAW REPEAL BILL:—
Brought up, 104. Read 1st time, 104. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 108. Message to the Assembly requesting the evidence on which the Bill was founded, 116. Same communicated to this House, 123. Report of the Committee, 143. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 148. Royal Assent given to the same, 161.
57. ——— QUEBEC GAS LIGHT BILL:—
Brought up, 104. Read 1st time, 104. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 108. Bill No. 58, referred to the same Committee, 108. Members added thereto, 116, 138. Message to the Assembly requesting the evidence on which the Bill was founded, 117. Same communicated to this House, 123. An amendment reported by the Select Committee, 170. Agreed to, 170. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 175. Agreed to by that House, 177. Royal Assent given to the same, 220.
58. ——— QUEBEC WATER BILL:—
Brought up, 104. Read 1st time, 105. Read 2nd time, and referred to the Select Committee, No. 52, 108. Members added thereto, 116, 138. Message to the Assembly requesting the evidence on which the Bill was founded, 117. Same communicated to this House, 123. Amendments reported by the Select Committee, 170. Agreed to, 171. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 175. Agreed to by that House, 177. Reserved 221.
59. ——— HAMILTON'S ROAD ALLOWANCE BILL:—
Brought up, 108. Read 1st time, 109. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 113. Petition from the Board of Police of Hamilton, referred to the same Committee, 113. Their Report, 134. Considered, 145. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 148. Royal Assent given to the same, 161.
60. ——— TREASON ATTAINDERS BILL:—
Brought up, 109. Read 1st time, 109. Read 2nd time, 113. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 117. Reserved, 221.
61. ——— WOLF ISLAND RAILROAD BILL:—
Brought up, 109. Read 1st time, 109. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 113. Bill No. 62, referred to this Committee, 113. Amendments reported by them, 119. Bill and Report committed, 127. Reported, 127. Amendments agreed to, 127. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 131. Agreed to by that House, 147. Reserved, 221.
62. ——— KINGSTON INCORPORATION BILL:—
Brought up, 109. Read 1st time, 109. Read 2nd time, and referred to the Select Committee upon Bill No. 61, 113. Amendments reported by them to the Bill first mentioned, 116. Considered, 121. Agreed to, 122. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 126. Agreed to by that House, 133. Royal Assent given to the same, 142, 143.

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63. ——— QUEBEC INCORPORATION BILL:—
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64. ——— MONTREAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S BILL:—
Brought up, 113. Read 1st time, 113. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 118. Their Report, 130. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 135, 136. Royal Assent given to the same, 161.
65. ——— PETERBOROUGH AND PORT HOPE RAILWAY BILL:—
Brought up, 113. Read 1st time, 113. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 118. Amendments reported by them, 129. Agreed to, 130. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 135. Agreed to by that House, 147. Reserved, 221.
66. ——— FERRIES REGULATION BILL, (U. C.):—
Brought up, 113. Read 1st time, 114. Read 2nd time, 118. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 120. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 142, 143.
67. ——— HUNTINGDON PLANK ROAD BILL:—
Brought up, 114. Read 1st time, 114. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 118. Their Report, 130. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 135, 136. Royal Assent given to the same, 161.
68. ——— MAGISTRATES APPOINTMENT BILL:—
Brought in by the Hon. Mr. W. Morris, 114. Read 1st time, 114. Ordered to be printed, 114. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 118. An amendment reported by them, 130, 131. Bill and Report committed, 138. Reported, 138. The amendment agreed to, 138. Bill read 3rd time, and passed, 144. Title ordered, and the Bill sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 144. Agreed to by that House without amendment, 177. Royal Assent given to the same, 221.
69. ——— REGISTRY BILL, (U. C.):—
Brought up, 118. Read 1st time, 118. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 122. Registry Offices removal Bill No. 39, referred to this Committee, 122. Their Reports, 129. 1st mentioned Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 135. Royal Assent given to the same, 220.
70. ——— MILL DAMS SLIDES BILL:—
Brought up, 128. Read 1st time, 128. Read 2nd time, 132. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 136. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 161.

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71. — NOTARIAL DEEDS, &c. VALIDITY BILL:—
Brought up, 133. Read 1st time, 133. Read 2nd time, 138. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 144, 145. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 161.
72. — LOTBINIÈRE CIRCUIT COURT AND REGISTRY OFFICE REMOVAL BILL:—
Brought up, 133. Read 1st time, 133. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 138. Their Report, 152. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 156. Royal Assent given to the same, 162.
73. — GREY NUNS PROPERTY BILL:—
Brought up, 138. Read 1st time, 139. Read 2nd time 146. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 148. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 161.
74. — COUNTIES LIMITS BILL, (U. C.):—
Brought up, 139. Read 1st time, 139. Read 2nd time, 140. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 145. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 161.
75. — QUEBEC AND MONTREAL POLICE BILL:—
Brought up, 139. Read 1st time, 139. Read 2nd time, 140. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 145. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 161.
76. — WITNESSES BEFORE COURTS BILL:—
Brought up, 139. Read 1st time, 139. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 146. Their Report, 170. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 174, 175. Royal Assent given to the same, 220.
77. — DESJARDINS CANAL BILL:—
Brought up, 139. Read 1st time, 139. Read 2nd time, 140. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 145. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 161.
78. — GASPÉ MARRIAGES BILL:—
Brought up, 139. Read 1st time, 139. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 146. Members added thereto, 151. Message to the Assembly, requesting the evidence on which the Bill was founded, 165. Report of the Master in Chancery on the delivery thereof, 166. The evidence communicated to this House, 166. Report of the Committee against proceeding further with the Bill, 176. Adopted, 176.
79. — BYTOWN TOWN COUNCIL BILL:—
Brought up, 139. Read 1st time, 139. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 140. Amendments reported by them, 143. Bill and Report committed, 151. Reported, 151. Amendments considered, 154. Agreed to, 156. Discharged from the Order of the Day, 157, 162. Recommitted, 163. Reported without further Amendment, 163. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 163. A Conference requested by that House, 178. Agreed to, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 178. Report of the Managers for this House, 178. Reasons offered by the Assembly against the Amendments, 179. Considered, 181. The Amendments adhered to, 181. A Committee

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80. — COBourg MANUFACTURING COMPANY'S BILL:—
Brought up, 139. Read 1st time, 139. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 140. Amendments reported by them, 143. Considered, 149. Agreed to, 149. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 153. Agreed to by that House, 169. Royal Assent given to the same, 220.
81. — GREAT WESTERN RAILROAD BILL:—
Brought up, 139. Read 1st time, 139. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 141. Amendments reported by them, 143. Considered, 149. Agreed to, 150. Discharged from the Order of the Day, and the Bill committed to a Committee of the whole House, 153, 154. Reported, and leave granted to sit again, 154. Recommitted, 157. A further Amendment reported, 157. Agreed to, 159. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 162. Agreed to by that House, 166. Royal Assent given to the same, 220.
82. — HERON DISTRICT TERRITORY BILL:—
Brought up, 139. Read 1st time, 140. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 141. Their Report, 147. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 148. Royal Assent given to the same, 161.
83. — MARRIAGES VALIDITY BILL:—
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84. — CORNWALL TOWN COUNCIL BILL:—
Brought up, 146. Read 1st time, 146. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 150. Amendments reported by them, 153. Agreed to, 153. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 156, 157. Agreed to by that House, 169. Royal Assent given to the same, 220.
85. — EVIDENCE BEFORE COMMISSIONERS BILL:—
Brought up, 146. Read 1st time, 146. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 150. Their Report, 170. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 174, 175. Royal Assent given to the same, 220.
86. — HOCHELAGA MUNICIPALITY BILL:—
Brought up, 147. Read 1st time, 147. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 150. A Member added thereto, 164. Petition No. 570 referred to the same Committee, 164. Amend-
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ments reported by them, 169. Considered, 172. Agreed to, 172. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 175. Agreed to by that House, 177. Royal Assent given to the same, 220.

87. — ISLAND OF ORLEANS REGISTRATION BILL:—

Brought up, 147. Read 1st time, 147. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 151. An amendment reported by them, 153. Agreed to, 153. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 156, 157. Agreed to by that House, 162. Royal Assent given to the same, 220.

88. — MONTREAL CORPORATION OFFICES BILL:—

Brought up, 147. Read 1st time, 147. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 151. Their Report, 152. Committed, 157. Reported, and leave granted to sit again, 157. Recommitted, 157. Reported without amendment, 157. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 157. Royal Assent given to the same, 161.

89. — MATTHEW'S ATTAINDER REVERSAL BILL:—

Brought in by the Hon. Mr. W. Morris, 147. Read 1st time, 147. Read 2nd time, 151. Read 3rd time, and passed, 154. Title ordered, and the Bill sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 154. Agreed to by that House without amendment, 174. Royal Assent given to the same, 221.

90. — REGISTRARS ACTS CONFIRMATION BILL, (U. C.):—

Brought in by the Hon. Mr. W. Morris, 147. Read 1st time 147. Read 2d time, 151. Read 3rd time and passed, 154. Title ordered, and the Bill sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 154. Agreed to by that House without amendment, 177. Royal Assent given to the same, 221.

91. — BRITISH AND CANADIAN SCHOOL BILL:—

Brought up, 162. Read 1st time, 162. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 163. An amendment reported by them, 165. Agreed to, 165. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 168. Agreed to by that House, 174. Royal Assent given to the same, 220.

92. — ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTION BILL, (L. C.):—

Brought up, 164. Read 1st time, 164. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 165. Their Report, 183. Bill and Report committed, 184. Amendments to the Bill reported, 184. Agreed to, 185. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 189, 190. Protest of the Hon. Mr. Neilson thereon, 190. Bill (as amended) agreed to by the Assembly, 203. Royal Assent given to the same, 223.

93. — MONTREAL CITY COUNCILLORS ELECTION BILL:—

Brought up, 164. Read 1st time, 164. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 165. Amendments reported by them, 167. Agreed to, 167. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 171. Agreed to by that House, 174. Royal Assent given to the same, 220.

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94. — QUEBEC PILOTS BILL:—

Brought up, 164. Read 1st time, 164. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 165. Their Report, 167. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 171. Royal Assent given to the same, 220.

95. — LA BANQUE DES MARCHANDS BILL:—

Brought up, 164. Motion for a 1st reading of the Bill, 168. Objected to, 168. Motion in amendment thereto, 168. Carried by the Speaker's casting vote, 168. Protest of the Hon. Messrs. Neilson, de Boucherville, Knoulton, Walker, Moore and Massue thereon, 168. The Bill read 1st time, 169. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 172. Their Report, 180. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 180. Reserved, 222.

96. — MONTREAL TURNPIKE ROADS BILL:—

Brought up, 164. Read 1st time, 164. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 165. Their Report, 167. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 171, 172. Royal Assent given to the same, 220.

97. — SHERIFFS POUNDAGE BILL:—

Brought up, 169. Read 1st time, 169. Read 2nd time, 172. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 175. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 220.

98. — MILITIA BILL:—

Brought up, 173. Read 1st time, 173. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 175. Their Report, 183. Bill and Report committed, 185. Amendments to the Bill reported, 185. Agreed to, 186. A further amendment moved, 186. Objected to, 186. Question put and negatived, 186. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 189, 190. Protest of the Hon. Messrs. Neilson and Massue thereon, 189. Bill (as amended) agreed to by the Assembly, 203. Royal Assent given thereto, 223.

99. — HAMILTON INCORPORATION BILL:—

Brought up, 173. Read 1st time, 173. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 175. Their Report, 181. Bill committed, 182. Amendments reported, 182. Agreed to, 183. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 184. The amendments amended by that House, 196. Read twice, and agreed to, 196. Assembly acquainted thereof, 196. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 220.

100. — MONTREAL AND LACHINE RAILROAD BILL:—

Brought up, 173. Motion for dispensing with the 58th Rule, 173. Objected to, 173. Question put and carried, 173. Protest of the Hon. Mr. de Boucherville thereon, 173. The Bill read 1st time, 173. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 175. Their Report, 178. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 180. Royal Assent given to the same, 221.

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101. — MONTREAL AND KINGSTON RAILROAD BILL:
Brought up, 173. Motion for dispensing with the 58th Rule, 174. Objected to, 174. Question put and carried, 174. The Bill read 1st time, 174. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 175, 176. Their Report, 176, 177. Bill discharged from the Order of the Day, 181. Committed, 181. Amendments reported, 181. Agreed to, 181. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 184. Agreed to by that House, 196. Reserved, 222.
102. — CERTAIN ACTS CONTINUATION BILL:
Brought up, 174. Read 1st time, 174. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 176. Their Report, 176. Bill read 3rd time passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 180. Royal Assent given to the same, 221.
103. — QUEEN'S BENCH POWERS BILL, (L. C.):—
Brought up, 180. Read 1st time, 180. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 182. They report a recommendation that the Bill be no farther proceeded with, 200. Adopted and the Bill ordered to be printed, 200.
104. — COBourg INCORPORATION BILL:—
Brought up, 180. Read 1st time, 180. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 182. Amendments reported by them, 194. Agreed to, 194. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 201. Agreed to by that House, 204. Royal Assent given to the same, 221.
105. — TORONTO INCORPORATION BILL:—
Brought up, 180. Read 1st time, 180. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 182. Amendments reported by them, 194. Agreed to, 194. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 201. Agreed to by that House, 204. Royal Assent given to the same, 221.
106. — JUDICATURE BILL, (L. C.):—
Brought up, 180. Read 1st time, 180. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 182. Empowered to send for persons and papers, 189. Observations and amendments reported by them, 207, 208. Amendments agreed to, 209. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 213. Agreed to by that House, 217. Royal Assent given to the same, 221.
107. — NICOLET REGISTRY OFFICE BILL:—
Brought up, 184. Read 1st time, 184. Read 2nd time, 188. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 190. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 221.
108. — LAW COURTS ACCOMMODATION BILL, (U. C.):—
Brought up, 188. Read 1st time, 188. Read 2nd time, 192. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 200, 201. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 221.
109. — BANKRUPT LAW BILL:—
Brought up, 188. Read 1st time, 188. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 192. Their Report, 199. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 199. Royal Assent given to the same, 221.

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110. — JUDICATURE EXPENSES BILL, (U. C.):—
Brought up, 188. Read 1st time, 188. Motion for reading the Bill a 2nd time, 192. Objected to, 192. Question put and carried, 192. The Bill read 2nd time, 193. Protest of the Hon. Messrs. de Boucherville and Massue thereon, 193. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 200, 201. Royal Assent given to the same, 223.
111. — QUEBEC TURNPIKE ROADS BILL:—
Brought up, 188. Read 1st time, 189. Read 2nd time, 193. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 200, 201. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 221.
112. — JESUITS ESTATES BILL:—
Brought up, 189. Read 1st time, 189. Order of the Day read for reading the Bill a 2nd time, 193. Motion for a 2nd reading of the same instanter, 193. Objected to, 193. Debated, 193. Question put and carried, 193. Bill read 2nd time, 193. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 200, 201. Protest of the Hon. Messrs. Bruneau and Massue thereon, 200. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 223.
113. — SMUGGLING PREVENTION BILL:—
Brought up, 189. Read 1st time, 189. Read 2nd time, 193. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 201. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 221.
114. — GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE IMPROVEMENT BILL:—
Brought up, 189. Read 1st time, 189. Read 2nd time, 193. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 201. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 223.
115. — ETOBICOKE AND MONO ROAD BILL:—
Brought up, 189. Motion for dispensing with the 58th Rule of the House, 189. Objected to, 189. Question put and negatived, 189. A 2nd motion for dispensing with the 58th Rule of the House, 198. Objected to, 199. Debated, 199. Question put and carried by the Speaker's Casting Vote, 199. Bill read 1st time, 199. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 203. An amendment reported by them, 204. Agreed to, 204. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 206. Agreed to by that House, 215. Royal Assent given to the same, 221.
116. — DISTRICT COUNCILS BILL, (U. C.):—
Brought up, 195. Read 1st time, 195. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 202. Their Report, 204. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 204. Royal Assent given to the same, 221.
117. — JEWS RELIEF BILL, (L. C.):—
Brought up, 195. Read 1st time, 195. Read 2nd time, 202. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 204, 205. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 221.
118. — LUNATIC ASYLUM BILL:—
Brought up, 195. Read 1st time, 196. Read 2nd time, 202. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 205. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 223.

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119. — BOARD OF WORKS BILL:—
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120. — QUEBEC DEBENTURES BILL:—
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121. — DORCHESTER REGISTRY OFFICE BILL:—
Brought up, 196. Read 1st time, 196. Read 2nd time, 202. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 205. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 221.
122. — CIVIL LIST BILL:—
Brought up, 203. Read 1st time, 203. Read 2nd time, 206. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 213. Reserved, 223.
123. — QUEBEC TRINITY HOUSE BILL:—
Brought up, 203. Read 1st time, 203. Motion for a 2nd reading of the Bill instant, 206. Objected to, 206. Debated, 206. Question put and negatived, 206.
124. — SUPPLY BILL:—
Brought up, 209. Read 1st time, 209. Read 2nd time, 213. Motion for dispensing with the 46th Rule, 213. Objected to, 213. Question put and carried, 213. Motion for reading the Bill a 3rd time instant, 213. Objected to, 213. Question put and carried, 213. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 213, 215. Protest of the Hon. Messrs. Neilson, de Boucherville, and Knoulton thereon, 214. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 222.
125. — IMPERIAL LOAN BILL:—
Brought up, 209. Read 1st time, 209. Read 2nd time, 213. Motion for dispensing with the 46th Rule, 213. Objected to, 213. Question put and carried, 213. Motion for reading the Bill a 3rd time instant, 213. Objected to, 213. Question put and carried, 213. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 214, 215. Protest of the Hon. Messrs. Neilson, de Boucherville, and Knoulton thereon, 214. Royal Assent given to the Bill, 223.
126. — 2ND DISTRICT COURTS BILL, (U. C.):—
Brought up, 209. Read 1st time, 209. Read 2nd time, 214. Motion for dispensing with the 46th Rule, 214. Objected to, 214. Question put and carried, 214. Motion for reading the Bill a 3rd time instant, 214. Objected to, 214. Question put and carried, 214. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 214, 215.

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329. ——— BATHURST MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, praying that a Professor may be appointed in the University of King's College, qualified to give instruction in Agriculture, Agricultural Chemistry, and kindred Sciences. Presented, 52.
312. ——— BEAUHARNOIS, L. S. Brown and others, praying that their claims on account of losses incurred during the late Rebellion, may be speedily liquidated. Presented, 50.
180. ——— BEAUPRÉ, Rev. A. Parent and others, praying that the Bridge over the Montmorency River, together with the Road from thence to the Rivière aux Chiens, may be placed under the control of the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads. Presented, 35.
561. ——— BEDFORD, Rev. W. Jones and others, praying that Sunday Travelling upon Railways may be prohibited. Presented, 152.
443. ——— BEECHER, J., praying for the passing of an Act, conferring upon him the Patent right of a certain invention, 69.
137. ——— BELLEVILLE, A. G. Laurie and others, praying that the same rights and privileges as are enjoyed by other Religious Denominations, may be conferred upon them. Presented, 30.
309. ——— BELLEVILLE, Board of Police of, praying for the amendment of their Act of Incorporation. Presented, 48.
304. ——— BERTIE, Rev. J. Anderson and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 47.
370. ——— BERTIE, WEST, D. Elsworth and others, praying that the Village of Port Robinson may be constituted the District Town of the said District. Presented, 59.
272. ——— BERTHIER ACADEMY, C. Edmond and others, praying for the Annual Grant of £100 to that Institution. Presented, 44.

PETITIONS—Continued.

283. ——— BEVERLY, Township of, David Rintoul and others, praying that the Endowment of the University of King's College, Toronto, may not be divided amongst the various Religious Denominations; and also, that the Charter may be altered and modified. Presented, 45.
454. ——— BISCOE, J. L., praying for pecuniary aid, 71.
152. ——— BLACK, THE HON. H., of Quebec, praying that the Road called L'Ormiere, leading from the Church of St. Ambroise to the Toll Gate on the Road to Quebec, may be Macadamized by the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Road. Presented, 32.
189. ——— BOLTON, J. Austin, Jun., and others, praying against the passing of any Act to partition the said Township. Presented, 35. Referred to a Select Committee, 37.—*Vide Committee No. 10.*
168. ——— BOUCHETTE, ADELAIDE, (widow of the late J. Bouchette, Esq.,) praying that the sum of £1000, due by the Government of the late Province of Lower Canada, may be granted to her. Presented, 34.
23. ——— BOUCHETTE, R. S. M., of Montreal, praying for the Office of Law Clerk to the Legislative Council. Presented, 20.—*Vide Committee No. 9.*
254. ——— BOUDREAU, E., (Physician,) praying to be employed to vaccinate the Inhabitants of the County of Saguenay, at the expense of the Province. Presented, 42.
324. ——— BOULTON, D. E., and others, praying to be Incorporated as a Joint Stock Company, for the purpose of constructing a Turnpike Road from Cobourg to Port Hope. Presented, 51.
322. ——— BOWIE, G., and others, praying for the repeal of a certain law, by which they are made responsible for the stability of all Buildings erected by them in Lower Canada, for the term of ten years. Presented, 51.
565. ——— BRANTFORD, J. Winterbotham and others, praying that the Endowment of the University of King's College, Toronto, may not be divided amongst various Denominations of Christians, but that the Charter may be altered and modified. Presented, 152.
564. ——— BRANTFORD, J. Winterbotham and others, of the Baptist Congregation, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold, and the proceeds applied to the purposes of Education. Presented, 152.
579. ——— BREWER, CHARLOTTE, (widow of the late J. Brewer,) praying that the Legislative Council will concur in any measures which may be proposed for her relief, by the other branches of the Legislature. Presented, 170.
416. ——— BROCK, H. Shaw and others, of the Township of, praying for the construction of a Road from Windsor Bay, on Lake Ontario, to Sturgeon Bay, by the Narrows of Lake Simcoe. Presented, 65.
457. ——— BROCK, E. Nellis and others, praying that the Registry Office may be removed from Ingersolville to Woodstock, and that suitable buildings may be provided by the said District, for such Registry Office, prior to its removal. Presented, 73.
30. ——— BROCKVILLE, D. B. O. Ford and others, praying for the passing of an Act, to vest in the Trustees of the District School, and their Successors, a certain lot of land in the said Town, for the uses of a School for the education of Children. Presented, 20.
261. ——— BROCKVILLE, Rev. E. Denroche and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 43.

PETITIONS—Continued.

335. — BROCKVILLE, G. Crawford, in behalf of the Inhabitants of, praying for an alteration in the mode of Assessing Property. Presented, 52.
528. — BROCKVILLE, Paul Glassford and others, praying that the Bill for Assessing the Property in the said Town may not be passed into a Law. Presented, 96.
482. — BROME, B. H. Shepherd and others, praying that the Lands called Clergy Reserves may be sold. Presented, 76.
484. — BROME, J. Millar and others, praying that all Denominations of Christians may have an equal share in the Administration of the Affairs of King's College, Toronto, and McGill College, Montreal. Presented, 76.
193. — BRONTÉ HARBOUR COMPANY, praying for the renewal of their Charter. Presented, 35.
12. — BROUGHTON, Tring, and other Townships in the County of Megantic, W. Hall and others, praying for a grant to open a Road from Tring to Leeds, aforesaid. Presented, 15.
500. — BURFORD, &c., J. Heywood and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 80.
102. — BURRAGE, REV. R. R., of Quebec, praying that he might be indemnified on account of losses sustained by him, from having purchased certain buildings for a Public Grammar School. Presented, 27.
11. — BURROUGHS & HUOT, Prothonotary for the Court of King's Bench, District of Quebec, praying for authority to obtain copies of certain Registers, which have become injured from age. Presented, 15.
554. — BURY, Rev. W. King and others, praying that a clause may be inserted in all Railway Bills, to prevent the said Railways from carrying either passengers or goods on the Lord's day. Presented, 135.
544. — BYTOWN, N. Sparks and others, praying for relief, in consequence of certain proceedings being had against them, by the Ordnance Department. Presented, 115. Read, 115.
534. — CAISTOR, GAINSBOROUGH, AND GRIMSBY, A. MacIntyre and other, praying against the removal of the site of the Niagara District Town. Presented, 105.
560. — CAMERON, D., praying for compensation for injuries and losses sustained by him while confined as a prisoner in the year 1837, upon the charge of High Treason. Presented, 152.
92. — CANADA, UPPER, D. MacDougall and others, praying for the passing of an Act to extend the period for completing the Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad. Presented, 27.
93. — CANADA UPPER, L. Bell and others, praying for the passing of an Act to extend the period for completing the Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad. Presented, 27.
94. — CANADA, UPPER, T. McCrae and others, praying for the passing of an Act to extend the period for completing the Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad. Presented, 27.
95. — CANADA, UPPER, W. Kingsmill and others, praying for the passing of an Act to extend the period for completing the Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad. Presented, 27.

PETITIONS—Continued.

512. — CANADA WEST, A. Campbell and others, Medical Practitioners in, praying for an Act authorizing the formation of Medical District Boards. Presented, 86.
466. — CARLTON PLACE, J. Rosamond and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 73.
242. — CARRUTHERS, F. F., of Toronto, praying that an Act may be passed authorizing him to practice as an Attorney and Solicitor in the Court of Queen's Bench and Court of Chancery respectively, in Upper Canada, 41.
350. — CARTWRIGHT, MARIPOSA, &c., C. Draper and others, praying that the Main Road leading from the said Townships of Scugog Landing, may be planked or Macadamized. Presented, 55.
72. — CHAMBLY RIVER, several Parishes bordering on the, G. Marchand and others, praying for compensation for damages incurred by the construction of the Chamblay Canal. Presented, 25.
149. — CHAMBLY, M. Borne and others, praying for an Act to compel Proprietors in Lower Canada, to keep in repair at their expense in winter, Roads of eight feet in width. Presented, 32.—(Vide Committee No. 15.)
185. — CHAMBLY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, praying for amendments to the Act for the encouragement of Agriculture. Presented, 35.
31. — CHAMPLAIN AND ST. LAWRENCE RAILROAD COMPANY, praying for an amendment to their Act of Incorporation. Presented, 22.
71. — CHAMPLAIN, County of, A. Bouchet and others, praying for the repeal of the Acts relative to Winter Vehicles. Presented, 25.—(Vide Committee No. 15.)
262. — CHAMPLAIN, the County of, D. Trudel and others, praying that a new Bridge may be erected over the River Champlain. Presented, 43.
57. — CHARLESTON ACADEMY TRUSTEES, praying for pecuniary aid. Presented, 23.
358. — CHATHAM, R. Mercer and others, praying for the construction of a Plank Road from Queenston in the Niagara District, to Windsor in the Western District. Presented, 57. Read, 57.
414. — CHINGUACOUSY, D. Coutts and others, praying that the endowment of the University of King's College, Toronto, may not be divided amongst various denominations of Christians, but that the Charter may be altered and modified. Presented, 64.
442. — CHIPPAWA, Rev. W. Fleming and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 69.
366. — CLARENCEVILLE ACADEMY, M. Townsend and others, Directors of, praying for pecuniary aid, in support of the said Institution. Presented, 57.
413. — CLARENCEVILLE, M. Townsend and others, praying for the amendment of the School Act. Presented, 64.
365. — CLARKE AND MANVERS, J. Gibson and others, praying for the construction of a Road through the said Townships, to a shipping port on Lake Ontario. Presented, 57.
210. — CLASSON, J., of Montreal, praying for compensation for losses sustained by him during the late War with the United States. Presented, 38.

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24. — COBOURG, Rev. A. N. Bethune and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 20.
114. — COBOURG, J. L. Héon and others, praying for indemnity on account of loss arising out of the construction of the Arthabaska Road. Presented, 29.
115. — COBOURG, H. Ruttan and others, praying to be incorporated for the purpose of constructing a Railroad from Cobourg to Kingston. Presented, 29.
201. — COBOURG, Board of Police, praying for the amendment of their Act of Incorporation. Presented, 38.
310. — COLBORNE, Rev. H. Harding and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 49.
305. — COLCHESTER, Rev. T. G. Elliot and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 47.
385. — COMPTON, J. Smith and others, praying for pecuniary aid to construct a Road from the Province Line at Hereford, to the said Township of Compton. Presented, 60.
63. — CORNWALL, A. MacLean and others, praying for the amendment of the Act incorporating the said Town. Presented, 24.
64. — CORNWALL BOARD OF POLICE, praying for the amendment of the Act incorporating the said Town. Presented, 24.
97. — CORNWALL, Rev. H. Patton and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 27.
337. — CRAMP, J. M., on behalf of the Canada Baptist Union, praying that the endowment of the University of King's College may not be divided amongst the various religious denominations, but that the Charter may be amended. Presented, 52.
338. — CRAMP, J. M., on behalf of the Canada Baptist Union, praying against the passing of any Act, having for its object, the partition of the Clergy Reserve Lands, amongst the various religious denominations. Presented, 52.
339. — CRAMP, J. M., on behalf of the Canada Baptist Union, praying that no appropriation may be made from the Public Revenue, for the support of any Theological School or College. Presented, 52.
547. — CROOKS, THE HONBLE. J., praying to be indemnified for the capture of his Schooner Lord Nelson, by the authorities of the United States, during a period when that Country was at peace with Great Britain. Presented, 119. Read and referred to a Select Committee, 119.
340. — DALHOUSIE, Electors and inhabitants of Bytown, in the District of, praying that the said Town may not be incorporated. Presented, 53.
545. — DALHOUSIE, R. Lyon and others, praying that the Grant for the improvement of the Mississippi, may not be appropriated to other purposes, and that the work may be commenced as soon as the state of the River will permit. Presented, 116.

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361. — DARLINGTON AND CLARKE, F. Cabit and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 57.
461. — DAWN, &C., Rev. J. Gunne and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 73.
47. — DECHÈNE, J. Bte. Miville, of St. Henry, praying to be indemnified for the loss of his Schooner when in the service of Government, in the year 1816. Presented, 22.
463. — DELAWARE AND CARRADOC, Rev. R. Flood and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 73.
96. — DEMPSEY, J. W., of Toronto, praying for an Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and Chancery respectively, to admit him to practice therein, as an Attorney and Solicitor thereof. Presented, 27.
453. — DEREHAM, &C., J. Browitt and others, of the Township of, praying that a Road may be made through the said Townships, to Port Burwell, and also that the Township of Bingham may be annexed to the District of Brock. Presented, 71.
17. — DESBARATS, EDWARD, Advocate, of Quebec, praying for the Office of Law Clerk to the Legislative Council. Presented, 15.—(Vide Committee No. 9.)
264. — DORCHESTER, W. Dawson and others, praying for a grant of £525 to enable them to improve the main Road from Point Levi to Kennebec, in the State of Maine. Presented, 43.
406. — DORCHESTER, County of, J. B. Couillard and others, praying that the said County may be divided for purposes of Registration into two Counties. Presented, 63.
200. — DRUMMOND, W. Robins and others, praying for a grant of money for the purpose of making a Road between Stanfold and Grantham, and for constructing a Bridge over the River St. Francis. Presented, 38.
205. — DUMFRIES, Township of, R. Christie and others, praying that the endowment of the University of King's College, Toronto, may not be divided amongst various denominations of Christians, but that the Charter may be altered and modified. Presented, 38.
303. — DUMFRIES, J. K. Andrews and others, of the Township of, praying that a new line of Road through the seventh and eighth Concessions of the said Township may be established, and that the former Road allowance may be granted to the said J. K. Andrews, as compensation for the land appropriated for the new Road. Presented, 47.
499. — DUMFRIES, &C., J. Hamilton and others, praying that the Dundas and Waterloo Road may be completed, and that a further sum may be expended on the next direct line of Road from Galt to the Eastern Boundary of the Huron Tract. Presented, 80.
237. — DUNCAN, W., of the Coteau du Lac, praying to be enabled to collect a certain sum of money due to him for the building of a Bridge across River DeLisle, in the County of Vaudreuil. Presented, 41.
501. — DUNDAS, H. M'Cargar and others, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold in conformity with the Imperial Statute. Presented, 81.

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392. — DUNHAM, Trustees of the High School of, praying for pecuniary aid. Presented, 62.
459. — DUNHAM, M. Lang and others, praying that the Lands called Clergy Reserves may be sold. Presented, 73.
460. — DUNHAM, M. Lang and others, praying that all denominations of Christians may have an equal share in the administration of the affairs of King's College, Toronto, and McGill College, Montreal. Presented, 73.
558. — DUNN AND DUNNVILLE, Rev. A. Townley and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 148.
478. — DURAND, G., of Port Sarnia, praying that the Bill granting a certain allowance for Road, to R. E. Vidal, may not be passed into a Law during the present Session. Presented, 76.
4. — DURHAM, KINSEY, TINGWICK, and WARWICK, Christopher Lyster and others, praying for a grant to open a Road through Arthabaska in Kingsey, to the new Plank Road from Montreal to Stanstead, in the Village of Granby. Presented, 14.
28. — DUVAL, L. G., of Three Rivers, praying for the Office of Law Clerk to the Legislative Council. Presented, 20.—(Vide Committee No. 9.)
379. — EASTERN DISTRICT, John Laing and others, praying that the Road from the Township to the River Nation may be improved. Presented, 60.
60. — EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying that no portion of the said Eastern District may be annexed to the District of Ottawa. Presented, 24.
59. — EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying for a Grant of Money, to construct a Road through the Township of Matilda to the River Nation, in the Township of Mountain. Presented, 24.
131. — EATON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, praying for the amendment of the Municipal Council Act. Presented, 30.
568. — EGAN, J., and others, praying that no new regulations may be adopted or allowed, affecting the Lumber Trade, without mature investigation. Presented, 160.
476. — ELIZABETH TOWN, Rev. E. Denroche and others, praying that no Bill may be passed, whose object is to destroy the Religious character, and to invade the Chartered rights of the University of King's College, Presented, 74.
475. — ELIZABETH TOWN, Rev. E. Denroche and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 74.
407. — ELMSLEY, A. Pellet and others, praying that the School Act may be repealed, and that an equitable apportionment may be made of the Funds appropriated for Educational purposes. Presented, 64.
481. — FARNHAM, J. J. Williams and others, praying that the Lands called Clergy Reserves may be sold. Presented, 76.
483. — FARNHAM, J. J. Williams and others, praying that all denominations of Christians may have an equal share in the administration of the affairs of King's College, Toronto, and McGill College, Montreal. Presented, 76.
187. — FELTON, JOHN, of Sherbrooke, formerly Agent for the sale of Crown Lands, praying for compensation for the loss of said Agency, 35.

PETITIONS—Continued.

555. — FINLAY, C. W., Contractor on the Beauharnois Canal, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained by him in fulfilling the said contract. Presented, 140.
155. — FISHER, J. C., (L. L. D.) President of the St. George's Society in Quebec, praying for the passing of an Act incorporating the said Society. Presented, 32.
584. — FITZGIBBON, JAMES, Clerk, of the Legislative Council, praying that he may have leave of absence to the close of the Session, and also that he may be allowed to perform the duties of his office during the approaching recess as heretofore. Presented, 204. Read, 204.
585. — FITZGIBBON, J., praying for a grant of £150 for superintending the Printing of the Laws and Journals of the third Session of the first Provincial Parliament. Presented, 217.
202. — FLAMBORO' WEST, W. Leslie and others, praying that the Lands called Clergy Reserves may be sold, and the proceeds applied to the purposes of general Education. Presented, 38.
203. — FLAMBORO' WEST, B. Overfield and others, praying that the endowment of the University of King's College, Toronto, may not be divided amongst various denominations of Christians, but that the Charter may be altered and modified. Presented, 38.
270. — FLAMBORO' WEST, Rev. W. M'Murray and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 44.
346. — FORSYTH, & C., J. B. Rousseau and others, praying for aid for the improvement of the Lambton Road. Presented, 55.
321. — FREDERICKSBURGH and Adolphustown, Rev. J. Deacon and others, praying that the School Act may be repealed, and that the funds appropriated for Educational purposes may be equitably apportioned. Presented, 51.
266. — GASPÉ BAY, B. Coffin and others, praying for the passing of an Act to secure the means of preserving the legal proof of certain Baptisms and Marriages performed before Justices of the Peace, in the said District of Gaspé. Presented, 43.
37. — GAUTHIER, A., Junr., Inspector of Anatomy, of the City of Quebec, praying for a Salary in lieu of Fees. Presented, 22.
325. — GILDERSLEEVE, H., and others, praying to be incorporated for the purpose of constructing a Railroad from Wolfe Island, (near Kingston,) to the City of Toronto. Presented, 51.
107. — GLOUCESTER, Inhabitants of the Gore of, praying that the said Gore may be surveyed. Presented, 28.
543. — GLOUCESTER, W. Smyth and others, praying for the construction of a Road from Bytown to the St. Lawrence, through the County of Dundas. Presented, 115.
367. — GORE DISTRICT, J. Ireland and others, praying that the Dundas Road from the Eastern Limits of said District, to the Town of Hamilton, may be improved. Presented, 57.
252. — GRAHAM, JOHN, of the Township of Hull, praying for remuneration for his services during the late War with the United States of America. Presented, 42.

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243. — GRANTHAM, Rev. A. F. Atkinson and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 41.
316. — GREEN ISLAND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, praying for the division of the County of Rimouski. Presented, 51.
215. — GRENVILLE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, praying for the erection of a Bridge over the River Rouge, in the said Township. Presented, 39.
410. — GRIMSBY, W. Nellis and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 64.
553. — GRIMSBY, P. B. Nellis and others, praying that the site of the Niagara District Town, may be removed to St. Catherines. Presented, 134.
490. — HAINES, THOMAS A., Jun., on behalf of the Baptist Congregation of the Town of London, praying that the Lands called Clergy Reserves may be sold. Presented, 76.
441. — HALDIMAND, R. H. Bruce and others, praying that the Embankments of certain Rivulets, which intersect the Road between Cayuga and Dunnville, may be raised. Presented, 69.
306. — HALE, J., and others, praying that the duty imposed on Foreign Leather Manufactures may not be allowed. Presented, 47.
112. — HAMILTON, Township of, H. Rutton and others, praying to be Incorporated under the name and style of the Cobourg and Rice Lake Plank Road and Ferry Company. Presented, 28.
161. — HAMILTON, J., Buchanan, and others, praying to be Incorporated as the Hamilton and Toronto Railroad Company. Presented, 34.
177. — HAMILTON, Sir A. N. MacNab and others, praying for the amendment of the Act Incorporating the said Town. Presented, 35.
197. — HAMILTON, W. MacDougall and others, praying that the 6th Section of the Act 4th Vict. chap. 10, may be amended. Presented, 36.
259. — HAMILTON and Township of BARTON, H. Smith and others, praying that an Act may be passed, to vest in Robert Jarvis Hamilton a certain Concession Road in the said Township of Barton. Presented, 42.
401. — HAMILTON, G. S. Tiffany and others, praying for the passing of an Act to Incorporate them for the purpose of constructing a Railroad from Montreal to Kingston. Presented, 63.
430. — HAMILTON, J. O. Hatt and others, praying that no Bill may be passed, calculated to destroy the Religious character, and to invade the Chartered rights of the University of King's College. Presented, 66.
440. — HAMILTON, President, Directors, and Company of the Gore Bank, praying for the repeal of the Act which imposes a duty of one per cent on the Circulation of the Chartered Banks. Presented, 69.
541. — HAMILTON, Board of Police of, praying that the Bill to vest in R. J. Hamilton, a certain allowance for a Road, may not be passed into a Law. Presented, 110. Referred to the Select Committee No. 53, 113.
450. — HAMILTON, D. MacNab and others, praying that the Endowment of the University of King's College, Toronto, may not be divided amongst various Denominations of Christians, but that the Charter may be altered and modified. Presented, 71.

PETITIONS—Continued.

485. — HAMILTON, H. B. Willson and others, praying for the repeal of the School Act. Presented, 76.
520. — HAMILTON, George S. Tiffany, Chairman of the Great Western Railroad Company, praying that the Bill for amending the Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Charter may not be passed without certain restrictions. Presented, 90. Referred to the Select Committee upon Hamilton and Toronto Railroad Bill, 94.
481. — HAMILTON, J. O. Hatt and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented 67.
570. — HAMILTON & Low, of Hawkesbury Mills, praying that no Bill affecting the Montreal Turnpike Trust may be passed, without provision being made for the repayment of the Loans contracted under the authority of the Ordinance Incorporating the said Trust. Presented, 163. Referred to the Select Committee upon Bill No. 86, 164.
320. — HARWOOD, R. W., and others, praying that certain Bridges over the River Ottawa may be constructed at the St. Anne's and Vaudreuil Ferries; and also, that a Turnpike Road may be made from St. Anne's through the centre of the Island, to the City of Montreal, 51.
473. — HATLEY, C. Hovey and others, occupiers of Clergy Reserves in the Township of, praying that the amount in arrear, as well as the interest on the purchase money for the same, may be remitted. Presented, 74.
355. — HAWLEY, J. C., praying that the Road which has been Surveyed from Bytown to the River St. Lawrence, may be completed. Presented, 56.
134. — HEAVENER, MARGARET, of Napierville, praying for pecuniary relief, in consequence of her husband having been killed while serving as a Volunteer in 1838. Presented, 30.
214. — HEMMINGFORD, J. Scriver and others, praying that pecuniary relief may be afforded to Mary Allen, of Sherrington, widow of James Allen, who was killed at the Battle of Odelltown, in November, 1838. Presented, 38.
394. — HENWOOD, E., Secretary to the Medical Board at Toronto, praying that the said Board may be furnished with a Copy of any Bill which may have a tendency to affect the Interests of the said Board, before it is finally enacted by the Legislature. Presented, 62.
167. — HOCHELAGA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, praying for the amendment of the Municipal Act. Presented, 34.
255. — HOCHELAGA, H. Gilbert and others, praying that the Turnpike on the St. Mary Road may be removed one mile farther North. Presented, 42.
256. — HOCHELAGA, P. Lachapelle and others, praying that the Municipality may be divided into five separate Municipalities. Presented, 42.
319. — HOCHELAGA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, praying that no exclusive right of Ferry over the River St. Lawrence, or Beach Lots for the purpose of such Ferry, be granted to the Trustees of the Longueuil and Chambly Turnpike Road. Presented, 51.
2. — HOME DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying for the amendment of the Municipal Council and School Acts. Presented, 14.

PETITIONS—Continued.

364. — HOME DISTRICT, T. Fisher and others, praying to be incorporated under the name and style of the Dundas Street and Sixth Line Road Company, 57.
449. — HOME DISTRICT, T. Helliwell and others, praying that the Act imposing a Duty upon Spiritous Liquors, may not be passed in its present shape. Presented, 71.
121. — HUDON, THE REV. H., of Montreal, praying that certain Religious Ladies be incorporated under the name of "*Les Religieuses de Notre Dame de Charité du Bon Pasteur*," and that the rights vested in a certain Institution by the 3rd Will. 4, chap. 35, may be assigned to them. Presented, 29.
363. — HUME, W. C., praying that the Windsor Bay Road, connecting Lakes Huron and Ontario, may be completed. Presented, 57.
56. — HUNTINGDON, County of, L. Barbeau and others, praying that a Turnpike Road may be made from the Village of Laprairie to the Province Line. Presented, 23.
456. — INGERSOLL, &c., G. Chambers, Jun., and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 72.
578. — IRELAND, Halifax, and Inverness, Rev. J. Anderson and others, praying that a Clause may be inserted in all Railway Acts, to prohibit the carriage of either goods or passengers on the Lord's day. Presented, 170.
1. — JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying for the amendment of the Act establishing Division Courts. Presented, 14.
332. — JOHNSTOWN, P. Adams and others, praying for the construction of a Road from Point Cardinal, through the Township of Edwardsburgh, to Hick's Corners in the Township of South Gower. Presented, 52.
445. — JULYAN, R. Assistant Harbour Master of the Port of Quebec, praying that the Quebec Trinity House Bill may not become Law in its present form. Presented, 69.
173. — KAMOURASKA PARISH COUNCIL, praying for a grant of £5000 to open a Road from the Seigniorship of Kamouraska to Fish River, on the River St. John. Presented, 34.
174. — KAMOURASKA PARISH COUNCIL, praying for the establishment of a Sedentary Court of Justice there. Presented, 34.
334. — KEMPTVILLE, W. H. Bottum and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 52.
66. — KILKENNY, Township of, J. H. Gass and others, praying for the opening of a Road into the said Township. Presented, 24.
105. — KINGSTON, M. Mason and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 27.
186. — KINGSTON, President, Directors, and Company of the Commercial Bank, praying for certain amendments to their Charter. Presented, 35.
331. — KINGSTON, Rev. G. O'Kill Stuart and others, praying that Lot No. 24, may not be incorporated with the Town of Kingston. Presented, 52.

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409. — KINGSTON, Very Rev. G. O'Kill Stuart and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 64.
516. — KINGSTON, William Ramsay and others, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold in conformity to the Imperial Statute. Presented, 86.
574. — KIRBY, JAMES, of Fort Erie, praying that the Bill to regulate Ferries in Upper Canada, may not be passed into a Law without certain amendments. Presented, 165.
389. — LOTBINIÈRE, J. Viller and others, praying that the said Parish may be made the *chef lieu* of the County of Lotbinière. Presented, 62.
5. — LACHINE ROAD, E. Guy and others; praying that the Lower Road may be included in the Montreal Turnpike Trust. Presented, 14.
171. — LACHINE, W. Hannah and others, praying that they may be exempted from the payment of Toll. Presented, 34.
276. — LACHINE, &c., Jean Bte. Lacombe and others, praying for an extension of the powers to the Montreal Turnpike Trustees, in order that they may have control over the Road leading from Lachine to the Village of St. Anne, through the Village of Pointe Claire. Presented, 44.
571. — LACHINE, Rev. W. Simpson and others, praying that the Bill to erect a University under the name and style of the University of Upper Canada, may be passed into a Law. Presented, 164.
435. — LALIBERTÉ, JEAN B., of the Parish of Lotbinière, praying for redress in consequence of having been superseded as an officer of Militia. Presented, 68.
18. — L'ANCIENNE LORETTE, J. Bte. Pagé and others, praying for the amendment of the Quebec Turnpike Act. Presented, 15.
19. — L'ANCIENNE LORETTE, J. M. Robitaille and others, praying for the repeal of the Ordinances respecting Winter Vehicles in the Districts of Quebec and Gaspé. Presented, 15.—(Vide Committee No. 15.)
573. — LAPRAIRIE, Rev. J. Davidson and others, praying that the Bill to erect a University under the name and style of the University of Upper Canada, may be passed into a Law. Presented, 164.
20. — LAROCHE, F., late Clerk of the Division Court of the Parish of St. Augustin, praying for indemnification. Presented, 15.
16. — LAROCHELLE, Simeon, of the Parish of St. Anselme, praying for a grant to improve the models of a Storming Battery of his own invention. Presented, 15.
263. — LASSISERAYE, C. W., praying for £200 by way of indemnity, for his services as a Schoolmaster. Presented, 43.
275. — L'ASSOMPTION COLLEGE, Corporation of, praying for pecuniary aid. Presented, 44.
228. — LAUZON, the Fief and Seigniorship of, E. Dalaire and others, praying for the abolition of certain rights reserved in their Title Deeds of Concession. Presented, 41.
29. — LESLIE, A., of the District of Bathurst, praying for the passing of an Act to indemnify him for having voted at the last general election, in ignorance of the Law. Presented, 20.
81. — L'ISLET, County of, A. G. Couillard and others, praying for an Act for the preservation of Wild Fowl, in that vicinity. Presented, 26.

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317. — L'ISLET, Rev. F. X. Delage, (Curé,) praying for liberty to carry on a trade in timber, on the Banks of the Saguenay and its tributaries, 51.
249. — LONDON, H. Burwell and others, praying that Building Societies may be established throughout the Province. Presented, 42.
536. — LONDON DISTRICT, W. Hilles and others, praying that Henry Allen, Esquire, may be removed from his respective offices of Judge of the District and Division Courts, and Chairman of the Quarter Sessions. Presented, 105.
505. — LONDON, District of, L. Laurason and others, praying that W. Allen, Esquire, may be removed from his respective offices of Judge of the London Division Court, and Chairman of the Quarter Sessions. Presented, 83.
580. — LONDON, Rev. C. C. Brough and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 176.
150. — LONG POINT, Parish of, J. Dillon and others, praying that the present Trustees of the Montreal Turnpike Roads may be removed from their Office. Presented, 32.
110. — LONGUEUIL AND CHAMBLY TURNPIKE ROAD TRUSTEES, praying for an exclusive privilege of plying Steam Ferry Boats over the River St. Lawrence, and for an amendment of the Provincial Ordinance 4th Victoria, cap. 16, and of the Provincial Statute 8th Victoria, cap. 17. Presented, 28.
523. — LONGUEUIL, L. Armand, dit Flamme, praying for a pension as the widow of a Militiaman, who died in consequence of a bayonet wound received during the late War with the United States. Presented, 91.
48. — LOTBINIÈRE, County of, Rev. J. B. Potvin and others, praying for a grant of money to repair two Bridges in the Parish of Ste. Croix. Presented, 23.
487. — LOUTH, Rev. G. M. Armstrong and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society in the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 76.
538. — LOWER CANADA, Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of, praying that the proceeds of the sale of Jesuits Estates may be exclusively applied to the Members of the Roman Catholic Church. Presented, 109.
144. — MACARA, JOHN, of Toronto, praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and Chancery to admit him to practice as an Attorney and Solicitor therein, respectively. Presented, 32.
58. — MACDERMID, D., of Glengarry, praying that certain arrears of Pension may be granted to him. Presented, 24.
267. — MACKENZIE, M., of Quebec, praying for Indemnification for the loss of his House, which was destroyed by order of the Authorities, for the purpose of arresting the progress of the late Fire at Quebec. Presented, 43.
550. — MACNAB AND HORTON, J. Morris and others, praying that the Bill introduced during the last Session, on the subject of the University of King's College, may be passed into a Law. Presented, 128.
53. — MADELEINE ISLANDS, A. A. Bélanger and others, praying that they may not be annexed to the Province of the Island of Prince Edward. Presented, 23. Read

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- and referred to a Select Committee, 23.—*Vide Committee No. 8.*
384. — MALAHIDE, Bony, G. T., in behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of, praying for a Grant of Money to complete Port Burwell Harbour. Presented, 60.
403. — MARKHAM AND VAUGHAN, J. Armstrong and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 63.
428. — MARKHAM, J. M. Sanders and others, of the Township of, praying that the Lands called Clergy Reserves may be sold, and the proceeds applied to the purposes of Education. Presented, 66.
273. — MASKINONGI, J. Morrison and others, praying for an aid of £300, to enable them to open a Road from Lake Maskinongi to the St. Lawrence. Presented, 44.
230. — M'GILL COLLEGE, the Montreal Medical Faculty of, praying for pecuniary aid. Presented, 41.
22. — MEREDITH, E. A., of Montreal, praying for the Office of Law Clerk to the Legislative Council. Presented, 16.—*Vide Committee No. 9.*
101. — METIS, PACHOT, AND MATANE, Seigniories of, C. Campbell and others, praying for the opening of a Road from the Seigniorie of Metis to that of Matane. Presented 27.
477. — MIDLAND DISTRICT, T. Morton and others, praying to be heard against the Bill for imposing a Duty on Spirits Manufactured in this Province. Presented, 75.
326. — MIDLAND DISTRICT, President, &c., of the Commercial Bank of the, praying that the Act imposing a Tax upon the Circulating Paper of the Banks in this Province, may be repealed, or that the amount of Taxation be reduced to more reasonable limits. Presented, 51. Read, 52.
382. — MIGNAULT, Rev. P., (Founder and Superior of the College of Chambly,) praying for an additional aid. Presented, 60.
108. — MISSISQUOI, J. J. Higgins and others, praying that a Duty may be imposed upon Axes, when imported into this Province from the United States of America. Presented, 28.
452. — MOIRA, W. Tremain and others, praying that an Act may be passed, compelling owners or occupiers of Mill Dams on the said River, to erect Aprons to their respective Dams, of a certain description and dimension. Presented, 71.
27. — MONTIZAMBERT, E. L., of Quebec, praying for the Office of Law Clerk to the Legislative Council. Presented, 20.—*Vide Committee No. 9.*
138. — MONTREAL, Chief Justice of, and others, praying that provision may be made for the payment of the Travelling Expenses of the Judges in Lower Canada. Presented, 31.
67. — MONTREAL, (St. George's Chapel,) H. H. Whitney, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec. Presented, 24.
35. — MONTREAL, District of, J. E. Mills and others, praying for an Act to Incorporate a Company to construct a Railway between Montreal and Boston in the United States. Presented, 22.

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33. — MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL, praying for pecuniary aid. Presented, 22.
32. — MONTREAL, J. Ferrier and others, praying for an Act of Incorporation, authorizing them to construct a Railroad from Montreal to Lachine. Presented, 22.
142. — MONTREAL ROMAN CATHOLIC LADIES ORPHAN ASYLUM, praying for a grant of money. Presented, 32.
143. — MONTREAL, T. Molson and others, praying that they may be incorporated for the purpose of supplying the said City with Gas. Presented, 32.
146. — MONTREAL PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM, praying for pecuniary aid. Presented, 32.
148. — MONTREAL ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY, F. Hincks and others, praying for an Act to incorporate the St. Patrick's Society. Presented, 32.
147. — MONTREAL, P. Cadieux and others, praying to be incorporated as Bankers. Presented, 32.
153. — MONTREAL, Lord Bishop of, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec. Presented, 32.
160. — MONTREAL LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, praying for pecuniary aid. Presented, 34.
170. — MONTREAL, Honble. P. M'Gill and others, praying for an Act of Incorporation, for the purpose of working Mines of Copper and other Ores which are known to exist on the shores of Lake Superior. Presented, 34.
216. — MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL, Nuns of the, praying for additional powers in respect of the sale and purchase of Real Property. Presented, 39.
235. — MONTREAL, E. M'Naughton and others, praying that a Road may be opened and Macadamized from St. Ann's, across the interior of the Island of Montreal, to the Cote St. Antoine Road, near the City of Montreal. Presented, 41.
239. — MONTREAL, Rev. H. Wilkes and others, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold in conformity with the Provisions of the Imperial Act. Presented, 41.
282. — MONTREAL, N. B. Desmarteau and others, of the County of, praying for an alteration in the mode of charging at the Toll-gates. Presented, 45.
290. — MONTREAL, E. P. Wilgress and others, praying that the Common School Act may be amended. Presented, 45.
291. — MONTREAL, J. M'Gill Des Rivières and others, praying that the Municipal Elections in and for the said City, may be conducted by Ballot. Presented, 45. Read, 45.
307. — MONTREAL, G. H. Ryland and others, praying that they may be more amply compensated for discharging the duties of their respective Offices. Presented, 48.
318. — MONTREAL, J. B. Beaudry and others, praying that no further, or more extensive powers may be given to the Trustees of the Chambly Turnpike Road, in relation to the Ferry between Longueuil and Montreal. Presented, 51.
348. — MONTREAL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY, praying that they may be allowed to participate in the Bounty of the Legislature, equally with the Medical Faculty of M'Gill College. Presented, 55.
387. — MONTREAL, Municipal Council of, praying for the passing of an Act to remove certain doubts existing

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- as to the legality of certain proceedings in the said Council. Presented, 61.
411. — MONTREAL, N. B. Doucet and another, praying that the Bill for regulating the formalities of Notarial Deeds, may not be passed into a Law. Presented, 64.
479. — MONTREAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, praying that the time limited by the Act for making certain payments from the Funds of the Society may be extended. Presented, 76.
503. — MONTREAL, G. L. Perry and others, praying that the Road between the Roads leading from Montreal to Lachapelle's Bridge, and to the Sault au Recollet, may be Macadamized. Presented, 81.
504. — MONTREAL, T. Seed and others, praying for the repeal of the Act imposing a duty on wheat when imported into this Province, from the United States of America. Presented, 83.
529. — MONTREAL, Rev. Jno. Bethune and others, praying that a clause may be introduced into all Railway Bills to prevent the carrying goods and passengers on the Lord's-day. Presented, 99.
566. — MONTREAL, Rev. R. M'Gill and others, praying that the Bill to erect a University by the name of the University of Upper Canada, may be passed into a Law. Presented, 160.
559. — MONTREAL PRESBYTERIAN LAY ASSOCIATION, T. Wilson and others, praying that the Bill to erect a University under the name and style of the University of Upper Canada, may be passed into a Law. Presented, 152.
172. — NADEAU, F., of Quebec, praying for aid to enable him to bring into notice his invention of a Field Battery. Presented, 34.
68. — NIAGARA DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying for the repeal of 8th Victoria, chap. 26. Presented, 25.
69. — NIAGARA DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying that the Macadamized Road from Queenston to Grimsby may be continued through the Village of Jordan, in the Township of Louth. Presented, 25.
111. — NIAGARA, Falls of, S. De Veaux and others, praying for an Act of Incorporation to erect a Suspension Bridge across the Niagara River. Presented, 28.
222. — NIAGARA DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying that the Statute which prescribes the form of Collectors Bonds may be amended. Presented, 40.
223. — NIAGARA DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying for the passing of an Act, requiring Temperance Houses to be furnished with suitable accommodation for Travellers. Presented, 40.
224. — NIAGARA DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying that the Statute 59 Geo. III., c. vii., may be amended. Presented, 40.
225. — NIAGARA DISTRICT, Charles Richardson and others, praying that the Niagara and Ten Mile Creek Plank Road Company's Charter may be amended. Presented, 40.
247. — NIAGARA DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying that the Statute 8 Vic., c. 20, may be so amended as to enable them to close up certain Road Allowances in the Township of Grantham. Presented, 42.
248. — NIAGARA DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying that the 15th Section of 8 Vic., cap. 20, may be repealed. Presented, 42.

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296. — NIAGARA, &c., G. Ball and others, praying that the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Jordan may not be entertained, and that the Road from Queenston to Grimsby may not be diverted from the Line now Surveyed, in order to its passing through the said Village. Presented, 47.
297. — NIAGARA DISTRICT, J. Kirby and others, praying that the Village of Port Robinson may be constituted the District Town of the said District. Presented, 47.
298. — NIAGARA DISTRICT, J. Graybie and others, praying that the Village of Port Robinson may be constituted the District Town of the said District. Presented, 47.
299. — NIAGARA DISTRICT, O. Buckner and others, praying that the Village of Port Robinson may be constituted the District Town of the said District. Presented, 47.
300. — NIAGARA DISTRICT, J. Weaver and others, praying that the Village of Port Robinson may be constituted the District Town of the said District. Presented, 47.
301. — NIAGARA DISTRICT, S. Berdrau and others, praying that the District Town may be removed to a more central situation. Presented, 47.
302. — NIAGARA DISTRICT, T. O. Parry and others, praying that the District Town may be removed to a more central situation. Presented, 47.
369. — NIAGARA DISTRICT, J. Lemon and others, praying that the Village of Port Robinson may be constituted the District Town of the said District. Presented, 59.
371. — NIAGARA DISTRICT, A. Thompson and others, praying that the District Town may be removed to a more central situation. Presented, 59.
372. — NIAGARA DISTRICT, R. Hobson and others, praying that the District Town may be removed to a more central situation. Presented, 59.
408. — NIAGARA, Rev. Thomas Creen and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 64.
437. — NIAGARA DISTRICT, W. Chalmers and others, praying that the District Town may be removed to the Village of Port Robinson. Presented, 68.
438. — NIAGARA DISTRICT, J. Blott and others, praying that the District Town may be removed. Presented, 68.
439. — NIAGARA DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying for the adoption of a more equitable mode of Assessment. Presented, 68.
519. — NIAGARA, Board of Police of, praying against the passing of the Bill for removing the site of the District Town, for the District of Niagara, to the Village of Port Robinson. Presented, 90.
539. — NIAGARA DISTRICT, R. Kilborne and others, praying against the removal of the site of the District Town of the said District. Presented, 110.
576. — NIAGARA DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying for the alteration of the place of the sittings of the said Council. Presented, 169.
577. — NIAGARA DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying that the site of the District Town of the said District may be removed to a more central situation. Presented, 169.
581. — NIAGARA DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying against the alteration of the Common School Law, in any other respect than the time for the employment of Aliens as Teachers may be extended. Presented, 176.

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582. — NIAGARA DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying that the Revenue arising from the sale of Wild Lands, may be appropriated towards the maintenance of Common Schools, and any Literary Institutions that may be suggested by the Legislature. Presented, 176.
583. — NIAGARA DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying that the Petition of Gilbert M'icking, Esq., for remuneration on account of losses sustained by him, may be favourably entertained. Presented, 192.
198. — NEWCASTLE, District of, H. Ruttan and others, praying that the project of a continuous line of Railroad from Montreal Westward, may be sanctioned. Presented, 36.
488. — NEWMARKET, George S. Cotter and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 76.
43. — NICOLET CORPORATION, praying that the Act of the 8 Victoria, chap. XL. may be revised. Presented, 22.
44. — NICOLET CORPORATION, praying for the establishment of Courts of Justice on the South side of the River St. Lawrence. Presented, 22.
292. — NICOLET, L. M. Cressé, (Notary Public,) praying for an Act to enable him to dispose of his Archives to another Notary, on leaving this Province. Presented, 46.
136. — ORILLIA, Rev. J. M'Intyre and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 30.
314. — OSNABRUCK, A. U. Rainsford and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 51.
113. — OTTAWA, County of, J. Egan and others, praying that the said County may be declared a separate District. Presented, 28. Read, 28.
120. — OTTAWA, County of, J. Blackburn and others, praying for the construction of a Plank Road from the Union Suspension Bridge to Aylmer. Presented, 29.
279. — OTTAWA, Baptist Association of the District of, praying that all Denominations of Christians may be allowed to participate equally in the benefit of the University of King's College, Toronto. Presented, 45.
280. — OTTAWA, Baptist Association of the District of, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold in conformity with the Imperial Act. Presented, 45.
432. — OTTAWA, R. Austin and others, of the County of, praying for pecuniary aid, to be expended towards improving the Roads and Banks of the River Gate-neau. Presented, 67.
470. — OXFORD, &c., J. Leeming and others, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold in conformity with the provisions of the Imperial Act. Presented, 74.
548. — OXFORD, H. Rurritt and others, praying for the adoption of a particular route in forming the Road from the Ottawa River at Bytown, and the River St. Lawrence. Presented, 119.
336. — PARIS, J. Evans and others, praying that the Endowment of the University of King's College may not be divided

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- divided amongst the various Religious Denominations, but that the Charter may be amended. Presented, 52.
265. ——— PERCÉ, (County of Gaspé,) L. Winter and others, praying for the passing of an Act to secure the means of preserving the legal proof of certain Baptisms and Marriages performed before Justices of the Peace, in the said District of Gaspé. Presented, 43.
556. ——— PETITCLAIR, C., (a Clerk in the Adjutant General's Office,) praying for an increase of Salary. Presented, 143.
511. ——— PHILLIPS, REV. THOMAS, praying that a retiring Pension may be granted to him, as late Chaplain to the Legislative Council of the former Province. Presented, 86.
492. ——— PICKERING, C. Matthews and others, praying that the Endowment of the University of King's College, Toronto, may not be divided amongst various Denominations of Christians, but that the Charter may be altered and amended. Presented, 76.
493. ——— PICKERING, C. Matthews and others, praying that the Lands called Clergy Reserves may be sold, and the proceeds applied to the purposes of Education. Presented, 76.
295. ——— PLOYART, J. L., of the Township of Durham, praying to be indemnified for loss sustained through the neglect of the Clerk of a District Court. Presented, 46.
51. ——— POINTE LEVI, C. Robertson and others, praying for the repeal of the Ordinances relating to Winter Vehicles. Presented, 23.—*Vide Committee No. 15.*
269. ——— PORT BURWELL, Rev. T. B. Reade and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 44.
109. ——— PORT HOPE, J. Short and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 28.
151. ——— PORT SARNIA, S. Hitchcock and others, praying that the Petition of R. E. Vidal, requiring to be allowed to close one of two Roads which intersect his Property in the said Village, may not be entertained. Presented, 32.
472. ——— POTTON, O. Dorin and others, praying for a pecuniary grant, to enable them to construct a Road from Sutton Line to Magog Lake. Presented, 74.
347. ——— POWELL, G. W., and others, of the Christian Universalist Association, praying that the right and privileges conferred upon the Unitarians of Montreal, may be bestowed upon them. Presented, 55.
178. ——— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA, the Synod of the, praying that the Charter of King's College, Toronto, may be amended. Presented, 35.
468. ——— PRICE, W., praying against the passing of an Act, giving to certain persons an exclusive right as Pilots, for the River Saguenay. Presented, 74. Read, 74.
535. ——— QUEBEC, G. O'Kill Stuart and others, praying that the Legislature of this Province will co-operate with the Legislature of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in procuring the construction of a Railroad from Halifax to Quebec. Presented, 105.

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532. ——— QUEBEC, W. Sheppard and others, praying for authority to borrow a certain Sum of Money, to Macadamize various Roads in the neighbourhood of Quebec, 101.
527. ——— QUEBEC, J. Hamel and others, praying for a Loan at 3 per cent, to enable them to build certain Houses destroyed by the Fires of May and June, 1845. Presented, 96.
508. ——— QUEBEC, A. Campbell and others, praying that the Representation and Assessment of the said City may be equalized. Presented, 83. Referred to the Select Committee upon Bill No. 63, 118.
497. ——— QUEBEC, A. Campbell and others, praying for the Improvement of certain cross Roads in the vicinity of the said City. Presented, 77.
495. ——— QUEBEC, C. N. Montizambert and others, Registrars, praying for an increase of their Fees. Presented, 77.
494. ——— QUEBEC, H. Dubord and others, Builders and Carpenters, praying for such protection to the Ship Building Interest, as will give them equal advantages with those of New Brunswick. Presented, 77. Read, 77.
467. ——— QUEBEC, P. Young and others, praying against an increased Duty on certain articles imported into this Province. Presented, 74. Read, 74.
458. ——— QUEBEC, P. Ballergeon and others, Pilots, praying for certain amendments (as far as regards their branch) in the Quebec Trinity House Incorporation Bill. Presented, 73.
434. ——— QUEBEC, Julien Chouinard and others, praying that Pedlars may be prohibited from exercising their calling within the limits of the said City. Presented, 67.
421. ——— QUEBEC, Officers and Members of the British and Canadian School Society of, praying that an Act may be passed for Incorporating them by the name of the British and Canadian School Society of the District of Quebec. Presented, 66.
323. ——— QUEBEC, President and Members of the British and Canadian School Society of, praying for pecuniary aid in support of that Institution. Presented, 51.
308. ——— QUEBEC, Committee of Management of the National Schools of, praying for pecuniary aid. Presented, 48.
281. ——— QUEBEC, W. Power and Jean C. Bruneau, Esquires, Circuit Judges, praying that they may be allowed for their Travelling Expenses in future; and also, that they may be indemnified for those which they have already incurred. Presented, 45.
221. ——— QUEBEC LITERARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, praying for a further grant to enable them to complete the copies of certain State Papers connected with the History of Canada. Presented, 40.
220. ——— QUEBEC LITERARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, praying for pecuniary aid in support of the said Society, Presented, 40.
196. ——— QUEBEC, Rev. J. Cook and others, praying for pecuniary aid in support of a School in connexion with St. Andrew's Church. Presented, 36.
195. ——— QUEBEC MALE ORPHAN ASYLUM, in connexion with the Church of England, praying for pecuniary aid. Presented, 36.

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194. ——— QUEBEC FEMALE ORPHAN ASYLUM, praying for pecuniary aid. Presented, 36.
184. ——— QUEBEC, J. Blais and others, praying that no heavy tax be imposed upon them, as proposed in the Bill of last Session respecting the Quebec Trinity House. Presented, 35.
179. ——— QUEBEC, C. Cazeau and others, praying for the repeal of the 24th Section of the 8th Vict., c. 49. Presented, 35.
175. ——— QUEBEC, J. Hamel and others, praying for relief by the issue of Paper Money to the amount of £10,000. Presented, 34. Read, 34.
154. ——— QUEBEC, G. O'Kill Stuart and others, praying that Public aid may be given to the projected Railway from the Province of New Brunswick to the Western limits of Upper Canada. Presented, 32.
140. ——— QUEBEC, Sir James Stuart and another, praying for the partition of certain Lands in the Township of Bolton. Presented, 31. Referred to a Select Committee, 37.—*Vide Committee No. 10.*
126. ——— QUEBEC, County of, Rev. G. L. Lemoine and others, praying that Legislative measures may be adopted, to secure to the Public the Dorchester Bridge over the River St. Charles. Presented, 29.
125. ——— QUEBEC, County of, J. B. Trudelle and others, praying for the repeal of the Acts and Ordinances relating to Winter Vehicles, as regards the District of Quebec. Presented, 29.—*Vide Committee No. 15.*
124. ——— QUEBEC, County of, Rev. P. Roy and others, praying for the privilege of constructing a Free Bridge over the River St. Charles. Presented, 29.
122. ——— QUEBEC, G. O'Kill Stuart and others, praying that a new Gaol may be erected in. Presented, 29.
119. ——— QUEBEC RELIEF COMMITTEE, Lord Bishop of Montreal and others, praying for an Act to enforce the By-Laws of the Quebec Corporation, respecting the construction of Buildings in the said City. Presented, 29.
116. ——— QUEBEC, G. O. Stuart and others, praying for an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Railroad under the name of the Quebec and Melbourne Railroad. Presented, 29.
106. ——— QUEBEC CHARLES STREET INFANT SCHOOL, praying for pecuniary aid. Presented, 28.
103. ——— QUEBEC INFANT SCHOOL, praying for pecuniary aid. Presented, 27.
52. ——— QUEBEC, J. Dean and others, Merchants, praying to be Incorporated under the name and style of the Quebec Forwarding Company. Presented, 23.
50. ——— QUEBEC AND POINT LEVY, N. H. Patton and others, praying that the control and management of the Ferry from Quebec to Point Levy may be vested in the Corporation of Quebec. Presented, 23.
39. ——— QUEBEC CULLERS' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, R. M'Gillis and others, praying that their Association may be Incorporated. Presented, 22.
40. ——— QUEBEC CULLERS, R. M'Gillis and others, praying that a certain portion of the Surplus Fees arising from the Culling and Measurement of Timber, may be granted for a Mutual Relief Society, in which they are interested. Presented, 22.
26. ——— QUEBEC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC LADIES, praying for a grant to enable

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- them to rebuild the Dwelling and School-house. Presented, 20.
25. ——— QUEBEC EDUCATION SOCIETY, praying for pecuniary aid. Presented, 20.
549. ——— QUEBEC, Rev. J. Taylor and others, praying that a Clause may be introduced in all Railway Bills, to prevent the carriage of either goods or passengers on the Sabbath day. Presented, 123.
540. ——— QUEBEC, Diocese of, Rev. R. Armstrong and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 110.
531. ——— QUEBEC, Diocese of, W. Morris and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 101. Referred to Committee No. 41, 101.
509. ——— QUEBEC, Diocese of, Rev. R. Whitwell and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 83.
507. ——— QUEBEC, Diocese of, Rev. E. F. Simpson and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 83.
506. ——— QUEBEC, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Montreal and others, praying that in all Bills for the construction of Railways, a Clause may be inserted to prevent either goods or passengers being carried on them upon the Lord's day. Presented, 83.
455. ——— QUEBEC, Diocese of, Rev. N. Gueront and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 71.
446. ——— QUEBEC, Diocese of, Rev. R. Knight and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 69.
405. ——— QUEBEC, Diocese of, Rev. A. Balfour and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 63.
404. ——— QUEBEC, Diocese of, Rev. P. P. Burrage and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 63.
377. ——— QUEBEC, Diocese of, Rev. C. Jackson and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 60.
376. ——— QUEBEC, Diocese of, Rev. J. Pyke and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 59.
368. ——— QUEBEC, Diocese of, J. H. Maitland and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 57.
360. ——— QUEBEC, Diocese of, H. O'Hara and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 57.
359. ——— QUEBEC, Diocese of, Rev. J. Bethune and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 57.

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289. — QUEBEC, the Diocese of, J. Taylor and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 45.
288. — QUEBEC, the Diocese of, Rev. E. G. Sutton and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 45.
287. — QUEBEC, the Diocese of, H. Davidson and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 45.
278. — QUEBEC, the Diocese of, Rev. W. Dawes and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 45.
277. — QUEBEC, the Diocese of, F. S. Neve and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 44.
234. — QUEBEC, the Diocese of, G. Mack and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 41.
213. — QUEBEC, Diocese of, W. Bond and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 38.
207. — QUEBEC, Diocese of, Rev. W. Chaderton and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 38.
206. — QUEBEC, Diocese of, T. Molson and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 38.
166. — QUEBEC, the Diocese of, Rev. C. B. Fleming and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 34.
165. — QUEBEC, the Diocese of, Rev. W. King and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 34.
141. — QUEBEC, the Diocese of, W. Jones and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 31.
91. — QUEBEC, the Diocese of, Rev. R. G. Pleas and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 27.
8. — QUEBEC, the Diocese of, Rev. R. Lonsdell and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the said Diocese. Presented, 14. Referred, together with all other Petitions on the same subject, to the Select Committee No. 41, 95.
217. — QUEBEC CORPORATION, praying for amendment of their Act of Incorporation. Presented, 39.
183. — QUEBEC CORPORATION, praying for an extension of the limits of that City, and that the Property of a Beach Lot may be secured to them. Presented, 35.

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182. — QUEBEC CORPORATION, praying for an Act to authorize them to borrow the Sum of Money required to light the City with Gas, and to supply the same with Water. Presented, 35.
117. — QUEBEC CORPORATION, praying for the repeal of the Act Incorporating the Quebec Gas Light Company. Presented, 29.
13. — QUEBEC BOARD OF TRADE, praying for an alteration in the amount of Duties charged upon various articles imported into this Province. Presented, 15.
14. — QUEBEC BOARD OF TRADE, praying for a grant of money to erect a new Custom House in the said City of Quebec. Presented, 15.
233. — QUINTE, Bay of, Mohawk Indians of the, praying that no portion of their Lands may be appropriated for Clergy Reserves. Presented, 41.
232. — RAILROAD COMPANY, THE GREAT WESTERN, praying that certain amendments may be made to their Act of Incorporation. Presented, 41.
551. — RENFREW, W. Wright and others, praying that the Bill introduced during the last Session, on the subject of the University of King's College, may be passed into a Law. Presented, 128.
130. — RICE, J., of Ham, praying for indemnification for Services. Presented, 30.
253. — RICHMOND, Rev. D. Evans and others, praying that the Charter of King's College, Toronto, may be amended. Presented, 42.
315. — RICHMOND, John Barton and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 51.
345. — RIMOUSKI AND KAMOURASKA, J. B. Pouliot and others, praying that the said Counties may be erected into a Judicial District, with Rivière du Loup for its centre. Presented, 54.
510. — RIMOUSKI, Municipality of La Rivière du Loup, in the County of, praying for the division of that County into two, for all purposes except that of Representation in Parliament. Presented, 83.
525. — RIMOUSKI, Municipal Council of the Parish of St. Jean Baptiste de l'Isle Verté, in the County of, praying for the division of that County. Presented, 95.
537. — RITCHIE, LOUISE H., praying against the passing of any Act calculated to destroy her subsisting rights as the widow of the late J. Deroche, to any property of which the said J. Deroche had died possessed. Presented, 109.
380. — ROGERSON, W., and others, praying that the Salary of the Supervisor of Cullers may be augmented. Presented, 60.
562. — ROUVILLE, Rev. M. Townsend and others, praying that Sunday Travelling may be prohibited. Presented, 152.
34. — RUSSELL, W. Laugh and others, of the County of, praying for an amendment to the Charter of the University of King's College. Presented, 22.
257. — RYLAND, G. H., Registrar of the County of Montreal, praying for relief, in consequence of the Government having neglected to perform certain engagements entered into with him. Presented, 42. Read, 98.— *Vide Committee No. 43, and Address No. 7.*

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82. — SAGUENAY, Rev. Durocher and others, of the borders of the River, praying for the establishment of Courts of Justice in that part of the Country. Presented, 26.
86. — SAGUENAY, Rev. L. Bourret and others, praying for the adoption of some Legislative measure for the relief of Shipwrecked Mariners, on the Shores of the St. Lawrence, within the limits of the County of. Presented, 26.
87. — SAGUENAY, J. Alexander and others, of the County of, praying for the appointment of Branch Pilots for the Saguenay River. Presented, 26.
88. — SAGUENAY, D. Gagnon and others, of the Borders of the River, praying for the opening of the Surveyed Road from St. Urbain to the above places, and for other improvements. Presented, 26.
245. — SALTFLLEET, BINBROOK, and parts adjacent, D. K. Secord and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 42.
98. — SANDWICH, Rev. W. Ritchie and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 27.
362. — SANDWICH, S. Gardiner and others, praying for the full payment of their Rebellion claims, as allowed to them by the Commissioners. Presented, 57.
241. — SARNIA AND PLYMPTON, Thos. L. Crooks and others, praying that a Road may be constructed on the Shores of Lake Huron, through the said Townships. Presented, 41.
530. — SCARBOROUGH, Rev. W. Stewart and others, praying that a portion of the Clergy Reserves may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto. Presented, 101.
204. — SENECA AND ONEIDA, R. M'Kinnon, and others, of the Townships of, praying that the endowment of the University of King's College Toronto, may not be divided amongst various denominations of Christians, but that the Charter may be altered and modified. Presented, 38.
61. — SEXTON, JOHN P., of Montreal, praying that the Office of Law Clerk to the Legislative Council may be conferred upon him. Presented, 24.—(Vide Committee No. 9.)
383. — SHARPLES, JOHN, praying for an increase of Salary as Supervisor of Cullers, together with a Petition from the Merchants of Quebec, in support thereof. Presented, 60.
139. — SHEFFORD ACADEMY, S. S. Foster and others, Directors of the, praying for pecuniary aid in support of the same. Presented, 31.
420. — SHEFFORD, GRANBY, & C., J. M. Ferres and others, praying for the restoration of the Territorial Division of the District of Missisquoi, for Judiciary purposes, as it existed under the late Municipal Ordinance of Lower Canada, and that Ailsonville be appointed as the place for holding the Courts. Presented, 65. Read, 65.
471. — SHEFFORD, C. Allen and others, praying that all denominations of Christians may have an equal share in the administration of the affairs of King's College, Toronto, and M'Gill College, Montreal. Presented, 74.
502. — SHEFFORD, J. L. Herrick and others, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold. Presented, 81.

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311. — SHERBROOKE, G. W. Brooks and others, praying that the intentions of the Legislature expressed during their last Session on the subject of the Branch Road from Sherbrooke to the Eastern Township, may be carried out. Presented, 50.
104. — SHIPTON, MELBOURNE, KINGSEY, AND DURHAM, T. Steel and others, praying that Public aid may be afforded to the Quebec and Melbourno Railroad Company. Presented, 27.
284. — SHIPTON, Thomas C. Allis and others, praying that the Charter of the University of King's College, Toronto, may be amended. Presented, 45.
286. — SHIPTON AND MELBOURNE, L. C. Cleeve and others, praying that the Bridge about to be erected over the River St. Francis, may be sufficiently strong to allow the Rail Cars to cross the same. Presented, 45.
79. — SIMCOE DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, praying for the establishment of a Provincial Agricultural Society, and that a Professorship of Agriculture may be established in the University of King's College. Presented, 26.
575. — SIMCOE DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, praying that the Money appropriated for improving the Main Roads in the said District, may be expended upon the objects contemplated by the grant. Presented, 166.
395. — SIMCOE DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying that the School Act may be so amended, as that the several Municipal Councils may have the power to collect as well as assess the Taxes in the several School Districts. Presented, 63.
396. — SIMCOE DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying that authority may be given to them, to levy a Tax of One Penny per Acre on all Lands not included in the Assessment Rolls of the said District. Presented, 63.
397. — SIMCOE DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying that the Act 1st Vict. c. 14, may be so amended, as that the Assessors may be empowered to enforce the payment of Taxes on improved Farms, when owned by non-residents. Presented, 63.
398. — SIMCOE DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying that authority may be given to them to impose a Tax on each Lot in the Town of Barrie. Presented, 63.
399. — SIMCOE DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying that authority may be given to assess and collect Taxes on Wild Lands, being the Property of Absentees. Presented, 63.
400. — SIMCOE DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying that the Registry Office may be removed to the Town of Barrie. Presented, 63.
491. — SINCLAIR, D., (on behalf of the London Baptist Congregation,) praying that the Lands called Clergy Reserves may be sold. Presented, 76.
65. — STANFOLD, J. Girourd and others, of the Township of, praying for a grant of money to open a Road from the said Township to the St. Francis at Grantham. Presented, 24.
190. — STANSTEAD, J. M. Quinby and others, of the North East Corner of, praying for a reduction of the price of Clergy Reserves, and that they may be relieved from the back Rent and Interest thereon. Presented, 35.
343. — STANSTEAD SEMINARY, Trustees of the, praying for pecuniary aid. Presented, 53.
127. — ST. AMBROISE de la JEUNE LORETTE, D. Lafrancois and others, of the Parish of, praying for the repeal of the Ordinances respecting Winter Vehicles. Presented, 29.—Vide Committee No. 15.

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375. — ST. AMBROISE, J. Bte. Lebel and others, praying that the Road called "*La Route de la Misère*," may be placed under the control of the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads, for the purpose only of being Macadamized. Presented, 59.
74. — STE. ANNE de la POCATIÈRE COUNCIL, praying for the continuation of the Government Road between that Parish and the Township of Ixworth. Presented, 25.
41. — ST. ANTOINE de la BAIE du FEBVRE, J. Coté and others, of the Parish of, praying for the repeal of the Ordinances relating to Winter Vehicles. Presented, 22.—*Vide Committee No. 15.*
42. — ST. ANTOINE de la BAIE du FEBVRE AND YAMASKA, M. Dionne and others, of the Parish of, praying that the Common School Act may be amended. Presented, 22.
517. — ST. ANTOINE de la BAIE du FEBVRE, Municipality of, praying that the Ordinance 3 and 4 Vic., chap. 25, respecting Winter Vehicles, may not be allowed to be revived. Presented, 86.
118. — ST. ANTOINE de TILLY, R. S. Noel and others, praying for the repeal of the Ordinances respecting Winter Vehicles. Presented, 29.—*Vide Committee No. 15.*
425. — ST. AUGUSTIN, W. Morrin and others, of the Parish of, praying that the line of Road surveyed under the direction of the Board of Works, from St. Eustache to Grenville, may be approved by the Legislature. Presented, 66.
426. — ST. AUGUSTIN, J. Dobie and others, praying for relief in consequence of the English School Teacher being removed from his Office by order of the Commissioners elected under the new School Act for Lower Canada. Presented, 66.
7. — ST. BERNARD, J. L. Lavernier and others, praying for the repeal of the Municipal and the amendment of the Registration Acts, and for other purposes. Presented, 14.
46. — STE. CROIX AND ST. FLAVIEN, J. Demers and others, of the Parishes of, praying for the removal of the Registry Office from Lotbinière to Ste. Croix. Presented, 22.
388. — ST. CROIX AND LOTBINIÈRE, J. C. Rival and others, praying that a Wharf may be built at the expense of the Province, at the place called Pointe Platon. Presented, 62.
49. — ST. CROIX, ST. ANTOINE de TILLY, AND ST. FLAVIEN, R. S. Noel and others, of the Parishes of, praying for the removal of the Registry Office from Lotbinière to St. Antoine de Tilly. Presented, 23.
412. — ST. DENIS, Municipality of, praying for a sum of money to complete the Road from the St. Lawrence between *la Rivière Ouelle* and Kamouraska, to the River St. John, in the State of Maine. Presented, 64.
514. — ST. EUSTACHE, H. St. Germain and others, praying that the Road recently surveyed from the said Parish to join the Toll Road at L'Abord-a-Plouffe, may be Macadamized. Presented, 86.
191. — ST. FRANCIS, J. Felton and others, praying for aid to complete a Road from the Town of Sherbrooke, to the Township of Stanstead. Presented, 35.
192. — ST. FRANCIS, J. Felton and others, praying for aid to repair the Bridge across the St. Francis River in the Town of Sherbrooke. Presented, 35.

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285. — ST. FRANCIS, W. Ritchie and others, praying that a Lunatic Asylum may be erected in Lower Canada. Presented, 45.
157. — ST. FOYE MUNICIPALITY, Mayor of, praying that the remainder of the additional Toll-gate and Toll-house on the Carouge Road, may be removed. Presented, 32.
158. — ST. FOYE MUNICIPALITY, Mayor of, praying that the remainder of the St. Foye Road and the Route de l'Eglise, may be Macadamized at the public expense. Presented, 32.
236. — ST. GENEVIÈVE, in the County of Montreal, H. Brunnett and others, praying for some amendments in the Common School Law. Presented, 41.
145. — ST. GENEVIÈVE AND ST. RAPHAEL, T. Meloche and others, of the Parishes of, praying that the Road leading from L'Abord-à-Plouffe to the Village of St. Geneviève, may be placed under the control of the Trustees of Turnpike Roads. Presented, 32.
45. — ST. GILES, A. Coté and others, of the Parish of, in the County of Lotbinière, praying for the removal of the Registry Office of the said County to St. Antoine de Tilly. Presented, 22.
21. — ST. HENRI AND ST. ISIDORE, P. Bussière and others, praying for an exclusive privilege in favour of a Grist Mill built by the said Pierre Bussière, in the Parish of St. Isidore aforesaid. Presented, 16.
156. — ST. HYACINTHE SEMINARY, praying for a Grant of Money. Presented, 32.
15. — ST. HYACINTHE HOSPITAL, Sisters of Charity of the, praying for an Act of Incorporation. Presented, 15.
313. — ST. HYACINTHE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, praying for the repeal of all Laws concerning Winter Vehicles. Presented, 50.—*Vide Committee No. 15.*
546. — ST. JEAN BAPTISTE de NICOLET, Municipal Council of, praying that the Act 8th Vic. chap. 72, respecting Tavern Licenses, may be amended. Presented, 119.
436. — ST. JEAN des CHAILLONS, Charles Dery and others, praying that the Registry Office for the County of Lotbinière may be held therein, and that a Circuit Court may be held in the Parish of St. Louis de Lotbinière. Presented, 68.
218. — ST. JOHN (Dorchester) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, praying for the repeal of the Statute of Lower Canada 4th George 4, cap. 2, and the amendment of the Statute of Canada, 8th Vict., cap. 40, and of the Judicature Acts. Presented, 39.
163. — ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, Curate, Church-wardens, and School Commissioners of, praying that the Sum of £195 16s. 4d., being the proportion of the grants for Educational purposes in 1842 and 1843 remaining due to and unclaimed by the said Parish, be granted to the Trustees of a Public Female School there. Presented, 34.
451. — ST. JONRE, M. H., praying for payment of his Account, for taking part of the Census of the Parish of La Rivière Ouelle. Presented, 71.
260. — ST. JOSEPH, P. M. Mignault and others, of the Parish of, praying that a Law may be passed to regulate the construction of Winter Vehicles. Presented, 43.—*Vide Committee No. 15.*
381. — ST. LAWRENCE, B. Clarke and others, of the Borders of the, praying that the Salary of the Supervisor of Collers may be augmented. Presented, 60.

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341. — ST. LAWRENCE RIVER, F. Roy and others, Inhabitants of the South Bank of the, praying that the exclusive right of Ferry over that River, asked for by Horatio N. Patton and others, may be refused. Presented, 53.
298. — ST. LAURENT, Honble. G. Roy and others, praying that the Public Highway which connects the Sault au Recollet and St. Laurent Turnpike Roads may be Macadamized. Presented, 41.
162. — ST. MATTHIEU de BELGIL MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, praying that Winter Roads may be kept eight feet wide, and that Inspectors of Water Courses may be appointed by the Municipal Council. Presented, 34.
518. — ST. MICHEL d'YAMASKA, E. G. Dugré and others, praying to be permitted to use *traines* and *trainaux* for the purpose of drawing firewood from the forest. Presented 86.
498. — ST. MICHEL, (Lachine,) Rev. A. Duransaux and others, praying that in any Bill for incorporating a Railway Company, a Clause may be inserted to prevent them from violating the Lord's day. Presented, 77.
424. — ST. NICHOLAS, O. Gregoire and others, praying that the Seigniorship of Lauzon may be erected into a County for the purposes of Registration. Presented, 66.
181. — ST. PASCHAL MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, praying that wholesale Traders may be relieved from the necessity of taking out Licences under 8th Vict. chap. 40. Presented, 35.
374. — ST. PASCHAL MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, praying for aid to open a Road from the Seigniorship of Kamouraska to the State of Maine. Presented, 59.
552. — ST. PIERRE, M. E. V. R. Metzler and others, praying that no discretionary power may be given to the Commissioners appointed to Select the route of a Road at St. Pierre. Presented, 128.
423. — ST. ROCH les AULNETS, Municipal Council of the Parish of, praying for aid in the completion of a Wharf and Road. Presented, 66.
354. — STE. ROSALIE, Corporation of the Parish of, praying for a repeal of the Ordinances relating to Winter Vehicles in Lower Canada. Presented, 56.
515. — ST. SCHOLASTIQUE, John Earl and others, praying that a certain line of Road which has been surveyed from the Parish of St. Eustache to Grenville, may be completed. Presented, 86.
70. — ST. STANISLAS, J. P. Trepanier and others, of the Parish of, praying for a pecuniary grant for the construction of a Road: Presented, 25.
274. — ST. SYLVESTER, Thomas M'Gobrick and others, praying for a repeal of the Ordinances of Lower Canada, 3 and 4 Vic. c. 25, and 4 Vic. c. 33, so far as respects the use of Sleighs. Presented, 44. Vide Committee, No. 15.
84. — ST. THÉRÈSE de BLAINVILLE COLLEGE CORPORATION, praying for a pecuniary grant towards the said Institution. Presented, 26.
356. — STE. THÉRÈSE, &c., J. D. Lanoine and others, praying that the Registry Office may be removed from Terrebonne to Ste. Thérèse de Blainville. Presented, 56.

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90. — ST. URBAIN, S. Destroismaisons and others, praying for a pecuniary grant to build a Bridge over Rivière du Gouffre. Presented, 26.
526. — STONEY CREEK, John Williamson and others, that the projected Railroad from Hamilton to Buffalo, may pass through the said Village: Presented, 96. Referred to the Committee, No. 35, 96.
417. — SULLIVAN, W. Y., praying for compensation for Services rendered as a School Teacher in 1841. Presented, 65.
419. — SUTTON, A. Billing and others, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be sold in conformity with the Provisions of the Imperial Act. Presented, 65.
567. — SYDENHAM, J. Blackburn and others, Creditors of the late Municipal Council of, praying that their claims may be satisfied. Presented, 160.
469. — TADOUSAC, J. Hovington and another, praying that no exclusive privilege may be given to other persons, of piloting vessels in the River Saguenay. Presented, 74.
444. — TALBOT DISTRICT, President of the Agricultural Society of the, praying for the establishment of a Professorship of Chemistry in the University of King's College, and also that Model Farms may be encouraged. Presented, 69.
99. — TALBOT DISTRICT COUNCIL, praying for the passing of an Act to extend the period for completing the Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad. Presented, 27.
378. — TAY AND TINY, W. Simpson and others, praying for the repeal of the School Act and the apportionment of the School Funds amongst the various religious denominations, also that the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be stopped, and that the proportion belonging to the United Church of England and Ireland, may be vested in the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, for the use and benefit of the said Church. Presented, 60.
542. — TAYLOR, J. FENNINGS, Junr., praying that the precedency originally conferred upon him, may be confirmed, and that the decisions on the subject of his Salary may be reconsidered. Presented, 114.—Vide Committee No. 3.
480. — TERREBONNE, J. Masson and others, praying that the County Registry Office may not be removed thence to the Village of St. Thérèse de Blainville. Presented, 76.
521. — TERREBONNE, County of, Rev. A. O. Giroux and others, praying that the Registry Office for that County may not be removed from the Village of Terrebonne. Presented, 90.
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