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HIS EXCELLENCY

THE RIGHT HONORABLE JAMES BRUCE, EARL OF ELGIN,  
GOVERNOR GENERAL,

&c. &c. &c.

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BEING THE THIRD SESSION

OF THE

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.



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.

Proclamation of 9th July, continuing Parliament to 26th August, 1846.

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 the eighteenth day of July instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

### A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the ninth day of June now last past, We thought fit to pro-  
rogue Our Provincial Parliament to the eighteenth 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 Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of August 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 right well beloved Cousin, Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl *Cathcart*, of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, K. C. B., 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, and Commander of Our Forces in *British North America* : At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, this ninth day of July, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and in the tenth 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

Proclamation of 20th August continuing Parliament to 5th October, 1846.

to

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 the twenty-sixth day of August instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the ninth day of July now last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the twenty-sixth day of August 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 fifth day of the month of October 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 right well beloved Cousin, Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl *Cathcart*, of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, K. C. B., 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, and Commander of Our Forces in British *North America*: At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, this twentieth day of August, in the year of Our Lord one thousand

eight hundred and forty-six, and in the tenth 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 the fifth day of October instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

Proclamation of 1st October, continuing Parliament to 14th November, 1846.

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the twentieth day of August now last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the fifth 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 Saturday the fourteenth day of the month of November 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

said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin, Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl *Cathcart*, of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, K. C. B., 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, and Commander of Our Forces in *British North America*: At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, this first day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and in the tenth 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.

Proclamation of the 5th November, continuing Parliament to 24th December, 1846.

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 the fourteenth day of November instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the first day of October now last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the fourteenth 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 Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of the month of December 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 right well beloved Cousin, Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl *Cathcart*, of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, K. C. B., 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, and Commander of Our Forces in *British North America*: At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, this fifth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

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



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

*VICTORIA*, by the Grace of GOD, of the United

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

Proclamation of 18th December, 1846, continuing Parliament to 2nd February, 1847.

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 the twenty-fourth day of December instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you,—

GREETING :

### A PROCLAMATION,

WHEREAS, on the fifth day of November now last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the twenty-fourth day of December 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 second day of the month of February 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 right well beloved Cousin, Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl *Cathcart*, of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, K. C. B., 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, and Commander of Our Forces in *British North*

*America*: At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, this eighteenth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and in the tenth 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 all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may concern,—

GREETING :

### A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, at a Session of the Parliament of Our Province of *Canada*, holden at the City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, on the twentieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and prorogued on the ninth day of June then next ensuing, in the ninth year of Our Reign, a certain Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate a Company " to extend the Great Western Railroad from "*Hamilton* to *Toronto*," and also a certain other 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 incor- " porate the City of *Toronto* and *Lake* " "*Huron* Railroad Company," and also a certain other Bill, intituled, " An Act for " erecting a Suspension Bridge over the *Niagara* River at or near the Falls of *Niagara*," and also a certain other Bill, intituled, " An Act to restore the rights of certain persons " attainted for High Treason," and also a certain other Bill, intituled, " An Act to incorporate the *Wolfe* Island, *Kingston*, and *Toronto*

Proclamation of 24th December, 1846, promulgating the Royal Assent to

Great Western Railroad Bill:

Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Bill:

Niagara River Suspension Bridge Bill:

Treason Attainders reversal Bill:

Wolfe Island Railroad Bill:

Peterboro' and  
Port Hope  
Railway Bill,

Montreal and  
Kingston  
Railroad Bill.

“*ronto* Railroad Company,” and also a certain other Bill, intituled “An Act to incorporate the *Peterboro' and Port Hope* Railway Company, and also a certain other Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Montreal and Kingston* Railroad Company,” were passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, and were, at the prorogation of the said Session, on the ninth day of June aforesaid, presented to 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 the United Kingdom 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 Bills for the signification of Our pleasure thereon: Now know ye, that the aforesaid Bills, respectively intituled, “An Act to incorporate “a Company to extend the Great Western “Railroad from *Hamilton to Toronto*,” “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 to restore the rights of “certain persons attainted for High Treason,” “An Act to incorporate the *Wolfe Island, “Kingston, and Toronto* Railroad Company,” “An Act to incorporate the *Peterboro' and Port “Hope* Railway Company,” “An Act to incorporate the *Montreal and Kingston* Railroad “Company,” having been laid before Us, in Council, on the thirtieth day of October now last past, We have been pleased to Assent to each and every of the same; and We do, by these presents, and according to the provisions of the said Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, passed in the third and fourth years of Our Reign, Assent to each and every of the aforesaid respective Bills; of all which Our loving subjects and all others whom these presents may concern, are hereby required to take notice, and to 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 right well beloved Cousin, Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray, Earl Cathcart*, of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, K. C. B., 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, and Commander of Our Forces in *British North America*: At *Montreal*, in Our said Province, this twenty-fourth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

D. DALY,  
Secretary.



PROVINCE OF  
*Canada*.

CATHCART

VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, Q U E E N, 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 the second day of February now next to have been commenced and held, and to every of you,—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the eighteenth day of December now last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the second

Proclamation  
of 28th January,  
continuing  
Parliament to  
15th March,  
1847.

cond day of February now 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 con- voking, and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that, on Monday, the fifteenth day of the month of March 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 right well be- loved Cousin, Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl *Cathcart*, of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, K. C. B., 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, and Commander of Our Forces in British *North America*: At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, this twenty- eighth day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,  
C. C. C.



PROVINCE  
OF  
*Canada*. } *ELGIN AND KINCARDINE*.

*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,—

Proclamation  
of 19th Febru-  
ary, 1847,  
promulgating  
the Royal  
Assent to

GREETING :

### A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, at a Session of the Parliament of Our Province of *Canada*, holden at the City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, on the twentieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and prorogued on the ninth day of June then next ensuing, in the ninth year of Our Reign, a certain Bill, intituled, “An Act for supplying the City of *Quebec* and parts adjacent thereto with “Water,” was passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, and was, at the pro- rogation of the said Session, on the ninth day of June aforesaid, presented to 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 Parli- ment of the United Kingdom 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 plea- sure thereon: Now know ye, that the afore- said Bill, intituled, “An Act for supplying the “City of *Quebec* and parts adjacent thereto “with Water,” having been laid before Us, in Council, on the nineteenth day of December now last past, We have been pleased to Assent to the same; and We do by these presents, and according to the said Act of the Parli- ment of the United Kingdom 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 to govern them- selves accordingly. In

Quebec Water  
Supply Bill.



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 right well beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, 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 nineteenth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,  
D. DALY,  
Secretary.



PROVINCE }  
OF } ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.  
Canada. }

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

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

GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the twenty-eighth day of January now last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the

fifteenth day of March 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-fourth day of the month of April 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 right well beloved Cousin, *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, 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 eighth day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

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



PROVINCE }  
OF } ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.  
Canada. }

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

To Our beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors

Proclamation of 15th April, summoning

Proclamation of 8th March, continuing Parliament to 24th April, 1847.



Parliament for  
the dispatch of  
business on 2d  
June, 1847.

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 the twenty-fourth day of April instant, 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 twenty-fourth day of April instant, nevertheless, for certain causes and considerations, We have thought fit further to prorogue the same to Wednesday, the second day of June next, so that you, nor any of you, on the said twenty-fourth day of April instant, at Our City of *Montreal*, to appear, are to be held or 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 one of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on Wednesday, the second day of June 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 of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, 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 fifteenth day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,  
C. C. C.

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday,  
2d June, 1817.

**W**EDNESDAY, the second day of June, in the tenth 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 third Session of the second Provincial Parliament of *Canada*, as continued by several prorogations to this day.

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

The Honorable Messieurs

*Robert S. Jameson,*  
*Peter McGill,*  
*William Morris,*  
*Alexander Fraser,*  
*Barthelemy Joliette,*  
*James Crooks,*  
*Adam Fergusson,*  
*John Hamilton,*  
*François P. Bruneau,*  
*Adam Ferrie,*  
*Paul H. Knoullon,*  
*Thomas McKay,*  
*Gabriel Roy,*  
*Joseph Dionne,*  
*J. Æmilus Irving,*  
*P. Boucher de Boucherville,*  
*John Neilson.*

The House was informed that a Commission under the Great Seal had been granted to the Honorable *Peter McGill*, appointing the said Honorable *Peter McGill* the Speaker of this House;

And that another Commission had been granted to *Charles Joseph Chaussegros de Léry*, Esquire, appointing him the Clerk of this House.

The Commission to the Speaker was then read as follows:—



PROVINCE  
OF  
*Canada.* } *ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.*

*VICTORIA*, by the Grace of GOD, of the <sup>The Commis-</sup>  
*United Kingdom of Great Britain and*  
*Ireland*, *QUEEN*, Defender of the  
Faith, &c. &c. &c.

To Our trusty and well beloved, the Honorable *Peter McGill*, one of the Members of the Legislative Council of Our Province of *Canada*—

GREETING :

**W**HEREAS, in and by a certain Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, made and passed in the Session held in the third and fourth years of Our Reign, and intitled, “An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower *Canada*, and for the government of “*Canada*,” it is, amongst other things, in effect enacted, that the Governor of the Province of *Canada* shall have power and authority, from time to time, by an instrument under the Great Seal of Our said Province, to appoint one Member of the Legislative Council of the said Province to be Speaker of the said Legislative Council, and to remove him and appoint another in his stead: Now know you, that We, trusting in your approved Loyalty, Fidelity, Wisdom, and Discretion, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents do constitute and appoint you to be the Speaker of the said Legislative Council of Our said Province, during Our Royal pleasure, and your remaining a Member of the said Legislative Council, in the place of the Honorable *René Edouard Caron*, with full power and authority to do and perform all such acts and things as to the said office it may of right and by law appertain

Members present.

The Hon. P. McGill appointed Speaker of the House

C.J.C. de Léry, Esq. appointed Clerk of the House.

Speaker's Commission read.

appertain to do and perform: Wherefore, We will and command you, the said *Peter McGill*, to attend and execute the duties of the said office with effect; and these Our Royal Letters Patent shall be your sufficient warrant and discharge in the behalf aforesaid.

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 right well beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, 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 Montreal, this thirty-first day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

D. DALY,

Secretary.

I do hereby certify, that the within named, the Honorable *Peter McGill*, Esquire, personally appeared before me, and took and subscribed the oath of allegiance, and the oath for the faithful discharge of the trust hereby reposed in him.

Montreal, 2d June, 1847.

Per Dedimus Potestatem.

FRS. P. BRUNEAU.

After which, the House was informed that the Speaker had taken and subscribed the usual Oath of Office before the Honorable *François P. Bruneau*, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the same.

Then the Speaker took the chair at the foot of the Throne, and the Commission was ordered to be put on the Journals, and the Mace was appointed to be carried before him.

The Commission to the Clerk of this House was then read as follows:—

Clerk's Commission read.



PROVINCE OF } ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Canada.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith.

The Commission.

To Our faithful and loving subject, *Charles Joseph Chaussegros de Léry*, Esquire—

GREETING:

KNOW you, that, having confidence in your loyalty, integrity, and ability, you, the said *Charles Joseph Chaussegros de Léry*, We have nominated, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do nominate, constitute, and appoint to the office and place of Clerk of the Legislative Council of Our Province of *Canada*, and to perform all and every the duties thereunto belonging or appertaining; to have and to hold the said office and place by you and your sufficient Deputy and Deputies for and during Our Royal pleasure and your actual residence in this Our said Province, together with all the rights, powers, authorities, profits, and emoluments, which to the said office and place of Clerk of the said Legislative Council do belong, or of right ought to belong or appertain.

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 right well beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, 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 Montreal, in Our said Province, this second day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight

Recorded 1st June, 1847, Lib., A. S., folio 248.

R. A. TUCKER, Registrar.

House informed that the Speaker had taken and subscribed the usual Oath of Office before a certain Commissioner.

He takes the Chair at the foot of the Throne.

eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

D. DALY,  
Secretary.

Recorded in the Registrar's Office of the Records, at *Montreal*, the second day of June, 1847, in the Nineteenth Register of Commissions and Letters Patent, Folio 356.

R. A. TUCKER,  
*Registrar.*

The Clerk then took and subscribed the Oath in the words following, which was administered to him at the Table, by the Honorable the Speaker of this House:—

Ye shall be true and faithful, and truth ye shall bear to Our Sovereign Lady, *Victoria*, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Queen, and to Her Heirs and Successors. Ye shall nothing know that shall be prejudicial to Her Highness, Her Crown, Estate, and Dignity Royal; but that ye shall resist it to your power, and with all speed ye shall advertise Her Grace thereof, or at the least some of Her Council, in such wise as the same may come to Her knowledge. Ye shall also well and truly serve Her Highness in the Office of Clerk of the Legislative Council of *Canada*, to attend upon the Legislative Council of this Province, making true entries and records of the things done and passed in the same. Ye shall keep secret all such matters as shall be treated in Her said Legislative Council, and not disclose the same before they shall be published, but to such as it ought to be disclosed unto: And generally, ye shall well and truly do and execute all things belonging to you to be done appertaining to the Office of Clerk of the said Legislative Council.—As God you help.

CHs. DE LÉRY.

Sworn, this second day  
of June, 1847, before  
me, *Peter McGill*,  
Speaker.

The Honorable *Robert S. Jameson* 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.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency the Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, 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, 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:*

It gives me sincere gratification to meet you, that we may deliberate on the important interests committed to our charge.

The representations which have proceeded from this and the neighbouring Provinces on the subject of the Post Office, have engaged the anxious consideration of the Imperial Government. I am enabled to inform you, that Her Majesty's Ministers are prepared to surrender to the Provincial Authorities, the control of that Department, as soon as by concert between the several Legislatures, arrangements shall be matured for securing to British *North America*, the advantages of an efficient and uniform Post Office System.

By a Statute passed during the last Session of the Imperial Parliament, the Colonial Legislatures are empowered to repeal differential Duties, heretofore imposed in the Colonies in favor of British produce. It is probable that by exercising this power you may be enabled to benefit the consumer without injury to the Revenue. I commend the subject to your consideration, and I shall lay before you certain communications relating to it, which I have received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and from the Lieutenant Governors of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*.

Measures will be submitted to you for extending more generally Warehousing facilities to Inland Ports, and for effecting other improvements in our commercial system, all of which will, I am sure, engage your attention.

In pursuance of an Address presented by the House of Assembly during the course of last Session, inquiries have been instituted with the view of ascertaining the practicability and probable cost of the construction of a Railway between *Quebec* and *Halifax*. A Survey of the

House ad-  
journs.  
Same resumes.

The Governor  
General comes  
to the House  
and commands  
the attendance  
of the Assem-  
bly.

They attend  
His Excellency  
accordingly.

His Excellen-  
cy's Speech at  
the convening  
of Parliament.

He takes and  
subscribes the  
usual Oath of  
Office at the  
Table.

The Oath.

Honorable Mr.  
*Jameson* takes  
the Oath pre-  
scribed by law.

the proposed line has been undertaken by the Imperial Government, and is still in progress.

I shall submit for your information a Despatch from the Secretary of State, describing the course which her Majesty's Government propose to take in order to remedy the inconvenience which the Provinces of British *North America* appear to have sustained from the operation of the Imperial Statute for the protection of Copy-right.

In view of the large Immigration which may be expected to take place this year, measures have been adopted for providing additional accommodation and Medical attendance for the sick; and for increasing the means of forwarding the destitute to places where their labor may be required. An increased grant has been made by the Imperial Parliament in aid of this service. Although it is to be feared that there may be much want and suffering among certain classes of Immigrants who arrive this season, I have reason to believe that they will be accompanied by a greater number than usual of persons possessed of capital who are likely to prove an acquisition to the Province.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,*

I have directed the Accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure of the past year, with the Estimates for the current year, to be laid before you.

I observe with satisfaction that there is an increase in the Revenue derived from Public Works.

I rely on your making such provision for the maintenance of the establishments and credit of the Province as may be necessary to support the high character for probity and good faith which *Canada* has at all times maintained.

*Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen,*

We have reason to bless Providence for our exemption from the calamity of famine with which another part of the Empire has been so sorely afflicted, and I congratulate you on the liberality which the inhabitants of this Colony, of all classes and origins, have evinced in contributing to the relief of their suffering fellow-subjects.

I cannot refrain from adverting to the fact, that among those whose generosity has been so conspicuous on this trying occasion, are our Indian Brethren.

The occurrences of the past year, though in some measure exceptional, indicate that there is a growing demand in Europe for the produce

of this Continent, and render it highly important that the inhabitants of *Canada* should improve to the utmost its natural advantages, and those which attach to it, as an integral part of an Empire abounding in wealth and population.

I feel confident that you will duly appreciate the responsibility which rests on Parliament at this conjuncture, and that you will endeavour by wise Legislation to afford all practicable extension and development to the trade and productive capabilities of the Province, and to give its institutions that hold on the affections of the people, which is the foundation of public and private credit, and the best security for social progress.

In all measures calculated to effect these important objects, I am prepared heartily to co-operate with you, and I am authorised to renew the assurance of the earnest desire of our Gracious Queen, to promote the prosperity of *Canada* and the happiness of its people.

Then His Excellency the Governor General His Excellency retires from the House 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, The Hon. J. Ferrier introduced as a Member.

When the Honorable *James Ferrier* was introduced between the Honorable Messieurs *William Morris* and *Ferrie*.

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



PROVINCE  
OF  
*Canada*. } *ELGIN AND KINCARDINE*.

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

To Our trusty and well beloved, *James Ferrier*, of the City of Montreal, 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

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 Ferrier*, 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 nowise 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 right well beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, 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 twenty-seventh day of May, and in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

E. & K.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,  
C. C. C.

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R. A. TUCKER,  
Registrar.

Sworn and takes his seat.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* 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.

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

When the Honorable *Roderick Matheson* was introduced between the Honorable Messieurs *Jameson* and *William Morris*.

The Hon. R. Matheson introduced as a Member.

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

Presents his Writ of Summons.



PROVINCE }  
OF } ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.  
Canada. }

VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c. &c. The Writ.

To our trusty and well beloved, *Roderick Matheson*, of Perth, 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 *Roderick Matheson*, 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 right well beloved Cousin, *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New*

*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 twenty-seventh day of May, and in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

By Command, E. & K.  
FELIX FORTIER,  
C. C. C.

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R. A. TUCKER,  
*Registrar.*

Sworn and takes his seat.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Matheson* 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.

A Bill presented and read *pro forma*.

The Honorable Mr. *William Morris* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act relating to Common Schools within this Province."

The said Bill was read the first time.

His Excellency's Speech reported.

The Honorable the Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne—

Same read.

And the same was read by the Clerk.

To be considered on Friday.

*Ordered*, that the House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General on Friday next.

And ordered to be printed.

*Ordered*, that 250 copies of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be printed, in both Languages, for the use of Members.

Committee of Privileges appointed.

*Ordered*, that the Members present this day be appointed a Committee, to consider of the orders and customs of this House, and privileges of Parliament.

Committee on Journals appointed.

*Ordered*, that the Honorable Messieurs *Fraser*, *Joliette*, *Fergusson*, and *Bruneau*, be appointed a Committee to peruse and perfect the Journals of this and former Sessions of the Provincial Parliament.

Committee on Contingencies 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 *Hamilton*, *Bruneau*, *Knoulton*, *Joseph*, *Dionne*, and *De Boucherville*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

*Ordered*, that the Honorable Messieurs *Joliette*, *Bruneau*, *Ferrie*, and *Neilson* be appointed a Committee to superintend the Printing of this House during the present Session.

Committee on Printing appointed.

*Ordered*, that the Clerk of this House be instructed to open an Account with the Post Office, for the Postage of Letters to and from the Members, and to include the same in his Contingent Account.

An Account with the Post Office ordered to be opened.

The Honorable the Speaker signified to the House, that, since the last Session, the Honorable *Robert Dickson*, one of the Members of this House, had departed this life:

Decease of the Hon. R. Dickson reported.

Whereupon, *it was moved*, that this House do now adjourn until Friday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Motion to adjourn.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, *it was resolved* in the affirmative:

Carried.

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

Adjourn.

Friday, 4th June, 1847.

FRIDAY.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>Jameson,</i>	<i>McKay,</i>
<i>W. Morris,</i>	<i>J. Dionne,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>de Boucherville,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>
<i>Knoulton.</i>	

PRAYERS.

The House, according to order, proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session;

His Excellency's Speech considered.

Which being read by the Clerk,

*It was moved* to resolve,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne, at the opening of the present Session, and to congratulate His Excellency on

Motion for an Address of thanks therefor.

on



on his assumption of the Government of this important Colony.

That we have much satisfaction in being assured of the sincere gratification which it affords His Excellency to meet the Legislative Council to deliberate on the important interests committed to their charge; and this feeling is greatly strengthened by the knowledge that His Excellency has had much experience of Colonial Government in another portion of Her Majesty's Dominions.

That we are grateful to His Excellency for the early information that Her Majesty's Ministers are prepared to surrender to the Provincial Authorities the control of the Post Office Department, so soon as by concert between the several Legislatures, arrangements shall be matured for securing to British *North America* the advantages of an efficient and uniform Post Office system.

That we learn with pleasure that the Imperial Parliament has empowered the Colonial Legislatures to repeal Differential Duties heretofore imposed in the Colonies in favor of British produce, and it will be satisfactory to the inhabitants of the Colony, if the Legislature, by exercising this power, may be enabled to benefit the consumer without injury to the revenue; and that the subject shall receive the attentive consideration of this House when His Excellency shall be pleased to lay before it certain communications relating to it which he has received from Her Majesty's Government, and from the Lieutenant Governors of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*.

That we will receive with due attention the measures which His Excellency intends to submit for extending more generally Warehousing facilities to Inland Ports, and for effecting other improvements in our Commercial system.

That we learn with satisfaction that inquiries have been instituted with the view of ascertaining the practicability and probable cost of the construction of a Railway between Quebec and Halifax; and that a Survey of the proposed line has been undertaken by the Imperial Government.

That we will receive, with due attention, a Dispatch from the Secretary of State, describing the course which Her Majesty's Government propose to take in order to remedy the inconvenience which the Provinces of British *North America* appear to have sustained from the operation of the Imperial Statute for the protection of Copy-right.

That we are gratified by the information that measures have been adopted for providing additional accommodation and Medical Attendance for the Sick Immigrants, and for increasing the means of forwarding the destitute to places where their labour may be required—an increased grant having been made by the Imperial Parliament in aid of this service. Although it is to be feared that there may be much want and suffering among certain classes of Immigrants who may arrive this season, it is satisfactory to learn that His Excellency has reason to believe that they will be accompanied by a greater number than usual of persons possessed of Capital, who are likely to prove an acquisition to the Province.

That we cordially unite with His Excellency in a sincere expression of thankfulness to Providence for our exemption from the calamity of Famine, with which another part of the Empire has been so sorely afflicted, and we receive with heartfelt gratification His Excellency's congratulation on the liberality which the inhabitants of this Colony, of all classes and origins, have evinced, in contributing to the relief of their suffering fellow subjects, and especially the conspicuous generosity of our Indian Brethren on this trying occasion.

That we duly acknowledge His Excellency's opinion, that the occurrences of the past year, though in some measure exceptional, indicate that there is a growing demand in Europe for the produce of this Continent, and render it highly important that the inhabitants of *Canada* should improve to the utmost its natural advantages, and those which attach to it, as an integral part of an Empire abounding in wealth and population.

That we thank His Excellency for his confidence that we will duly appreciate the responsibility which rests on Parliament at this conjuncture, and that we will endeavour by wise Legislation to afford all practicable extension and development to the Trade and productive capabilities of the Province, and to give its institutions that hold on the affections of the people which is the foundation of public and private credit, and the best security for social progress.

That we receive with satisfaction His Excellency's assurance that in all measures calculated to effect these important objects, His Excellency is prepared heartily to co-operate with this House, and that His Excellency is authorised to renew the assurance of the earnest desire of Our Gracious Queen to promote



promote the prosperity of *Canada*, and the happiness of its people.

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

Motion to agree to the 1st paragraph.

*It was moved* to adopt the same ;

Whereupon the question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Adopted.

*The same was resolved*, unanimously, in the affirmative.

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

Motion to amend the 2d paragraph.

*It was moved*, in amendment thereto, that after the word "interests," in line 81 of the said paragraph, the following words be added, "We must, however, regret, that His Excellency should have been advised to postpone the assembling of Parliament to a season so inconvenient for Members and for the public, and deferred to the extreme verge allowed by the Constitution, more especially when it is borne in remembrance, that in proroguing Parliament in 1846, a just and proper sense was expressed of the expediency of Members resuming their private avocations, the terms of *closing* that Session being now fixed upon as the date of commencing one of arduous duty, and, it may be, of protracted duration."

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 the 2d paragraph.

*It was then moved* to agree to the said second paragraph as originally proposed,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Adopted.

*The same was resolved* in the affirmative.

Remaining paragraphs read, and

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

*It was moved* to adopt the same ;

Whereupon the question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Adopted.

*The same was resolved* unanimously in the affirmative.

A Committee appointed to prepare the Address.

*Ordered*, that the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks*, *Neilson*, and *Ferrier*, be appointed a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, founded on the foregoing Resolution.

An Address, in answer to His Excellency's Speech, reported by them.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks*, 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 :

The Address.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the 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 Your assumption of the Government of this important Colony.

We derive much satisfaction in being assured of the sincere gratification which it affords Your Excellency to meet the Legislative Council to deliberate on the important interests committed to our charge ; and this feeling is greatly strengthened by the knowledge that Your Excellency has had much experience of Colonial Government in another portion of Her Majesty's Dominions.

We are grateful for the early information which your Excellency has been pleased to communicate to us, that Her Majesty's Ministers are prepared to surrender to the Provincial Authorities the control of the Post Office Department, so soon as by concert between the several Legislatures, arrangements shall be matured for securing to British *North America* the advantages of an efficient and uniform Post Office System.

We learn with pleasure that the Imperial Parliament has empowered the Colonial Legislatures to repeal Differential Duties heretofore imposed in the Colonies in favor of British Produce, and we feel assured that it will be satisfactory to the inhabitants of the Colony, if the Legislature, in the exercise of this power, may be enabled to benefit the consumer without injury to the Revenue. We shall attentively consider the communications which Your Excellency may be pleased to transmit to us in connection with this subject which Your Excellency may have received from Her Majesty's Government,

ment, and from the Lieutenant Governors of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*.

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We learn with satisfaction that inquiries have been instituted with the view of ascertaining the practicability and probable cost of the construction of a Railway between Quebec and Halifax; and also that a Survey of the proposed line has been undertaken by the Imperial Government.

We will receive from Your Excellency, with due attention, a Dispatch from the Secretary of State, describing the course which Her Majesty's Government proposes to take in order to remedy the inconvenience which the Provinces of British *North America* appear to have sustained from the operation of the Imperial Statute for the protection of Copy-right.

We are gratified by the information which Your Excellency has been pleased to communicate, that measures have been adopted for providing additional accommodation and Medical Attendance for the Sick Immigrants, and for increasing the means of forwarding the destitute to places where their labour may be required—an increased grant having been made by the Imperial Parliament in aid of this service. And whilst we participate in Your Excellency's fears, that there may be much want and suffering among certain classes of Immigrants who may arrive this season, we nevertheless learn with satisfaction that Your Excellency has reason to believe that they will be accompanied by a greater number than usual of persons possessed of Capital, who are likely to prove an acquisition to the Province.

We cordially unite with Your Excellency in a sincere expression of thankfulness to Providence for our exemption from the calamity of Famine with which another part of the Empire has been so sorely afflicted; and we receive with heartfelt gratification Your Excellency's congratulation on the liberality which the Inhabitants of this Colony, of all classes and origins, have evinced, in contributing to the relief of their suffering fellow subjects, and especially the conspicuous generosity of our Indian Brethren on this trying occasion.

We duly acknowledge Your Excellency's opinion, that the occurrences of the past year, though in some measure exceptional, indicate that there is a growing demand in Europe for the produce of this Continent, and we agree with Your Excellency in the opinion, that it is highly important that the Inhabitants of *Canada* should improve to the utmost its natural advantages, and those which attach to it, as an integral part of an Empire abounding in wealth and population.

We duly appreciate the responsibility which rests on Parliament at this conjuncture, and we will endeavour by wise Legislation to afford all practicable extension and development to the Trade and productive capabilities of the Province, and give its Institutions that hold on the affections of the people which is the foundation of public and private credit, and the best security for social progress.

We receive with satisfaction Your Excellency's assurance that in all measures calculated to effect these important objects, Your Excellency is prepared heartily to co-operate, and we are grateful for the assurance which Your Excellency has been authorised to renew, that it is the earnest desire of Our Gracious Queen to promote the prosperity of *Canada*, and the happiness of its people.

Which Address, being read by the Clerk, Same adopted, and was agreed to 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 to be presented by the whole House.

*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 be pleased to appoint to be attended with the said Address. Certain Members appointed to wait on His Excellency, to know when the Address will be received.

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

SATURDAY.

Saturday, 5th June, 1847.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>Jameson,</i>	<i>De Boucherville,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Matheson.</i>
<i>McKay,</i>	

PRAYERS.

Address in answer to the speech to be received on Monday next.

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, and that His Excellency had appointed Monday next, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, at the Government House in this City.

Petition from

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from *John Usher* and others, inhabitants of *Willoughby* and *Stamford*, praying for an Act granting a further sum of money in order to liquidate in full, certain claims for losses occasioned by the late Rebellion.

Willoughby and Stamford (J. Usher and others.) presented.

*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, 7th June, 1847.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>Jameson,</i>	<i>McKay,</i>
<i>W. Morris,</i>	<i>Roy,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>De Boucherville,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Matheson.</i>
<i>Knoulton.</i>	

PRAYERS.

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

The Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech presented, and the reply reported by the Speaker.

The Honorable the Speaker reported, that the House did this day wait on His Excellency the Governor General, with their Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, to which His Ex-

cellency was pleased to return the following most gracious answer:—

*Honorable Gentlemen,*

The Reply.

I thank you for your Address, and for your congratulations upon my assumption of the Government of this important Colony. I rely on your support and assistance in my endeavours to promote its welfare.

*Ordered*, that one hundred copies of the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, together with His Excellency's Answer thereto, be forthwith printed and published, in both Languages, for the use of Members.

The Address and His Excellency's reply thereto ordered to be printed.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a General Statement of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials for the District of *Montreal*, for the year 1846.

A Statement of Baptisms, &amp;c., in the District of Montreal presented.

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

(*For Statement, vide Sessional Papers, Letters T. T. T.*)

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House, the Report of the Law Clerk on Expiring Laws.

The Law Clerk's report on Expiring Laws presented.

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

(*For Report, vide Appendix No. 1.*)

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, 1846.

Accounts of the Trinity House at Quebec presented.

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

(*For Accounts, vide Sessional Papers, Letter D.*)

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House, Returns from the County of *Terrebonne*, and *London* District Agricultural Societies.

Terrebonne and London Districts Agricultural Returns, presented.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition

Petitions.

From C. C. Farran of Osnabruck.

Petition from *Charles C. Farran*, of the Township of *Osnabruck*, praying for the payment of the amount of an award made in his favor by the Arbitrators appointed to ascertain the damages occasioned by the construction of the *St. Lawrence Canal*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Guelph District (the Magistrates of)

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from the Magistrates of the District of *Guelph*, in Quarter-Sessions assembled, praying for the appointment of a Stipendiary Magistrate, for certain remote Townships in the said District; also, for the passing of an Act to compel the Inhabitants of the *Owen Sound Settlement* to elect Municipal and Township Officers; and also, for the Amendment of the Division Court Act; also, two Petitions from *George J. Grange* and others, Inhabitants of the Districts of *Wellington* and *Gore*, praying that the sum of five hundred pounds, granted for the improvement of the Road from *Guelph* to *Dundas* may be expended thereon; and also praying for the incorporation of a Joint Stock Company, to construct a Planked or Macadamized Road from the town of *Guelph* to intersect the Macadamized Road from *Dundas* to *Waterloo*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Managers of the Quebec Male Orphan Asylum.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from the Managers of the Male Orphan Asylum at *Quebec*, in connection with the Church of *England*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From J. Langevin of Montreal.

The Honorable Mr. *de Boucherville* presented a Petition from *Jean Langevin*, of *Montreal*, praying for the passing of an Act to compel the present Municipalities to discharge the debts of the late Municipal Councils. Also a Petition from *George Jérémie Pacaud*, of *Three Rivers*, as Attorney for thirty-two Voyageurs of the Lower Canadian Militia, praying to be recompensed for their services during the late War with the *United States of America*. Also, a Petition from *Jean Baptiste Miville Dechene*, of *St. Henry*, praying to be indemnified for the loss of his Schooner, while employed by Her Majesty's Government in carrying provisions to persons in distress at *Trois Pistoles* and *Rimcuski*, in November 1816. Also, a Petition from *P. Latouche* and others, of the Parish of *St. Henry*, in the County of *Dorchester*, praying that no change may be made in the provisions

From G. J. Pacaud of Three Rivers.

From J. B. M. Dechene of St. Henry.

From St. Henry, (P. Latouche and others.)

of the Statute of *Lower Canada*, 58th Geo. III., Chap. 25, on Petition from *James Motz*, without due notice thereof being given. Also, a Petition from *Antoine Blais* and others, of the County of *Bellechasse*, praying for the Repeal of all Laws imposing Direct Taxes for purposes of Education. Also, a Petition from *Augustin Morin* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Henry*; also, a Petition from *George Miville* and others, of the Parish of *Saint François de la Beauce*; also, a Petition from *J. Bouchard* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Joseph de la Beauce*; also, a Petition from *Siméon Larochelle* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Anselme*; also a Petition from *Charles Robertson* and others, of the parish of *St. Joseph of Point Levi*, severally praying that so much of the School Act of last Session as imposes a direct tax for Educational purposes, may be repealed. And also, a Petition from *James Morgan* and others, of the County of *Lotbinière* praying for the Repeal of the Act, 9th Vict., c. 27.

From Bellechasse, (A. Blais & others)

From St Henry (A. Morin and others.)

From St François de la Beauce (G. Miville and others.)

From St Joseph de la Beauce (J. Bouchard and others.)

From St. Anselme (S. Larochelle and others.)

From St Joseph (C. Robertson and others.)

From Lotbinière (J. Morgan and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *Jean E. Vigneau* and others, Inhabitants of the *Magdalen Islands*, in the District of *Gaspé*, praying that the Letters Patent granted to Sir *Isaac Coffin*, as proprietor of the said Islands, may be revoked, and that they may be allowed to hold their lands in free and common soccage. Also, a Petition from *John Macnamara*, School Teacher in the Parish of *Ste. Catharine*, in the County of *Portneuf*, praying for pecuniary aid. And also, a Petition from *Peter Patterson* and others, Stockholders in the *Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Company*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said Company.

From the Magdalen Islands (J. E. Vigneau and others.)

From J. Macnamara of Ste. Catharine.

From Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Company.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *A. Simpson* and others, Stockholders of the "*Montreal Mining Company*," praying for an Act to incorporate the same.

And from the Montreal Mining Company, presented.

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

It was moved, that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:—

Motion for an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of Patents.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects,

jects, the Legislative Council and ——— of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly beg leave to approach Your Majesty with renewed expressions of devoted and loyal attachment to Your Majesty's Royal Person and Government.

We humbly beg leave to submit to Your Majesty, that an Act was passed by the Legislature of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, in the seventh year of the Reign of Your Majesty's Royal predecessor, King *George* the Fourth, for the encouragement of useful arts within the said Province, and that under the provisions thereof about seventy Patents have been issued.

That, in several instances, the holders of Patents granted in England, in virtue of Your Majesty's undoubted Royal prerogative, have caused the same to be recorded in this Province, under the provisions of the said Act, and claimed that they should be considered operative here in consequence of a clause in their certificates securing to the Patentees the exclusive use and benefit of their respective inventions in all Your Majesty's Colonies abroad.

The Legislative Council and ——— further beg leave to submit, for Your Majesty's Royal consideration, that they have good reasons for believing, that Citizens of the United States of America proceed to England, and there obtain Patents for inventions and mechanical improvements of various kinds, discovered in their own Country, the exclusive benefit of which they are thus enabled to claim in *Canada*, thereby debarring the inhabitants of this Province from availing themselves of the use of such inventions and improvements except at a great expense, and discouraging the development of the native ingenuity of Your Majesty's loyal Canadian subjects.

The Legislative Council and ——— humbly submit the foregoing statement for Your Majesty's Royal consideration, not doubting but Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to make such order thereon as Your Majesty in Your Royal pleasure, may think most conducive to the interests of the inhabitants of this Province.

*Ordered*, that the said motion be taken into consideration by the House on Thursday next.

*It was moved*, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will

cause to be laid before this House copies of all papers connected with the charges brought against Mr. *James Alison*, as Immigrant Agent, at *Montreal*, by Mr. *Buchanan*, the Immigrant Agent, of *Quebec*, together with the copies of all the Affidavits of the Witnesses summoned before and examined by *G. W. Wicksteed*, Esquire, the Commissioner appointed by the Government for that purpose, and also a copy of the said Commissioner's report upon the subject, as well as the copies of any letters or papers which may in any way bear upon the question.

*Ordered*, that the said motion be taken into consideration by the House on Thursday next.

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

Tuesday, 8th June, 1847

TUESDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>W. Morris,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Knoulton,</i>
<i>Joliette,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>De Boucherville,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>Matheson.</i>

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company, praying for the Amendment of their Act of Incorporation; and also a Petition from the British American Land Company, praying that the Provincial Parliament will pass a Law to enable the said Company to adduce as evidence of their Charter of Incorporation, before any Court of Judicature in the Province, the authorized printed Act of the Imperial Parliament, as it is found in the Copy of the Statutes printed by Authority.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* laid before the House, the Report of the Librarian on the State of the Library.

Librarian's Report presented.

To be considered on Thursday next

Motion for an Address to His Excellency respecting

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

(For Report, vide Appendix No. 2.)

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *John Mathewson*, and others, Inhabitants of *Montreal*, praying for the incorporation of the New City Gas Company of *Montreal*; and also a Petition from *David Torrance* and others, Stockholders in the *Canada Mining Company*, praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *A. N. Morin*, of *Montreal*, praying for leave to construct a Toll Bridge over *North River*, in the Parish of *St. Jérôme*, in the County of *Terrebonne*. Also a Petition from the Reverend *C. J. Ducharme* and others, Inhabitants of various parishes in the County of *Terrebonne*, praying that the Registry Office of that County may be removed from the Parish of *Terrebonne* to *St. Thérèse*, where the said Office was formerly held. Also, a Petition from *J. A. Chiniguy*, *J. P.*, and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Bellechasse*, praying for the construction of a Wharf in the Parish of *St. Michel*. And also, a Petition from *L. Launière* and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Bellechasse*, praying for the removal of the Registry Office from the Parish of *St. Gervais* to the Parish of *St. Michel*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Irving* presented three Petitions from the *Simcoe District Council*, praying that in the proposed Assessment Act, some further alterations may be made; also praying that the amount granted under the 4th and 5th *Victoria*, for the improvement of the Roads in the said District, may be expended in carrying out those objects; and also praying that the Act imposing a duty upon Foreign Produce, when admitted into this Province, may not be repealed.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* presented a Petition from the Reverend *William McMurray* and others, Inhabitants of the Village of *Dundas*, praying that the said Village may not be incorporated: and also, a Petition from *George Rolph*, of *West Flamboro'*, in the County of *Halton*, praying that no portion of his Farm-lands, now used as such, may be

included in the limits of the Village of *Dundas*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Joliette* presented a Petition from His Lordship, the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Montreal*, and others, praying for pecuniary aid towards the erection of a College in that City. Also, a Petition from the College of *L'Assomption*, praying for pecuniary aid. Also, a Petition from *Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle*, the younger, of the Parish of *Sault au Recollet*, praying to be allowed to erect a Toll Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*. Also, a Petition from *William Ware* and others, of *Quebec*, praying for the renewal of the Statute of *Lower Canada*, 2d Will. IV., cap. 21, relating to the measurement of Land. And also, a Petition from *W. Patton* and others, of the Parish of *St. Thomas*, praying for a grant £1250 towards the erection of an Academy for young Girls.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from the Honorable *B. Joliette* and others, of the County of *Berthier*, praying for an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Railroad from the Village of *Industry* to the *St. Lawrence*, through the Seigniories of *Lavaltrie* and *Lanoraie*; and also, a Petition from the Reverend *Antoine Manseau*, Vicar General of the Diocese of *Montreal*, and Superior of *Joliette College*, at the Village of *Industry*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *John Prince* and others, occupiers of a tract of Land on *Lake Superior*, praying to be incorporated under the style and title of the *British North American Mining Company*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Ordered, that the Report of the Librarian, on the subject of the Library, be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Fraser*, *Joliette*, *Fergusson*, *Bruneau*, and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

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

Wednesday,

Petitions.  
From Montreal (J. Mathewson & others.)

From the Canada Mining Company.

From A. N. Morin, of Montreal.

From Terrebonne, (Rev. C. J. Ducharme and others.)

From Bellechasse, (J. A. Chiniguy and others.)

From Bellechasse (L. Launière & others)

From the Simcoe District Council, (three Petitions.)

From Dundas, (Rev. W. McMurray and others.)

From G. Rolph, West Flamboro'.

From the R. C. Bishop of Montreal & others.

From L'Assomption (the College of).  
From P. Persillier dit Lachapelle, of Sault au Recollet.

From Quebec, (W. Ware and others.)

From St. Thomas, (W. Patton and others)

From Berthier (Hon. B. Joliette & others)

From the Rev. A. Manseau, (Superior of Joliette College.)

And from J. Prince and others, present.

The Librarian's Report referred to a Select Committee.

Adjourn.



WEDNESDAY.

Wednesday, 9th June, 1847.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>
<i>W. Morris,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>Joliette,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Matheson.</i>

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the College of *St. Anne Lapocatière*, praying for a grant of money.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Irving* presented a Petition from *Henry Allen*, Esquire, late Judge of the *London* District Court, praying than an inquiry may be made into the cause and reason of his dismissal from the Office of Judge in and for the said District; and also six Petitions from the *Simcoe* District Council, praying that the time for receiving the Township Collector's Returns may be extended beyond the period mentioned in the proposed Assessment Law; also praying for the adoption of a more equitable mode of Assessment on all rateable property; also praying for a reduction in the present rates of Postage; also praying for the construction of a Road from the Town of *Barrie* to the Village of *Orillia*; also praying that no portion of the District of *Simcoe* may be attached to the *Home* District; and also praying that the residue of the grant made for the improvement of the Roads in the said District, may be appropriated without delay; and also that the said District may receive its due moiety of the last loan which was negotiated in *England* on behalf of this Province.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Joliette* presented a Petition from *Pierre Vieau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Martin*, praying for leave to erect a Toll Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*; and also a Petition from *Joseph Vallée* and others, of the Counties of *Montreal*, *Terrebonne*, and the *Lake of Two Mountains*, in favour of the Petition of *Pierre Vieau*, praying for leave to erect a Toll Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *P. T. Casgrain* and others, of

the Parish of *La Rivière Ouelle*, praying for a grant of Money, in aid of an Academy for Girls.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Caron* presented a Petition from the *Quebec* Bank, praying for the passing of an Act to increase the Capital Stock and amend the Charter of the said Institution; and also a Petition from *George Okill Stewart* and others, Members of an Association for constructing and maintaining an Electric Telegraph between *Quebec* and *New Brunswick*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate them under the name and style of the *British North American Electric Telegraph Association*.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the Seminary of *St. Hyacinthe*, praying for a grant of money towards building another Edifice; also a Petition from the Rev. *J. B. Chartré* and others, of the Parish of *Sainte Ursule*, praying that the Act 9th Vic. c. 27, may be replaced by an Act providing for Elementary Education in a more liberal manner; also a Petition from the Ladies managing the *Quebec* Infant School, praying for pecuniary aid; also a Petition from *Samuel Daniels* and others, Inhabitants of the Townships of *Shipton*, *Tingwick*, *Walton*, *Windsor*, and *Melbourne*, in the District of *St. Francis*, praying for pecuniary aid to open a Road in the said District; and also a Petition from *W. Ritchie* and others, inhabitants of the Townships of *Melbourne*, *Shipton*, *Brompton*, *Windsor*, and *Oxford*, in the said District of *St. Francis*, praying for pecuniary aid to repair the Stage Road through the Townships of *Melbourne* and *Brompton*.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented two Petitions, from *David Davidson* and others, of *Montreal*, praying for an Act of Incorporation, to enable them to construct a Rail Road from *Carillon* to *Grenville*; and also praying for an Act of Incorporation, to enable them to construct a Rail Road from *Lake St. Louis*, to the Province Line.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, laid before the House copies of a Correspondence between certain Members of the Provincial Administration

Casgrain and others.)

From the Quebec Bank.

From the Quebec and New Brunswick Telegraph Association.

From St. Hyacinthe Seminary.

From St. Ursule (Rev. J. B. Chartré and others.)

From the Quebec Infant School.

From Shipton, Tingwick, &amp;c. (S. Daniels &amp; others.)

From Melbourne, Shipton, &amp;c. (W. Ritchie and others.)

And from Montreal (D. Davidson and others.) (2 Petitions.)

The Correspondence between certain Members of the Administration and a Member of this House, presented.

Petitions  
From Ste Anne  
Lapocatière  
College.From Henry  
Allen.From the Sim-  
coe District  
Council (Six  
Petitions.)From St. Mar-  
tin (P. Vieau  
and others.)From Montreal  
& Terrebonne  
(J. Vallée and  
others.)From Rivière  
Ouelle (P. T.

Administration and an Honorable Member of this House.

Adjourn.

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

THURSDAY.

Thursday, 10th June, 1847.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable Peter McGill, Speaker :

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| The Honorable Messieurs | The Honorable Messieurs |
| <i>Caron,</i>           | <i>Knoulton,</i>        |
| <i>W. Morris,</i>       | <i>McKay,</i>           |
| <i>Fraser,</i>          | <i>Roy,</i>             |
| <i>Joliette,</i>        | <i>Irving,</i>          |
| <i>Crooks,</i>          | <i>De Boucherville,</i> |
| <i>Fergusson,</i>       | <i>Neilson,</i>         |
| <i>Hamilton,</i>        | <i>Ferrier,</i>         |
| <i>Ferrie,</i>          | <i>Matheson.</i>        |

PRAYERS.

Hon. Messrs. Sherwood and Widmer take the Oath prescribed by law.

The Honorable Messieurs *Sherwood* and *Widmer* came to the Table, and severally 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.

Petitions.

From Wellington District Council.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from the *Wellington* District Council, praying against the division of the said District. And also, a Petition from *J. S. Brongeest* and others, Inhabitants of *Hamilton*, praying for the passing of an Act to Incorporate them as a Provincial Life Assurance Company on mutual principles.

From Hamilton, (J. S. Brongeest and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Quebec, (T. H. Roy & others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Caron* presented a Petition from *Thomas H. Roy* and others, of the County of *Quebec*, praying that *Dorchester* Bridge may be purchased by the Provincial Government, and placed under the control of the Trustees of the *Quebec* Turnpike Roads. Also, two Petitions from the Corporation of *Quebec*, praying for pecuniary aid to enable them to defray certain charges arising out of the suffering and sickness amongst the Immigrants, who are arriving at that City, and praying for the Amendment of their Act of Incorporation. Also, a Petition from *Joseph*

From the Quebec Corporation (two Petitions).

From Quebec (J. Hamel and others.)

*Hamel* and others, of *Quebec*, sufferers by the great Fires in that City, complaining that no part of the £100,000 granted last Session for their relief has been paid to them, and praying for redress. Also, a Petition from *A. Joseph* and others, Inhabitants of *Quebec*, praying for the passing of an Act to Incorporate them under the name and style of the "District Bank of *Quebec*." Also, a Petition from *Antoine Legaré* and others, of *Quebec*, Members of the "Association des Institut du District de *Quebec*," praying for a grant of money in aid of that Society. And also, a Petition from *Eliza M. Massue* and others, of *Quebec*, Directresses of the "Association Charitable des Dames Catholiques Romaines de *Quebec*," praying for a grant of money.

From Quebec. (A. Joseph & others.)

From Quebec. (A. Legaré & others.)

From Quebec. (E.M. Massue and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *P. Langlois* and others, Inhabitants of *St. Ambroise* and the adjoining Parishes, praying that the *Ormière* Road, from its junction with the Commissioners' Bridge, to the Church of *St. Ambroise*, may be Macadamised. And also, a Petition from *James Burnett* and others, of the Parish of *L'An-cienne Lorette*, near *Quebec*, praying for a repeal of the provisions in the Act, 9th Vict., c. 27, making taxation for purposes of Education compulsory.

From St. Ambroise, (P. Langlois and others.)

And from L'An-cienne Lorette, (J. Burnett and others) presented,

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Return from the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company, for the season or year 1846.

A Return from Champlain. & St. Lawrence Railroad Company presented

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

For Return, vide Appendix, No. 3.

The House, according to order, proceeded to the consideration of the Motion for an Address to Her Majesty respecting the issue of Patents for Inventions.

The Motion for an Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of Patents considered by the House.

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

The proposed Address read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Honorable the Speaker do sign the said Address on behalf of this House.

Order for engrossing and signing thereof

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and

The Address sent to the Assembly for concurrence.



and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of Patents for Inventions, to which Address the Legislative Council desire their concurrence.

Consideration of the Motion for an Address to His Excellency respecting certain charges alleged against Mr Alison, as Immigrant Agent at Montreal.

The House, according to order, proceeded to the consideration of the Motion for an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of the Emigrant Office at Montreal.

Which Address being read by the Clerk, it was

The proposed Address read. The further consideration of the Motion postponed till Monday next.

Ordered, that the further consideration of the said Motion be postponed until Monday next.

Adjourn.

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

FRIDAY.

Friday, 11th June, 1847.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable Peter McGill, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Roy,</i>
<i>W. Morris,</i>	<i>Moore,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Joliette,</i>	<i>Widmer,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>De Boucherville,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>
<i>McKay,</i>	<i>Matheson.</i>

PRAYERS.

Petitions

From Portland (F. Denison and others.)

The Honorable Mr. Hamilton presented a Petition from *Thomas Denison* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Portland*, in the *Midland* District, praying that the rear Concessions in the said Township may be again surveyed.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From J. Clark (Longue Pointe.)

The Honorable Mr. *de Boucherville* presented a Petition from *John Clark*, of *Longue Pointe*, near *Montreal*, complaining of injuries sustained by him at the hands of the Trustees of the *Montreal* Turnpike Roads, and praying for an inquiry and for redress.

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 Ottawa (J. Egan and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the *Montreal* School of Medicine, praying for an amendment to the Act by which they are incorporated.

From the Montreal School of Medicine.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from *John Patterson* and others, Inhabitants of the Village of *Dundas*, praying for the passing of an Act to Incorporate the said Village; and also a Petition from *George J. Grange* and others, Inhabitants of the District of *Wellington*, praying that an Act may be passed Incorporating a Joint Stock Company, for the purpose of constructing a Planked or Macadamized Road from *Guelph* to the Village of *Arthur*.

From Dundas (J. Patterson and others.)

From the Wellington District (G. J. Grange and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Caron* presented a Petition from *James Motz*, of *Quebec*, Advocate, Proprietor of a Toll Bridge over the River *Etchemins*, in the District of *Quebec*, praying that the Act 58th, Geo. 3d, Chap. 25, may be so modified as to secure him the enjoyment of the said Bridge, and Tolls levied thereon.

From J. Motz (of Quebec.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* presented a Petition from the Honorable *Zacheus Burnham* of the Town of *Cobourg*, praying that a certain parcel or tract of Land, at the *Sault de Ste. Marie*, granted to three individuals, by the Chiefs and Warriors of the *Chippawa* Tribe of Indians in the year 1760, may be confirmed, or that some other compensation may be made to the Representatives of the parties to whom the said Land was originally ceded, as an equivalent for the aforesaid grant.

From the Hon. Z. Burnham (of Cobourg.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from the *Montreal Bank*, praying that an Act may be passed to enable them to add to the present Capital of the said Bank the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand pounds Currency.

From the Montreal Bank.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Pursuant to the fourth Standing Order, the House was called.

Call of the House.

The

Members present and absent thereat.

THE HONORABLE MESSIEURS

- Peter McGill*,.....Present
- Robert S Jameson*,.....Excused.
- Peter Boyle de Blaquière*,..Excused.
- Robert Baldwin Sullivan*,..Excused.
- René E. Caron*,.....Present.
- William Morris*,.....Present.
- George Pemberton*,..Absent in England.
- Alexander Fraser*,.....Present.
- Barthelemy Joliette*,.....Present.
- James Crooks*,. ....Present.
- Adam Fergusson*,.....Present.
- John Macaulay*,.....Excused for this day.
- John Hamilton*,.....Present.
- François P. Bruneau*,..Excused for this day.
- John McDonald*,.....Absent.
- Adam Ferrie*,.....Present.
- Jean B. Taché*,.....Excused on account of ill health.
- Paul H. Knoulton*,.....Present.
- Thomas McKay*,.....Present.
- Gabriel Roy*,.....Present.
- Philip H. Moore*,.....Present.
- Amable Dionne*,.....Excused for this day.
- Joseph Dionne*,.....Excused on account of ill health.
- George J. Goodhue*,....Excused for this day.
- Levius P. Sherwood*,.....Present.
- William Walker*,.....Excused for this day.
- Christopher Widmer*,.....Present.
- J. Æmilius Irving*,.....Present.
- Louis Massue*,.....Present.
- P. Boucher de Boucherville*,..Present.
- John Neilson*,.....Present.
- James Morris*,.....Excused for this day.
- James Gordon*,.....Excused for this day.
- James Ferrier*,.....Present.
- Roderick Matheson*,.....Present.

Ordered, that a Committee of Privileges, of three Members, be appointed to consider of the absence of the Honorable *John McDonald* from his place in this House during the last two Sessions of Parliament, and to report thereon.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honor-

A Committee of Privileges on the absence of the Hon. J. McDonald, appointed.

able Messieurs *Fergusson*, *Hamilton*, and *McKay*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

It was moved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, as follows:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The Honorable the Legislative Council beg leave respectfully to approach Your Excellency, and to express their regret that a sense of duty should induce them to offer any remarks upon Official Appointments, made by Your Excellency, in the undoubted exercise of the Royal Prerogative committed to Your disposal and care.

A strong sense of public duty alone compels this House to submit to Your Excellency, as a conscientious principle of doing equal justice to all, and as inconsistent with those rules of equity which it is well known Your Excellency desires should regulate Your Administration of the Government, to call to a seat in the Executive Council an individual who is, at the same time, President of one of the largest Banking Institutions in this Province.

Could such an arrangement be ever carried out, giving occasion for jealousy and suspicion in other Banking Establishments, and in the public mind, it might assuredly be done in the present instance, as the individual in question justly stands so high in the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

The principle, however, appears to this House fraught with danger,—calculated to shake public confidence in the Government, and fully warranting them in bringing it respectfully under Your Excellency's consideration.

Which being objected to,

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put on the said motion, and the same was Resolved in the negative.

Motion for an Address to His Excellency on the subject of the appointment of the President of one of the largest Banking Institutions in the Province to a seat in the Executive Council.

Same negated.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from the Rev. *John Cook* and others, Elders and Trustees of *St. Andrew's Church*, *Quebec*, praying for pecuniary aid towards the support of a School in connexion with the said Church. Also a Petition from *Michael Scott*, of *Cap Rouge*, praying that an Act may be passed, authorising him to make a channel through which to convey the waters of the *River Lorette* to his Mills. Also, a Petition from *Michel Déry* and others, of the Parish of *L'ancienne*

Petitions. From Quebec. (Rev. J. Cook and others.)

From M. Scott of Cap Rouge.

From L'ancienne Lorette. (M. Déry and others.)

*L'Ancienne Lorette*, praying that the aforesaid Petition of *Michael Scott* may be favorably entertained. Also, a Petition from *Nicolas Benjamin Doucet*, praying for aid in support of a work compiled by him on the "Fundamental Law of *Canada*." And also, a Petition from *Germain Hudon* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne de la Pocatière*, praying for the repeal of so much of the Act 9th *Vict.*, c. 27, as imposes a direct tax for the support of Education.

From N. B. Doucet.

From Ste. Anne de la Pocatière (G. Hudon and others)

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from *Charles Symmes* and others, engaged in the Timber Trade on the River *Ottawa* and its Tributaries, praying for the remission of the duties which are imposed upon those Articles of food which are consumed by Lumbermen.

From the River Ottawa. (C. Symmes and others.)

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the "*Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association*," praying for an Act of Incorporation. And also, a Petition from *William Henry*, of *Hamilton*, praying (as the Heir at Law of the late *Alexander Henry*) that a certain Tract of Land at the *Sault de Ste. Marie*, granted by the Warriors of the *Chippawa* Tribe, to the said *Alexander Henry*, and two others, may be confirmed to him, or that he may be otherwise compensated in lieu thereof.

From the Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association. And from W. Henry, of Hamilton, 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, 14th June, 1847.

MONDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

*Sullivan,*  
*Caron,*  
*W. Morris,*  
*Joliette,*  
*Crooks,*  
*Fergusson,*  
*Hamilton,*  
*Bruncau,*  
*Ferrie,*  
*Knoulton,*

The Honorable Messieurs

*Moore,*  
*Sherwood,*  
*Widmer,*  
*Irving,*  
*Massue,*  
*De Boucherville,*  
*Neilson,*  
*Gordon,*  
*Ferrier,*  
*Matheson.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Return of Bonds and Securities filed in the Registrar's Office between the 21st March, 1846, and the 3d June, 1847.

Registrar's Return of Bonds and Securities presented.

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

(For Return, vide *Sessional Papers*, Letter G.)

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Return from the *Perth Agricultural Society* for the year 1846; and also, a Return from the County of *Missisquoi Agricultural Society* for the years 1846 and 1847.

Returns from the Perth and Missisquoi Agricultural Societies presented.

*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 Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the *Montreal General Hospital* between the 1st May, 1846, and the 1st May, 1847.

Return from Montreal General Hospital presented.

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

For Return, vide *Appendix No. 4*.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Corporation of the *Montreal General Hospital*, praying for pecuniary aid. Also, a Petition from the Reverend *E. G. Sutton*, and others, Inhabitants of *Grenville*; and also, a Petition from the Reverend *Richard Whitwell* and others, of *St. Armand West*, severally praying that the practice of making sales of property after Divine Service on Sunday, at the doors of Churches, may be discontinued.

Petitions From the Montreal General Hospital.

From Grenville (Rev. E. G. Sutton and others.)

From St. Armand West (Rev. R. Whitwell and others, presented.)

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Return from the *Shefford Agricultural Society* for the year 1846.

A Return from the Shefford Agricultural Society presented.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* presented a Petition from *Archibald Gilkison*, of *Hamilton*, praying

Petitions From A. Gilkison, of Hamilton.

praying that an Act may be passed to authorise him to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor in the Courts of Law and Equity in *Upper Canada*. Also, a Petition from *Edward Campbell* and others, of the Town of *Niagara*, praying for the passing of a General Law to Incorporate all the Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Companies which may be formed in the Province; or, in the absence of such Law, another measure may be adopted to incorporate them under the style of the *Niagara* and *Queenston* Telegraph Association. Also, two Petitions from the Municipal Council of the *Niagara* District, praying that an Act may be passed, empowering the said Council to provide for the maintenance of the Insane in that District; and praying that the Town of *Niagara* may enjoy the same privileges as were granted to the Cities of *Toronto* and *Kingston*, under the 43d sect. of the Act of last Session, for the establishment and maintenance of Common Schools in *Upper Canada*.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Joliette* presented a Petition from *Charles Edmond* and others, of *Berthier*, praying for a continuation of the Annual Grant to the *Berthier* Academy. Also, a Petition from the Members of the Corporation of the *Petit Seminaire de Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*, praying for a continuation of the pecuniary aid granted to them last year. And also a Petition from the Honorable *Barthelemy Joliette*, of the County of *Berthier*, praying for the passing of an Act to oblige the different Municipalities in *Lower Canada* to pay the Debts contracted by the late Municipal Councils.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from *M. McKenzie* and others, Inhabitants of the *London* District, praying that the Townships of *Aldborough*, *Dunwich*, *Southwold*, *Yarmouth*, *Malahide*, *Bayham*, and the south half of *Dorchester*, now forming part of the said District of *London*, may be constituted a new District, under the name and style of the District of *Elgin*.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from the Ladies conducting the affairs of the Female Protestant Orphan Asylum at *Quebec*, praying for pecuniary aid. Also, a Petition from *Henry Pemberton* and others, Inhabitants of *Quebec*, praying for the improvement and extension of a certain Road in the

District of *Quebec*, known as the Cove Road; and that an appropriation of money be made for the same, and placed under the direction of the Trustees of the said Road. Also, a Petition from *Alexis Thibodeau* and others, of *St. Grégoire*, praying for the Repeal of the Act of last Session, relating to Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*, and for the enactment of a Law containing more liberal provisions on the same subject. Also, a Petition from the Municipality of *L'Islet*, praying for a grant of money towards building a Wharf or Jetty at the entrance of the Harbour in the Parish of *L'Islet*. Also, four Petitions from the Municipality of *St. Rochs des Aulnets*, praying that the original records of *procès verbaux* of the *Grand Voyers*, may be transmitted to the Councils of the Municipalities, they respectively concern; also, praying for a grant of money towards completing a Bridge in front of the Parish of that name; also, praying for several changes in the Act of last Session, relating to Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*; and praying for the establishment of a Registry Office in that Municipality. Also, a Petition from *John Bright*, a Messenger to the Honorable the Legislative Council, praying that the House will revive their former recommendation to His Excellency the Governor General for a retiring pension. And also, a Petition from *Israel Rice*, in the Township of *Ham*, in the District of *St. Francis*, praying for pecuniary relief, in consideration of the expense and risk incurred by him and his family in saving the lives of Travellers during snow storms for many years previous to 1841.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon*, presented a Petition from *Richard E. Vidal* and others, Landholders in the Townships of *Sarnia* and *Plympton*, in the Western District, praying that an appropriation may be made, and that the Board of Works be instructed to construct a Road along the shores of *Lake Huron*, through the said Townships. Also, a Petition from the Western District Council, praying that the County of *Kent* may be erected into a separate District. Also, a Petition from *F. F. Carruthers*, of the City of *Toronto*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorise the Court of Queen's Bench and of Chancery, respectively, to admit him to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein. Also, a Petition from *William Wiseman*, a Prisoner in the Gaol of the Western District, praying for relief. Also, a Petition from *William F. Wallace* and others, Inhabitants

From Niagara (E. Campbell and others.)

From the Niagara Council (2 Petitions.)

From Berthier (C. Edmond and others.)

From the Seminary of Ste. Thérèse de Blainville.

From the Hon. B. Joliette, of Berthier.

From the London District (M. McKenzie and others.)

From the Quebec Female Protestant Orphan Asylum.

From Quebec (H. Pemberton and others.)

From St. Grégoire (A. Thibodeau and others.)

From the Municipality of L'Islet.

From the Municipality of St. Rochs des Aulnets. (4 Petitions.)

From J. Bright (a Messenger to the Legislative Council.)

From I. Rice of Ham.

From Sarnia (R. E. Vidal and others.)

From the Western District Council.

From F. F. Carruthers of Toronto.

From W. Wiseman of the Western District.

From the London District (W. F. Wallace and others.)

Inhabitants of the *London* District, praying that the Petition from certain of the Inhabitants, to partition the said District, may not be entertained during the present Session. And also, a Petition from *John Lynch* and others, Inhabitants of the Townships of *Toronto*, *Chinguacousy*, and *Caledon*, praying to be incorporated as a Joint Stock Company, to construct a Plank Road from *Port Credit* through the said Townships.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Joliette* presented a Petition from the Corporation of "*La Banque du Peuple*," praying for the amendment of their Charter.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Caron* presented a Petition from the Rev. J. Paquin and others, Inhabitants of the Parish of *St. Eustache*, praying that the Church and Convent which were destroyed during the Rebellion of 1837, may be restored.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from *Joseph H. Terrill*, in the Township of *Ascott*, of the District of *St. Francis*, praying for remuneration for his services as High Constable of the said District.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *Alexander Douglas* and others, Inhabitants of the *Niagara* District, praying for a renewal of the Charter for the *Niagara* and *Detroit* Rivers Rail Road.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from the Directors of the *Shefford* Academy, praying for pecuniary aid; and also a Petition from the Trustees of the *Longueuil* and *Chambly* Turnpike Road, praying for an Act authorising them to extend the said Road to the Western Bank of the *Richelieu*.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Caron* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Council of the Municipality of *Rivière du Loup*, praying that the Act 9th Vic., C. 27, may be amended by the substitution of voluntary for compulsory contributions for the support of Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*; also a Petition from the Rev. J. *Doucet* and others, of the

Parish of *St. Jean Baptiste de L'Isle Verte*, praying for a grant to open a direct Road from that Parish to Lake *Temiscouata*; also a Petition from *Pierre Belanger* and others, of the Parish of *St. Simon*, praying that the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Trois Pistoles*, for restoration of the Road in the first Concession of that Parish, may be granted; also a Petition from *Benjamin Dionne* and others, of the Parish of *St. George de Kakouna*; and of the Townships of *Viger* and *Wentworth*, in the County of *Rimouski*, praying that Wood fit for building in certain parts of that Parish, and those Townships above mentioned, may be sold only to them; and also a Petition from *J. B. H. Chamberland* and others, of the County of *Rimouski*, praying for a grant of money to complete the Road from the *St. Lawrence*, by Lake *Temiscouata*, to *New Brunswick*.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *J. D. Armstrong* and others, of the Seigniory of *Sorel*, praying that an investigation may be made into certain charges which are preferred against the Post Master of *Sorel*.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *De Boucherville* presented a petition from *Bernard Mercier* and others, of the Municipality of *Bic*, and also a Petition from the Rev. *Thomas Destroismaisons* and others, of the County of *Rimouski*, praying that that County may be constituted a Judicial District by itself, and not in connection with the County of *Kamouraska*.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Caron* presented a Petition from *Thomas Lebel* and others, Inhabitants of the Parishes of *Trois Pistoles*, praying that the Highway through the first Concession thereof may be restored, and that the powers of the Municipal Councils in *Lower Canada* may be modified.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Return from the Corporation of the *Canada* Baptist Missionary Society.

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

*For Return Vide Appendix, No. 5.*

The Order of the Day being read, for a further

From Toronto Township (J. Lynch and others.)

From La Banque du Peuple.

From St. Eustache, [Rev. J. Paquin and others]

From J. H. Terrill of Ascott.

From the Niagara District [A. Douglas & others.]

From the Shefford Academy.

From the Trustees of the Longueuil and Chambly Road

From the Municipality of Rivière du Loup.

From St. Jean Baptiste de L'Isle Verte, [Rev. J. Doucet and others]

From St. Simon, [P. Belanger and others.]

From St. George de Kakouna, [B. Dionne and others.]

From Rimouski, [J. B. H. Chamberland & others.]

From Sorel, [J. D. Armstrong and others.]

From the Municipality of Bic, [B. Mercier & others.] From Rimouski, [Rev. T. Destroismaisons and others.]

And from Trois Pistoles, [T. Lebel and others; presented.]

A Return from the Canada Baptist Missionary Society presented.

The Order for a further consideration

of the Motion on the subject of the Emigrant Office at Montreal.

further consideration by the House of the Motion to Address His Excellency the Governor General on the subject of the Emigrant Office at Montreal, it was

Discharged.

Ordered, that the same be discharged.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

Motion for an Address to His Excellency of congratulation on the safe arrival of the Countess of Elgin.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved, that an humble Address of congratulation be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, on the safe arrival in this Country of the Countess of Elgin.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

Adopted.

The same was Resolved unanimously in the affirmative.

The draft of an Address read and adopted.

The following draft of an Address was then read by the Clerk, and unanimously adopted by the House :

The Address.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, desire to approach Your Excellency with renewed expressions of respect and esteem.

It affords us unfeigned gratification to offer to Your Excellency and to Her Ladyship, the Countess of Elgin, our hearty congratulations upon her safe arrival in Canada, after the temporary separation which circumstances required.

We further desire to express an ardent hope, that every domestic happiness may await your family circle, and that Canada may long enjoy the benefit of your united presence, countenance, and example.

Ordered to be engrossed and presented to His Excellency.

Ordered, that the said Address be engrossed.

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. Neilson presented a

Petition from Eusebe Cartier and others, of the Counties of St. Hyacinthe, Chambly, Richelieu, Verchères, De Rouville, and Huntingdon, praying for a grant of money towards erecting a new building for the College of St. Hyacinthe.

A Petition from St. Hyacinthe (A. Cartier and others) presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

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

Adjourn.

Tuesday, 15th June, 1847.

TUESDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable Peter McGill, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

- Caron,
- W. Morris,
- Joliette,
- Crooks,
- Bruneau,
- Ferrie,
- Knoulton,
- McKay,

- Moore,
- Sherwood,
- Widmer,
- Irving,
- De Boucherville,
- Neilson,
- Ferrier.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. McKay presented a Petition from C. J. Forbes and others, Inhabitants of Carrillon, praying that the Ordinance of the Governor and Special Council of Lower Canada, authorising the construction of a Railroad from Carrillon to Grenville, may be revived ; and also two Petitions from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, praying for the passing of an Act to provide for the establishment of a fund for the Widows and Orphans of Ministers in connection with the said Synod ; and praying that the Charter of the University of King's College, may be so amended as that it may be placed under a more liberal management, and until the completion of such measure, to grant to the University of Queen's College at Kingston a separate endowment for its support.

From Carrillon (C. J. Forbes & others.)

From the Synod of the Presbyterian Church. (2 Petitions.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Bruneau presented a Petition from the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad Company, praying for an extension of their Charter ; and also a Petition from John E. Mills and others, Inhabitants of the District

From the Champlain & St. Lawrence Railroad Company.



From the Montreal District (J. E. Mills and others.) District of *Montreal*, praying for authority to construct a Railroad from the Town of *Dorchester*, to be connected with certain projected lines of Railroad between the Cities of *Boston* and *New York*; and also for leave to erect a Toll Bridge over the *Richelieu*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From C. H. Lassiscraye. The Honorable Mr. *Caron* presented a Petition from *Charles Hubert Lassiscraye*, praying for the payment of the arrears of his Salary as Head Master in the employ of the late Education Society of *Three Rivers*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From St. Pierre de Sorel (C. Graves & others.) The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *C. Graves* and others, School Teachers in the Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, praying that their claims for services rendered in the foregoing capacity may be liquidated.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Brock, London, and Talbot Districts. (A. W. Light & others.) The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* presented a Petition from *A. W. Light* and others, Inhabitants of the *Brock*, *London*, and *Talbot* Districts, praying to be Incorporated as the "*Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railroad and Harbour Company;" also a Petition from the *Brock* District Council; also, a Petition from *John Finkle*

and others, holders of Saw and Grist Mills on the *Otter* and *Big Creeks*, in the *Brock*, *London*, and *Talbot* Districts aforesaid, respectively praying that the project to construct a Railroad from *Woodstock* to *Lake Erie* may be favorably entertained. And also, a Petition from the *Niagara* District Council, praying that Quakers, Menonists, and Tunkers may be exempted from the payment of the fine imposed by Law upon those who, from conscientious scruples, refuse the performance of Militia duty.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Garden River and Huron Mining Company. The Honorable Mr. *De Boucherville* presented a Petition from *B. H. Le Moine* and others, associates in the *Garden River* and *Huron Mining Company*, praying that the said Company may be incorporated. And also, a Petition from *George Desbarats* and others, associates in the *British* and *Canadian* Mining Company of *Lake Superior*, praying that the said Company may be incorporated.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Garden River and Huron Mining Company. The Honorable Mr. *De Boucherville* presented a Petition from *B. H. Le Moine* and others, associates in the *Garden River* and *Huron Mining Company*, praying that the said Company may be incorporated. And also, a Petition from *George Desbarats* and others, associates in the *British* and *Canadian* Mining Company of *Lake Superior*, praying that the said Company may be incorporated.

And from the British and Canadian Mining Company presented. Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

A Return from the Verchères The Honorable Mr. *De Boucherville* laid before the House a Report from the Agricultural

tural Society of the County of *Verchères*, for the year ended in February, 1847. Agricultural Society presented.

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

(For Return, vide Sessional Papers, Letter E.)

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* presented a Petition from the *Newcastle* District Council, praying that the appointment of the Township Assessors and Collectors may be vested in the Municipal Councils; and also, that the said Councils may have the power of punishing, in a summary manner, any person who behaves disorderly during the sittings of the same. Petitions. From the Newcastle District Council.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented two Petitions from the *Quebec* Literary and Historical Society, praying for pecuniary aid, to enable them to publish copies of certain Manuscripts, on the subject of the early History of *Canada*; and also, praying that the usual Annual Grant may be made to the said Society. And from the Quebec Literary and Historical Society. (2 Petitions.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

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

Wednesday, 16th June, 1847. WEDNESDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>Caron</i> ,	<i>Sherwood</i> ,
<i>W. Morris</i> ,	<i>Widmer</i> ,
<i>Joliette</i> ,	<i>Massue</i> ,
<i>Crooks</i> ,	<i>De Boucherville</i> ,
<i>Brunneau</i> ,	<i>Neilson</i> ,
<i>Ferrie</i> ,	<i>Ferrier</i> ,
<i>Knoulton</i> ,	<i>Matheson</i> .
<i>McKay</i> ,	

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House, a Return of the *Drummond* Agricultural Society for the year 1846. Also, a Return of the *Huron* District Agricultural Society for the year ending 15th April, 1847. County of Drummond; District of Huron.

Also,

Also, a Return of a certain Branch of the last mentioned Society to the 31st December, 1846.

London Road Branch of the District of Huron; and

Also, a Return from the *London Road* Branch of the same Society, for the year ending 3d February 1847. And also, a Return from the *Stratford* Agricultural Society for the period ending on the 7th June, 1847.

Stratford. Agricultural Societies Returns presented.

*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 from the Commissioners appointed for the relief of Invalid Persons and Foundlings in the District of *Quebec*.

A Return of Foundlings, &c., in the District of Quebec presented.

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

(*For Return, vide Appendix, No. 6.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *William Evans* and others, Inhabitants of *Côte St. Paul*, praying that the *Côte St. Paul* Road may be Macadamized through to *Lachine*.

Petitions, From Côte St. Paul (W. Evans and others.)

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from *William E. Clark* and others, of the Seignior of *Foucault*, praying that they may be reimbursed for losses and damages sustained by the Rebellion and Invasion of this Province in 1837 and 1838. Also, a Petition from *Alphonzo Wells*, late Commissioner on the part of this Province, to determine the Boundary between *Canada* and *New Brunswick*, praying for leave to adduce certain testimony as evidence of the amount of remuneration which the Government proposed at the time of his engagement to grant him for his services. Also, a Petition from the Board of Directors of the *Clarenceville* Academy, praying that provision may be made for the Salary of a Teacher therein. And also, a Petition from Mr. *Townsend* and others, Inhabitants of *Clarenceville*, praying that the custom of making public sales of property after Divine Service on Sundays may be abolished.

From the Seignior of Foucault (W. E. Clark and others.)

A. Wells.

From the Directors of the Clarenceville Academy.

Clarenceville (M. Townsend & others.)

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *De Boucherville* presented a Petition from *William Evans* and others, of *Côte St. Paul*, praying to be indemnified for damage done to their property by the waters of the *Lachine* Canal.

From Côte St. Paul (W. Evans and others.)

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented a Petition from the *Quebec* Library Association, praying for pecuniary aid; also a Petition from *A. Campbell* and others, Trustees of the *Quebec* Library, praying that the Ordinance by which they are incorporated may be repealed. Also a Petition from *Hector Granger* and others, of the Parish of *St. Anne des Plaines*; also a Petition from the Mayor and Councillors of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Vincent de Paul*; and also a Petition from *Arthur Webster* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Vincent de Paul* and *St. François de Sales*, respectively praying that the privilege of building a Toll Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*, between the Island of *Montreal* and *Isle Jesus* may be granted to *Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle*, in preference to any other person.

From the Quebec Library Association.

From the Trustees of the Quebec Library. (A. Campbell and others.)

From St. Anne des Plaines. (H. Granger & others.)

From the Municipality of St. Vincent de Paul.

From St. Vincent de Paul, and St. François de Sales. (A. Webster and others.)

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the *Montreal* Ladies' Benevolent Society, praying for pecuniary aid; and also a Petition from *W. Hall* and others, Proprietors and Residents in the Wards of *St. Louis*, *St. Mary*, and *St. James*, in the City of *Montreal*, praying that the Petition of *Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle* for authority to erect a Bridge over the River *Ottawa*, between the Parish of *Sault-au-Recollet* and the opposite shore, may be favorably entertained.

From the Montreal Ladies' Benevolent Society.

From Montreal (W. Hall and others.)

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Joliette* presented a Petition from *F. A. Pillet* and others, of the Parishes of *Lachine*, *La Pointe Claire*, *St. Geneviève*, and *St. Laurent*, praying that the loan authorised by 9 Vic. C. 67, may be guaranteed by the Provincial Government; also a Petition from *F. X. Racicot* and others, of the Parish of *Sault-au-Recollet*, praying that the privilege of building a Toll Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies* may be granted to *Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle*; and also a Petition from *John Fraser* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Vincent de Paul*, *Sault-au-Recollet*, *Terrebonne*, *St. François de Sales*, and *St. Anne des Plaines*, in the County of *Terrebonne*, praying that no person may be allowed to build a Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*, except above the Ferry, and above the Village of *St. Vincent de Paul*.

From Lachine, &c. (F. A. Pillet & others)

From Sault au Recollet. (F. X. Racicot & others.)

From St. Vincent de Paul, &c. (J. Fraser & others.)

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a

Petition



From the Montreal Telegraph Company.

Petition from *John Glass* and others, Stockholders in the *Montreal Telegraph Company*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the same.

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

From the Rev. T. McGuire and others, of the R. C. Dioceses of Quebec and Montreal.

The Honorable Mr. *Caron* presented a Petition from the Rev. *Thomas McGuire* and others, Roman Catholic Priests in the Dioceses of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, praying that the funds arising from the sale of the Jesuits Estates may be appropriated towards the objects for which they were originally intended; also a Petition from the Corporation of the Seminary of *Nicolet*, praying for a grant of money; and also a Petition from the Education Society of the District of *Quebec*, for an aid in money.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the County of Megantic (D. Burray & others.)

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* presented a Petition from *Daniel Burray* and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Megantic*, praying for a grant of money to repair *Craig's Road*, from its junction with the *Gosford Road*, through the Townships of *Ireland*, *Inverness*, and *Leeds*, in the said County, and the Parish of *St. Sylvester*, in the County of *Lotbinière*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

And from St. Hyacinthe. (L. Poulin & others) presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from *Louis Poulin* and others, of the Village of *Saint Hyacinthe*, praying that it may be constituted a Municipality, apart from the Parish of the same name.

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

Adjourn.

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

THURSDAY

Thursday, 17th June, 1847.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>Sullivan,</i>	<i>Crooks,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>
<i>W. Morris,</i>	<i>Bruneau,</i>
<i>Joliette,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>

*Knoulton,*  
*McKay,*  
*Roy,*  
*Moore,*  
*Sherwood,*  
*Widmer,*  
*Irring,*

*Massue,*  
*De Boucherville,*  
*Neilson,*  
*Gordon,*  
*Ferrier,*  
*Matheson.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Return from the *Montreal City and District Savings' Bank*, made up to the 31st March, 1847.

A Return from the Montreal City and District Savings Bank presented.

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

(For Return, vide Sessional Papers, Letter U.)

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Return from the *Bathurst District Agricultural Society* for 1846. Also, a Return from the Agricultural Society of the Township of *Clinton*, in the District of *Niagara*, for 1846. And also, a Return from the Agricultural Society of the County *Vaudreuil*, made up to the month of February, 1847.

Agricultural Returns from Bathurst;

Clinton; and

Vaudreuil, presented.

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 presented a Petition from *Christopher Gee*, of the Township of *Camden*, praying that the exclusive privilege of collecting Tolls upon a Floating Bridge which he has constructed over the River *Thames*, may be conferred upon him.

Petitions,

From C. Gee, of Camden.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan* presented a Petition from *C. Draper* and others, Inhabitants of the Townships of *Reach*, *Brock*, and *Uxbridge*, praying for the completion of the Public Road from *Windsor Bay* to *Lake Scugog*. Also, a Petition from *Peter Perry* and others, Inhabitants of the Townships of *Whitby*, *Pickering*, and *Reach*, praying for the completion of the Road from *Windsor Bay* to *Lake Scugog*, and that the Channel at *Windsor Bay* may be dredged. Also, a Petition from *A. Simpson* and others, Stockholders in the *Lake Huron Silver and Copper Company*, praying for an Act of Incorporation. Also,

From Reach, Brock, &c. (C. Draper and others.)

From Whitby, &c. [P. Perry and others.]

From the Lake Huron Silver and Copper Company.

two

From the Mechanics' Institute of Toronto

two Petitions from the Honorable *R. B. Sullivan*, President, and others, Members of the Mechanics' Institute of *Toronto*, praying for an Act of Incorporation; and also praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Rev. P. M. Mignault.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *P. M. Mignault*, praying for pecuniary aid towards the College founded by him at *Chambly*.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Hamilton. [P. Thornton & others.]

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from *P. Thornton* and others, Inhabitants of *Hamilton*, praying that the *Burlington Ladies' Academy*, situated at that Town, may receive pecuniary aid from the Government. Also, a Petition from the *Niagara District Council*, praying that a more equitable mode of Assessment may be adopted than that which the present Law provides.

From the Niagara District Council.

From Brantford. [L. Burwell & others.]

Also, a Petition from *Lewis Burwell* and others, Inhabitants of the Town of *Brantford*, praying that the said Town may be incorporated.

From Woodhouse. [R. McBride & others.]

Also, a Petition from *Richard McBride* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Woodhouse*, praying that no Petition, having for its object to procure a new Survey of the West Line, between the Township of *Walpole* and the said Township of *Woodhouse*, may be favorably entertained. Also, a Petition from the Magistrates of the District of *Huron*, in General Quarter Sessions assembled, praying against the division of the said District of *Huron*.

From the Magistrates of the Huron District

From Sandwich. [N. S. Janette and others.]

Also, a Petition from *N. S. Janette* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Sandwich*, praying that the application to shut up the old Road leading from *Sandwich* to *Windsor* may not be entertained. Also, a Petition from *E. W. Thompson*, President of the Agricultural Association for *Canada West*,

From the Agricultural Association for Canada West.

From Toronto. [H. J. Boulton and others.]

praying that the said Association may be incorporated. And also, a Petition from *H. J. Boulton* and others, Inhabitants of *Toronto*, and of the *Huron District*, praying that they may be incorporated under the name and style of the "*Toronto and Goderich Railroad Company*," and that an appropriation of the waste Lands of the Crown through which the said Railroad shall pass, may be made for the purposes of the said Company.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Niagara District Council.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from the *Niagara District Council*,

praying that the site of the District Town may be established in a more central situation, and that the District Council may be authorised to name the locality thereof: also a Petition from *James Stanton* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Bertie*, in the *Niagara District*; also a Petition from *D. Smith* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Wainfleet*, in the *Niagara District*, respectively praying that the site of the District Town of the said District may be established in a more central situation.

From Bertie. [J. Stanton & others.]

From Wainfleet. [D. Smith and others.]

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Irving* presented a Petition from the Reverend *A. Thèberge* and others, of the Parish of *Terrebonne*, praying that the right of building a Toll Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*, between the Island of *Montreal* and the *Isle Jesus*, may be granted to *Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle*, in preference to any other person who may apply for the same.

From Terrebonne. [R. A. Thèberge.]

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the *Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum*, praying for pecuniary aid.

From the Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Joliette* presented a Petition from *Michel Ouimet* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Rose*, in favor of the Petition of *Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle*, for the privilege of building a Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*.

From Ste. Rose. [M. Ouimet and others.]

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *William Morris* presented a Petition from the Municipality of *Litchfield*, in the District of *Sydenham*, praying that the Road from the Village of *Portage du Fort* and the head of the *Callumett Rapids*, may be repaired and improved.

And from the Municipality of Litchfield, presented.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* reported that he had, according to order, waited upon His Excellency the Governor General with the Address of this House of Monday last, congratulating His Excellency on the safe arrival in this Country of the Countess of *Elgin*, to which His Excellency was pleased to return the following answer:

Address of congratulation to His Excellency on the safe arrival of the Countess of Elgin, presented.

*Honorable Gentlemen:*

In Lady *Elgin's* name, and my own, I accept

His Excellency's reply thereto.



tion of *Canada*, as a part of the British Dominions.

10. That this House, fully acknowledging the Royal Prerogative to call to the Councils of the Crown and the Public Service, such of Her Majesty's Subjects as it sees fit, and to remove them at pleasure when not restricted by law, cannot but regret that the Royal Prerogative has not been exercised to remedy, so far as depends on the Royal Authority, a state of things which this House humbly conceives to be inconsistent with Justice, and of dangerous tendency.

Crown Lands Form Bill.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Christie* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act relating to Letters Patent, whereby any waste and other lands of the Crown in *Lower Canada* are granted, and to dispense with certain unnecessary formalities connected therewith, occasioning delay and expense," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Bytown Town Council Bill.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Stewart* (of *Bytown*) and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to define the limits of the Town of *Bytown*, to establish a Town Council therein, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And Winter Roads Bill brought up.

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 of *Canada* 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 extends from the District of *Quebec* on the South of the River *Saint Lawrence* to the Parish of *Nicolet*, and on the North of the said River to the Town of *Three Rivers* exclusively," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

1st Resolution read.

The first of the above mentioned Resolutions being again read,

After debate,

Motion that "this House do now Adjourn."

*It was moved*, that "this House do now adjourn."

The question being put thereon,

*It was Resolved* in the negative.

Negatived.

After further debate,

*It was moved*, that this House do now adjourn until tomorrow at two o'clock p.m.

Motion to Adjourn till tomorrow.

*It was moved*, in amendment, to strike out "two," and insert in lieu thereof, "one."

Motion in Amendment.

The question being put thereon,

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Adopted.

The question being then put on the main motion (as amended), the same was

Main motion (as amended) put and carried.

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

Whereupon the Speaker declared this House continued until tomorrow, at one o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

Adjourn.

Friday, 18th June, 1847.

FRIDAY.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

*Sullivan,*  
*Caron,*  
*W. Morris,*  
*Joliette,*  
*Crooks,*  
*Fergusson,*  
*Bruneau*  
*Ferrie,*  
*Knoulton,*  
*McKay,*  
*Roy,*

*Sherwood,*  
*Walker,*  
*Widmer,*  
*Irving,*  
*Massze,*  
*De Boucherville,*  
*Neilson,*  
*Gordon,*  
*Ferrier,*  
*Matheson.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented four Petitions from the Board of Trade of the Town of *Hamilton*, praying that the Usury Laws of this Province may be assimilated to those of *Great Britain*; also, praying for the passing of a general Law, by which private associations of Persons united for Trading or Manufacturing purposes, may be invested with corporate powers under certain restrictions; also, praying for an alteration in the Protective Duties, and a modification of the Navigation Laws; and also, praying for the repeal

Petitions From the Hamilton Board of Trade. (4 Petitions.)

From St. Augustin (J. B. Meloche and others.)  
From St. Eustache (Rev. H. Moreau and others), 2 Petitions.  
From St. Benoit (Rev. A. Groux and others).  
From W. Evans of Montreal, and  
From L'Assomption College, presented

aid; also, a Petition from *Jean Baptiste Meloche* and others, of the Parish of *St. Augustin*; also, two Petitions from the Rev. *H. Moreau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Eustache*; also, a Petition from the Rev. *A. Groux* and others, of the Parish of *St. Benoit*, severally praying to be indemnified for losses sustained by them during the disturbances of 1837-8; also, a Petition from *William Evans* of the Parish of *Montreal*, praying that the Legislature will grant to him some compensation for expenses and losses incurred by him in advocating the cause of Agricultural Improvement in *Lower Canada*; and also, a Petition from the Corporation of the College of *L'Assomption*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Joint Stock Companies' Bill read 2d time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the formation of Incorporated Joint Stock Companies, for Manufacturing, Mining, and other Mechanical purposes," was read the second time.

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 *McGill, Sullivan, W. Morris, Joliette, Macaulay, Knoulton, and Massue*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Letter of the Hon. J. McDonald on the subject of his absence re-committed to the Committee of Privileges of the Whole House.

The House according to Order was adjourned during pleasure, and was again put into a Committee of Privileges for the purpose of taking into further consideration the subject matter of a certain Letter received from the Honorable *John McDonald*, relative to the proceedings had at the last Session of Parliament, respecting his absence from his place as a Member of the Legislative Council for two successive Sessions of the Legislature.

After some time the House was resumed, and

Progress reported and leave granted to sit again on Wednesday.

The Honorable the Speaker reported from the said Committee that they had again taken the subject matter of the said Letter into consideration, had made some further progress therein, and asked leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

Ordered, that leave be granted accordingly.

Petitions.  
From Rimouski, (M. Cote and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Magloire Cote* and others, of

the County of *Rimouski*, praying for aid to open a Road from the Parish of *l'Isle Verte*, in that County, to Lake *Temiscouata*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Edouard Normand*, of the Parish of *Cap de la Magdeleine*, praying to be indemnified for damage done to his property by the erection of a Bridge over the River *Saint Maurice*; also, a Petition from *J. Birch* and others, Inhabitants of the City of *Quebec*, praying on behalf of certain Individuals who suffered in their persons and property from the falling of the Government Wall in the year 1841, that they may be compensated for their losses; and also, a Petition from *James Motz*, of the City of *Quebec*, praying that the privileges and benefits accruing to him as the owner of a Toll Bridge over the River *Etchemins*, may be fully secured.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented a Petition from *Jean Baptiste Toutant* and others, of the County of *Champlain*, praying for the Amendment of the Act 9 Vic., c. 27, and the repeal of the Act 10 and 11 Vic., c. 7, on the subjects of Education, and the establishment of Municipal Authorities in *Lower Canada*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne* presented a Petition from *Louis Leclerc* and others, of *Sainte Anne des Monts* and *Cap Chat*, in the County of *Gaspé*, praying to be created a Municipality; and also, a Petition from *Joseph Vallée* and others, of the last named places, praying for aid to open a Road from *Mutane* to *Cup Chat*, aforesaid.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan* presented a Petition from *John Williams*, of the Township of *Thorold*, praying that he may be compensated for the loss of a Lot of Land which was improperly sold under the direction of the Crown Lands Agent of the *Brock* District.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from the Trustees of the *Sherbrooke Academy*,  
From the Sherbrooke Academy, presented

Academy, praying for pecuniary aid in support of the said Institution.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

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

TUESDAY. **Tuesday, 14th March, 1848.**

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>W. Morris,</i>	<i>A. Dionne,</i>
<i>Joliette,</i>	<i>J. Dionne,</i>
<i>Macaulay,</i>	<i>De Boucherville,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>
<i>Taché,</i>	<i>Viger.</i>

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Viger* from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Librarian, reported a recommendation that the Books enumerated in the annexed list should be procured and placed in the Library with as little delay or expense as possible, and that the Librarian be also authorized to take the necessary steps for procuring continuations of the various Law Reports and Periodicals, with which the Library is already supplied.

The Committee have received a Memorial from the Librarian on the subject of the appointment of a Messenger, who should give his exclusive attention to the Library throughout the year, but they are not prepared to recommend the adoption of this suggestion, in consequence of the salary of the Chief Messenger of the House having been already twice augmented for the express purpose of enabling him to procure assistance in the discharge of his duties, in which that of attending the Library is, as they conceive, included.

*Ordered*, that the said Report be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk. Read.

*Ordered*, that the said Report be taken into consideration on Thursday next. To be considered on Thursday.

The Honorable Mr. *Joliette* presented a Petition from *John McCuaig*, late of the Parish of *St. George*, in the Seigniorship of *New Longueuil*, praying that he may be compensated for wrongs and injuries inflicted upon him by reason of the late Government of *Upper Canada* having granted certain Land occupied by him in the said Seigniorship of *New Longueuil*, to certain parties residing in the Township of *Lancaster*; and also, a Petition from *Charles Emond* and others of *Berthier*, praying for a continuance of the annual grant of money to the *Berthier* Academy. Petitions. From J. McCuaig of St. George, and From Berthier (C. Emond & others), presented.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the House a Return from the *Ottawa* District Agricultural Society for 1847. A Return from the Ottawa District Agricultural Society, presented.

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

(For the Return, vide *Sessional Papers*, Letter H.)

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay* presented six Petitions from the *Niagara* District Council, praying for the passing of an Act to enable the Inhabitants of the said District, by means of a Convention of Delegates to be chosen for the purpose of selecting a more convenient site for a District Town, than the one which the Town of *Niagara* affords; also, praying that authority may be vested in the Municipal Councils to hold Lands for public Burying Grounds, when required by the Inhabitants, and to enable them to levy a Tax upon rateable property for the purchase and maintenance of the said Grounds; also, praying that the Act 9th *Vict.*, Cap., 2, imposing a duty of two pence a gallon on Spirituous Liquors manufactured in the Province, may be reconsidered; also, praying that the Macadamized Road from *Queenston* to *Grimsby*, may be carried through the centre of the Village of *Jordan* in the Township of *Louth*; also, praying for the passing of an Act to empower the District Councils to provide for the maintenance and support of insane destitute persons, in their respective Districts; and also, praying that the cut at the mouth of the *Welland* River may be deepened, Petitions. From the Niagara District Council, (6 Petitions.)

Report of the Select Committee on the Library, presented.

descendants, and the share which they now have in the Provincial Government entrusted with the maintenance, and securing the enjoyment, of the said rights, liberties, and privileges, was carried by the Casting vote of the Honorable the Speaker of this House, who is also a Member of the Executive Council, thereby preventing the said Resolutions from being humbly submitted to His Excellency the Governor General, as entrusted by our Most Gracious Sovereign with the powers of the Crown in this Province.

J. NEILSON.  
R. E. CARON.  
L. MASSUE.  
ADAM FERGUSON.  
PIERRE DE BOUCHERVILLE.  
J. ÆMILIUS IRVING.  
R. B. SULLIVAN.  
GABRIEL ROY.

The Honorable Mr. *W. 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.

And the same were then severally read as follow:—

#### ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Honorable 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,  
*Montreal*, 18th June, 1847.

#### SCHEDULE of Despatches accompanying Message of the 18th of June, 1847.

No.	DATE.	SUBJECT.
79	1846. 2d June,	In reply to the Address of the Legislative Council respecting Mr. Ryland.
103	3d July,	In reply to the joint Address respecting the New Brunswick Boundary.

Messages from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting copies of Despatches:

Relating to the case of Mr. Ryland; and  
On the subject of the New Brunswick Boundary.

(For Despatches, vide Appendix No 7.)

#### ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Council, Copies of the several Despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, and from the Lieutenant Governor of *Nova Scotia*, enumerated in the annexed Schedule.

Government House,  
*Montreal*, 18th June, 1847.

#### SCHEDULE of Despatches accompanying the Governor General's Message of the 18th June, 1847:—

Earl Grey—No. 49.

5th Nov., 1846.—Copyright. Explains the intentions of H. M. Govt. On the subject of Copyright.

Do.—No. 10.

31st December.—Post Office, Railway, and Trade of British *North America*. Relating to the Post Office, Railways and Trade of B. N. A.

Sir John Harvey.

17th March, 1847.—Inter-Colonial Trade, transmits Copy of an Act passed by the Legislature of *Nova Scotia*. Respecting the Inter-Colonial Trade.

Sir John Harvey.

11th May, 1847.—Ditto, with Copies of Despatches from the Governors of *New Brunswick*, *Prince Edward's Island*, and *Newfoundland*. And Copies of Despatches from the Governors of *New Brunswick*, *Prince Edward's Island* and *Newfoundland*.

(For Despatches, vide Appendix No. 8.)

The Honorable Mr. *Caron* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Rimouski*, praying for Amendments in the Act of last Session providing for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*. Also, a Petition from *Alexis Rivard* and *Joseph Garon*, of *Rimouski*, praying to be remunerated for their services as Warden and Clerk of the late Municipal Council of *Rimouski*. Also, a Petition from the Indian Chiefs and Indians of *Tadoussac* and other places, praying for the exclusive right of hunting and fishing in certain localities, and for compensation for the loss of their hunting grounds. Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Matane*; also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Bic*; also, a Petition from *A. Rivard* and *J. Garon* of *Rimouski*. From the *Tadoussac* Indians. From the Municipality of *Matane*. From the Municipality of *Bic*.



From the Municipality of St. Simon.  
From the Municipality of Rimouski.

Petition from the Municipal Council of *St. Simon*; also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Rimouski*; severally praying that the County of *Rimouski* may be constituted a Judicial District by itself, and not in connection with the County of *Kamouraska*. Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Lessard*; also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Rimouski*; also, a Petition from the said Municipal Council of *St. Simon*; severally praying for Amendments in the Registry Laws of *Lower Canada*. Also, a Petition from the said Municipal Council of *Rimouski*; also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Metis*; also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Trois Pistoles*; and also, a Petition from the said Municipal Council of *Bic*; severally praying for pecuniary aid towards building a Wharf, and that the Bridge over the River *Rimouski*, for which money has been granted, may be erected.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Municipality of Lessard.

From the Municipality of Rimouski.  
From the Municipality of St. Simon.

From the Municipality of Rimouski.  
From the Municipality of Metis.  
From the Municipality of Trois Pistoles.  
From the Municipality of Bic.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *W. Anderson* and others, of the Borough of *William Henry*, praying that the said Borough may be incorporated.

From William Henry, (W. Anderson and others,) presented.

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, 21st June, 1847.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

- Sullivan,*
- W. Morris,*
- Fergusson,*
- Macaulay,*
- Hamilton,*
- Ferrie,*
- Knoulton,*
- McKay,*

The Honorable Messieurs

- Roy,*
- Goodhue,*
- Sherwood,*
- Widmer,*
- Irving,*
- Massue,*
- De Boucherville,*
- Matheson.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the British America Fire and Life Assurance Company, made up to the 15th June, 1847.

A Return from the British America Fire & Life Assurance Company presented.

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 *Hamilton and Gore District Savings Bank*, for the year 1846.

A Return from the Hamilton and Gore District Savings Bank, presented.

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 *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*, to the 30th November, 1846.

A Return from the 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. 9.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the Agricultural Society of the County of *Berthier*, for the year 1846.

A Return from the Agricultural Society of the County of Berthier, presented.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter E.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan* presented a Petition from the President and Directors of the City of *Toronto* and *Lake Huron Railroad Company*, praying for the adoption of such measures as may promote the construction of the said Railroad. Also, a Petition from the Bank of *Upper Canada*, praying that the law authorising the imposition of a duty upon Bank Notes may be repealed or amended. And also a Petition from *S. Derbyshire*, on behalf of himself and of others interested in the *Lake Huron* and *St. Mary's Mining Company*, praying for an Act of incorporation.

Petitions From Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Company.

From the Bank of Upper Canada.

From the Lake Huron and St. Mary's Mining Company.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from *Archibald McDonell* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Osgoode*, praying that a straight Road may be run through the said Township, and that the Survey may be made without reference to the Boundary Line established by the 59th *George* 3d, Chap. 14. And also a Petition from *D. Arnoldi* and others, Medical Practitioners residing in *Canada East*, praying that they

From Osgoode (A. McDonell and others.)

From Canada East (D. Arnoldi and others.)

may

may be formed into an Association, under the name and style of "The College of Physicians and Surgeons of *Canada East*."

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Nelson (J. A. Miller and others.) The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from *John A. Miller* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Nelson*, in the *Gore* District, praying that the Mail Road from *Toronto* to *Hamilton* may be Macadamised throughout the whole route.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Romney (J. Renwick & others.) The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from *John Renwick* and others, Inhabitants of *Romney*, *Mersca*, and the adjoining Townships in the Western District, praying that a Harbour may be constructed at the mouth of the two Creeks in the Township of *Romney*; also a Petition from *Thomas Locker* and others, of the Township of *Malahide*, praying for a grant of money to construct a Harbour at *Port Burwell*; also, a Petition from *Henry Swan*, in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Village of *Port Burwell* and vicinity, in Public Meeting assembled, praying for a sum of money sufficient to construct a Harbour at *Port Burwell*; and also a Petition from *G. Wrong* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Malahide*, praying for a sum of money sufficient to construct a Harbour at *Port Burwell*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Montague (J. McG. Chambers and others.) The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from *John McGill Chambers* and others, Inhabitants of the Townships of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*, in the District of *Bathurst*, praying that the Bounday Line between the Townships of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*, may be surveyed and established.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Canada, New Brunswick & Nova Scotia Railway Company. The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *Peter Warren Dease* and others. Members of the Committee of Management of the *Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia* Railroad Company, praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Berthier (J. Laverdiere and others.) The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented a Petition from *Jacques Laverdiere* and others, of the Parishes of *Berthier*, *St. Vallier*, *St.*

*Michel*, *St. François*, and *St. Pierre*, praying that a Wharf may be constructed in the first mentioned Parish. Also, a Petition from the Rev. *Charles Dion* and others, of the County of *Nicolet*, praying that the proposed Bridge over the River *Bécancour* may be placed opposite the Highroad, and near the Church; or, if placed at any point below, that it may be furnished with a Draw Bridge. Also, a Petition from *Edouard Norman*, of the Parish of *Ste. Marie Magdeleine*, praying to be indemnified for Land taken from him, and for damage done to his Property by the Board of Works. Also, a Petition from *W. S. Sewell*, President of the Board of Health, of the City of *Quebec*, praying that a General Hospital may be established in the said City. Also, a Petition from *Joseph Bouchette*, of *Montreal*, praying for pecuniary aid to assist him in liquidating the expense to which he is liable as the Compiler of a Map of the British American Provinces of *North America*. Also, a Petition from *Basil Cauturier* and others, of *Saint David*, praying that the Act of last Session relating to Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*, may be replaced by one containing more liberal provisions on the same subject. And also a Petition from the Rev. *J. B. Coté* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jérôme* and other places in the County of *Rimouski*, praying that a Road may be opened from *Metis* to *Matane*, in that County.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented to the House a Return from the Agricultural Society of the County of *Bellechasse*, made up to the 30th May, 1847.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter E.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from the Rev. *T. Cooke* and others, of *Three Rivers*, praying for a grant in aid of Schools in that District. And also, a Petition from the Rev. *Joseph Scott* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Brome*, praying that the custom of making Public sales of Property, after Divine Service on Sundays, may be abolished.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* presented a Petition from *Benjamin Brewster* and others, Inhabitants

From Nicolet (Rev. C. Dion and others.)

From E. Norman, of Ste. Marie.

From the Quebec Board of Health.

From J. Bouchette, of Montreal.

From St David (B. Cauturier and others.) and

From St. Jérôme (Rev. J. B. Coté and others), presented.

A Return from the Agricultural Society of the County of Bellechasse, presented.

Petitions From Three Rivers (Rev. T. Cooke and others.)

From Brome (Rev. J. Scott and others.)

From Bousquet (B. Brewster and others.)

Inhabitants of the Township of *Bosanquet*, in the *Western* District, praying that the said Township may be annexed to the District of *Huron*. And also a Petition from *James Hill* and others, Members of the Denomination of Christians called "Bible-Christians," residing in the *Huron* District, praying for the enactment of a Law to authorise the Ministers of the said Denomination to solemnise Matrimony.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented to the House a Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Funds, of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*, in connexion with the Church of *Scotland*;" and also, a Bill intituled, "An Act for the relief of the Graduates of *Queen's College*, at *Kingston*."

The said Bills were then severally read for the first time.

*Ordered*, that one hundred copies of each of the last mentioned Bills be printed for the use of Members.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Murney* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to alter and amend an Act intituled, "An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of *Hastings*, in *Upper Canada*," 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 Wednesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from *T. E. Campbell*, and others, Members of the Canadian Agricultural Society, praying for an Act of Incorporation.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from *François Caron* and others, of the Town of *Amherstburgh*, in the *Western* District, praying that no Bill may be passed to Incorporate the said Town.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

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

When the Honorable *Hamnett Pinhey* was introduced between the Honorable Messieurs *W. Morris* and *McKay*.

The Hon. H. Pinhey introduced as a Member.

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

Presents an Exemplification of his Writ of Summons.



PROVINCE OF } ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Exemplification.

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

To all to whom these presents shall come—

GREETING:

KNOW Ye, that, amongst the Rolls and Records in the Registrar's Office of the Province of *Canada*, in *Lib. A. S.*, folio 242, it is thus contained, to wit:



PROVINCE OF } ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

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, *Hamnett Pinhey*, of the Township of *March*, 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 *Hamnett Pinhey*, 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

And from the Bible Christians of the Huron District presented.

Presbyterian Widows' Bill, and

Queen's College Graduates Bill, presented.

Read 1st time, and

Ordered to be printed.

Hastings Registration Bill brought up.

Read 1st time.

2d reading on Wednesday.

Petitions, From the Canadian Agricultural Society, and

From Amherstburgh, (F. Caron and others), presented.

Letters Patent calling Hamnett Pinhey Esq. to the Legislative Council. Recorded 28th May, 1847. R. A. TUCKER, Registrar.

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 Right Well Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, 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 twenty-seventh day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

E. & K.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,  
C. C. C.

All which We have commanded to be exemplified.

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 Right Well Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, 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 *Montreal*, this twenty-first day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and eleventh year of Our Reign.

By Command,

D. DALY,  
Secretary.

Sworn, and  
takes his seat.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Pinhey* 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.

Adjourn.

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

Tuesday, 22d June, 1847.

The Members convened were:

TUESDAY.

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

*Sullivan*,  
*W. Morris*,  
*Fergusson*,  
*Macaulay*,  
*Hamilton*,  
*Bruneau*,  
*Ferrie*,  
*Knoulton*,

*McKay*,  
*Goodhue*,  
*Sherwood*,  
*Widmer*,  
*Irving*,  
*Massue*,  
*J. Morris*,  
*Pinhey*.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan* presented a Petition from *Keuneth Cameron* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Thorah*, praying for the construction of a Turnpike Road from *Sturgeon Bay* on *Lake Huron* to *Windsor Harbour* on *Lake Ontario*, through the Townships of *Thorah*, *Brock*, and *Reach*.

Petitions  
From *Thorah*,  
(*K. Cameron*  
and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay* presented a Petition from *William Garratt* and others, of the Religious Denomination called Quakers, praying that they may be incorporated for the purpose of conducting a College at the Town of *Hallowell* in the *Prince Edward* District.

From certain  
Quakers of  
*Hallowell* (*W. Garratt* and  
others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented a Petition from *James A. Sewell* and others, Inhabitants of *Quebec*, praying to be incorporated under the name and style of the "*Canada* Fire Insurance Company."

From *Quebec*:  
(*J. A. Sewell*  
and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Edward Denroche* and others.

From *Brockville* (*Rev. E. Denroche* and  
others.)

and others of *Brockville*, praying for power to sell the Parsonage and Lot attached to St. Peter's Church at *Brockville* aforesaid. Also, a Petition from *H. W. Blanchard* and others, Inhabitants of the School Section, number twenty-two, in the Township of *Elizabethtown*, praying for the passing of an Act to empower them to sell a certain tract of Land bequeathed by one *James Hoskin*, now deceased, for the purposes of a School House, and apply the proceeds towards the erection of a more suitable building in a more eligible locality. And also, four Petitions from the *Bathurst* District Council, praying for the passing of an Act to authorise the payment, for the year 1845, of the Government allowance for the support of Common Schools; also, praying for such modification of the School Act as will secure an earlier appropriation of the moneys allotted towards the payment of the School Teachers; also, praying for the improvement of the Road from the *Rideau Canal* to the Western extremity of the said District of *Bathurst*; and also praying for the amendment of the Assessment Laws.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented to the House a Return from *Coleman's Corners' Agricultural Society*, in the District of *Johnstown*, for the year 1846.

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

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter E.)

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* presented a Petition from *Chester Roberts* and others, Scythe and Axe Manufacturers in the Township of *Stanbridge*, praying that a Duty may be imposed on all manufactured articles imported into this Province from the *United States of America*. Also, a Petition from *Chester Roberts* and others, Inhabitants of the said Township of *Stanbridge*, praying that the same may not be included in a Roman Catholic Parish. Also, a Petition from *Robert Simpson* and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Two Mountains*, praying that the Circuit Court for the said County may be held at *Saint Andrew's*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* presented to the House a Return from the County of *Two Mountains* Agricultural Society for the year 1846.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter E.)

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, presented to the House a Schedule of the Government Debentures, Redeemed and Outstanding, made up to the 12th June, 1847. Also, the Accounts of the Provincial Penitentiary for the year 1846. And also, the Assessment Returns of *Upper Canada* for the year last aforesaid.

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

(For Schedule of Debentures, vide Sessional Papers, Letter H.)

(For Penitentiary Accounts, do. do. Letter N.)

(For Assessment Returns, do. do. Letter O.)

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* be added to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* be added to the Select Committee appointed to Superintend the Printing of this House during the present Session.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act relating to Letters Patent, whereby any waste and other Lands of the Crown in *Lower Canada* are granted, and to dispense with certain unnecessary formalities connected therewith, occasioning delay and expense," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee upon the said Bill tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to define the limits of the Town of *Bytown*, to establish a Town Council therein," and for other purposes," was read the second time.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Sullivan, Fergusson, McKay, Sherwood, and Pinhey*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Schedule of Government Debentures redeemed and outstanding.

Also the Penitentiary Accounts for 1846 And the Assessment Returns of U. C. for the same year, presented

The Hon. J. Morris added to the Committee on the Contingent Accounts.

The Hon. J. Morris added to the Committee on Printing.

Crown Lands Forms Bill read 2d time.

To be committed tomorrow

Bytown Town Council Bill read 2d time and

Referred to a Select Committee.

From Elizabethtown (H. W. Blanchard and others.)

And from the Bathurst District Council (4 Petitions,) presented.

A Return from Coleman's Corners' Agricultural Society, presented.

Petitions. From Stanbridge, (C. Roberts and others) (2 Petitions.)

And from the County of Two Mountains (R. Simpson and others,) presented.

A Return from the County of Two Mountains Agricultural Society, presented.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Powell* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to extend the time for taking the Oath, and making the declaration required of persons naturalized in this Province," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Alien Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

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

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

Wednesday, 23d June, 1847.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

- Sullivan,*
- W. Morris,*
- Fergusson,*
- Macaulay,*
- Hamilton.*
- Bruneau,*
- Ferrie,*
- Knoulton,*
- McKay,*
- Goodhue.*

- Sherwood,*
- Widmer,*
- Irving,*
- Massue,*
- Neilson,*
- J. Morris,*
- Pinhey,*
- Ferrier,*
- Matheson.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from *Donald Alexander McDonald*, of the Township of *Lochiel*, praying that he may be indemnified for losses sustained by him from the riotous proceedings of a body of laborers on the *Beauharnois* Canal.

Petitions, From D. A. McDonald, of Lochiel.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented two Petitions from *Ralph Merry* and others, Inhabitants of the Townships of *Stanstead*, *Bolton*, and *Hatley*, praying that the Provincial Road from the *Chambly* Plank Road to the Province Line at *Hereford*, may be completed; and praying that certain parts of the said Townships of *Bolton* and *Hatley* may be detached and erected into a new Township, to be called the Township of *Elgin*. And

From Stanstead, (R. Merry and others.) (2 Petitions.)

also, a Petition from *Nicolas Austin* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Bolton* aforesaid, praying that the Lands in the said Township may not be partitioned, except upon certain prescribed conditions.

From Bolton. (N. Austin & others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Massue* presented a Petition from *Francois Barette* and others, of *Grande Baie*, in the County of *Saguenay*, praying that the Lands on which they have settled in good faith, may be ceded to them gratuitously, or at a moderate price.

From Grande Baie (F. Barette & others)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *Stephens Young* and others, Merchants and Inhabitants of *Montreal*, praying for the remission of the Duties which are imposed upon those Articles of Food which are consumed by Lumbermen. And also, a Petition from *Stephen Mackay* and others, of the County of *Two Mountains*, praying that the privilege of building a Toll Bridge over the River *Jesus*, at the Village of *St. Eustache*, may not be granted to *E. M. Leprohon* and *A. J. Berthelot*, except on certain conditions.

From Montreal (S. Young and others.) and

From Two Mountains (S. Mackay and others) presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, presented to the House the Public Accounts for the year 1846.

The Public Accounts for 1846 presented

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

(For Public Accounts, vide Sessional Papers, Letter A.)

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan* presented a Petition from the *Philadelphia and Huron Mining Company*, praying to be incorporated.

A Petition from the Philadelphia & Huron Mining Company, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Christie* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act relating to the partitioning of Lands in free and common Soccage in *Lower Canada*, among co-heirs of the Proprietors thereof, supplementary to an Act therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Lands Partition Bill (L.C.) brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Road 1st time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal two certain Ordinances

Winter Roads Bill read 2d time, and

Ordinances



“Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to Winter Roads in that part of the Province of Canada 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 extends from the District of Quebec, on the South of the River Saint Lawrence, to the Parish of Nicolet, and on the North of the said River to the Town of Three Rivers exclusively,” 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, Knoulton, and Masue to meet and adjourn as they please.

Hastings Registration Bill read 2d time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled “An Act to alter and amend an Act 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.

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 Sullivan, Macaulay, McKay, and Widmer, to meet and adjourn as they please.

House in Committee on Crown Lands Forms 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 relating to Letters Patent, whereby any Waste and other Lands of the Crown in Lower Canada are granted, and to dispense with certain unnecessary formalities connected therewith, occasioning delay and expense.”

After some time the House was resumed.

Reported, and leave asked to sit again.

And the Honorable Mr. Macaulay 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.

The question of concurrence being put whether leave be granted to the Committee to sit again on the said Bill,

Same negatived, and

It was Resolved in the negative.

Ordered, that the last mentioned Bill be referred to a Select Committee of four Members. The Bill referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Sullivan, W. Morris, Bruneau, and Sherwood, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from Pierre Boisvert and others, of the Township of Arthabaska, praying that the Bill of last Session, relating to Elementary Instruction in Lower Canada, may be replaced by one containing more liberal provisions. Also, a Petition from Pierre Paschal Fortin and others, of the Parish of L'Islet, praying that so much of the Act, 9th Vic. c. 27, as imposes a direct tax for the support of Education in Lower Canada may be repealed. Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of L'Islet, praying that the Registry Office for the County of L'Islet may be held in the Parish of that name. Also, a Petition from the President and Directors of the City Bank, praying for an increase to the Capital Stock of the said Bank. Also, a Petition from John Moore and others, Inhabitants of the Municipality of Eaton, in the County of Sherbrooke, praying that the Road from Quebec to the Province Line at Hereford may be completed. And also, a Petition from the Trustees of the Sherbrooke Academy, praying for pecuniary aid. Petitions, From Arthabaska, (P. Boisvert and others.) From L'Islet (P. Fortin and others.) From the Municipality of L'Islet. From the President, &c., of the City Bank. From Eaton, (J. Moore and others,) and From the Directors of the Sherbrooke Academy, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Statement of the Affairs of the City Bank, made up to the 17th May, 1847. A Return from the City Bank, presented.

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

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter U.)

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



THURSDAY.

Thursday, 24th June, 1847.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>W. Morris,</i>	<i>Goodhue,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Massue,</i>
<i>Macaulay,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>Brunèau,</i>	<i>J. Morris,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	<i>Pinhey,</i>
<i>McKay,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>
<i>Roy,</i>	<i>Matheson.</i>

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from *W. P. McLaren* and others, Merchants and Shipowners of the City of *Hamilton*, praying to be incorporated as the *Burlington Bay Dock and Ship Building Company*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* presented a Petition from *N. Adams* and others, friends and supporters of the *High School at Bedford*, praying for pecuniary aid in support of the said Institution.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *Theodore J. Park* and others, Inhabitants of the Town of *Amherstburgh*, praying that the said Town may be incorporated. Also, a Petition from *P. P. Lacroix* and others, of the Western District, praying that the proceedings adopted by the Crown Lands Department, in regard to the disposal of the Lands called Clergy Reserves may be suspended, and that a Law may be passed to alter and modify the mode now adopted in selling the said Lands. Also, a Petition from *George Babcock*, of *Brantford*, Stage Proprietor, praying for the passing of an Act to authorize him, as Contractor for carrying the American Mail between the Eastern and Western States, to carry the said Mails from the American frontier of the *Niagara River* to the American frontier of the *Detroit River*, across that portion of the Province of *Canada* which lies between the said Rivers. Also, a Petition from *John Prince* and others, Barristers and Attorneys at Law at *Sandwich*, upon the Western Circuit, praying that an Act may be passed for dividing the profession of Barris-

ter and Attorney in *Canada West*, so that those branches may be practised distinctly from each other, as in the United Kingdom. And also, a Petition from *J. F. Elliot* and others, Freeholders and Inhabitants of *Upper Canada*, praying that the period for completing the "*Niagara and Detroit Rivers Rail-road*," may be extended to a period of five years.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

It was moved, that when this House adjourns tomorrow, it do stand adjourned until Wednesday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

The same was Resolved in the affirmative. Adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act the better to facilitate optional commutation of the tenure of Lands *en roture* in the Seigniories and Fiefs in *Lower Canada* into that of '*franc alevu roturier*.'"

The said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next, and that in the mean time, one hundred copies of the same be printed, in both Languages, for the use of Members.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

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

Friday, 25th June, 1847.

FRIDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>Sullivan,</i>	<i>Goodhue,</i>
<i>W. Morris,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>J. Morris,</i>
<i>Macaulay,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>
<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>
<i>Knoulton.</i>	

PRAYERS.

Petitions From Hamilton. (W. P. McLaren and others.)

From the High School at Bedford.

From Amherstburgh, (J. Park & others)

From the Western District, (P. P. Lacroix & others.)

From G. Babcock of Brantford.

From the Western District, (J. Prince and others, Barristers and Attorneys), and

From J. F. Elliot & others presented.

Motion respecting the adjournment of the House.

Adopted.

Optional Commutation of Tenure Bill presented.

Read 1st time.

2d reading on Wednesday, and

Ordered to be printed.

Adjourn.

## PRAYERS.

Petitions  
From the St.  
Lawrence and  
Atlantic Rail-  
road Company.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*, praying that the Provincial Government may be authorised to subscribe for Stock in the said Company. And also two Petitions from the *Montreal Gas Light Company*, praying for an increase to its Capital Stock, and an extension of the Charter; and praying against the incorporation of a New Gas Company in the City of *Montreal*, except upon certain limitations and conditions.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the  
Montreal Gas  
Light Com-  
pany.  
(2 Petitions.)

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from the *Niagara and Ten Mile Creek Plank Road Company*, praying for a further amendment of their Charter.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Ni-  
agara and Ten  
Mile Creek  
Plank Road  
Company.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *John Egan* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Hull*, in the County of *Huron*, praying to be Incorporated for the purpose of constructing a Macadamised or Planked Road from the Union Suspension Bridge to the Steamboat Landing at *Aylmer*.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Hull (J.  
Egan and  
others.)

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Robert Best* and others, and also a Petition from *John H. Eymon* and others, Members of the Religious Denomination called "Bible Christians," and Inhabitants of the District of *Newcastle*, severally praying for the passing of an Act conferring upon their Ministers authority to solemnise Matrimony.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Bible  
Christians of  
the Newcastle  
District.  
(2 Petitions.)

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from the Rev. *A. Thèberge* and others, of the Parish of *Terrebonne*, praying that the County Registry Office may not be removed from the Village of that name.

Also, a Petition from the Rev. *Louis Gingras* and others, of the Parishes of *Ste. Thèrèse*, *Ste. Rose*, *St. Vincent de Paul*, *St. Martin*, and *La Visitation du Sault au Recollet*, praying that the privilege of building a Toll Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies* may be granted to *Pierre Vieau*, *Louis Lahaise*, and *Joseph Brien dit Desrochers* rather than to

From Terre-  
bonne (Rev. A.  
Thèberge and  
others.)

From Ste.  
Thèrèse, Ste.  
Rose, &c. (Rev.  
L. Gingras &  
others.)

*Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle*. Also, a Petition from *Joseph S. Walton*, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*, praying for the adoption of such measures as will secure the payment of a sum of money due to him as the Clerk of the Municipal Council of the District of *Sherbrooke*. Also, a Petition from *A. E. Tashereau* and others, of the County of *Portneuf*, praying for the repeal of the tax on Education, imposed on the people of *Lower Canada* by 9th Vic. C. 27. And also, a Petition from *Ignace Gagnon* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne Lapèrade*, praying that the Act of last Session, on the subject of Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*, may be repealed.

From J. S.  
Walton, of  
Sherbrooke.

From Portneuf  
(A. E. Tashereau & others)  
and

From Ste Anne  
Lapèrade. (I.  
Gagnon and  
others, pre-  
sented.)

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

Pursuant to notice, *it was moved*, that a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of altering or amending the Standing Orders of this House, and of revising the present printed collection thereof for the convenience of Members.

Motion for the  
appointment  
of a Committee  
on Rules and  
Standing Or-  
ders.

The question of concurrence being put on the said motion,

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Adopted.

*Ordered*, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Sullivan*, *Macaulay*, and *Sherwood*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Commit-  
tee.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* presented a Petition from *Daniel McPherson* and others, Inhabitants of *North* and *South Easthope*, and the adjoining Townships in the District of *Huron*, praying that certain Townships in the said District may be constituted a new District, with *Stratford* for its Chief Town.

A Petition from  
North & South  
Easthope (D.  
McPherson &  
others), pre-  
sented.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton*, from the Select Committee of Privileges, appointed to consider of the absence of the Honorable *John McDonald* from his place in this House during the last two Sessions of Parliament, reported that they have searched the Journals of this House for the said two last Sessions, and find that the said Honorable *John McDonald* has been absent as above stated,

Report of the  
Committee of  
Privileges on  
the absence of  
the Hon. J.  
McDonald.

Light

without the permission of Her Majesty, or of the Governor of this Province, signified by the said Governor to this House.

To be considered on Wednesday.

*Ordered*, that the said Report be taken into consideration by the House on Wednesday next.

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

A Petition from the Echo Lake Mining Company, presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan* presented a Petition from *Theodore Hart* and others, Stockholders in the *Echo Lake Mining Company*, praying for an Act of Incorporation, or for such a general Act as will enable them to carry on their operations with confidence and security.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Wednesday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, in conformity with the Order of the House made yesterday.

WEDNESDAY.

Wednesday, 30th June, 1847.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

*Sullivan,*  
*W. Morris,*  
*Joliette,*  
*Macaulay,*  
*Ferrie,*  
*Knoulton,*  
*A. Dionne,*  
*Goodhue,*

*Sherwood,*  
*Irving,*  
*Neilson,*  
*J. Morris,*  
*Gordon,*  
*Pinhey,*  
*Ferrier,*  
*Matheson.*

PRAYERS.

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

Hon. G. S. Boulton introduced as a Member.

When the Honorable *George Strange Boulton* was introduced between the Honorable Messieurs *Sherwood* and *Gordon*.

Presents his Writ of Summons.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who

delivered it to the Clerk, and it was read as follows :



PROVINCE }  
OF }  
Canada. } *ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.*

*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 *George Strange Boulton*, of the Town of *Cobourg*, 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 *George Strange Boulton*, 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 Right Well Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, 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 June, and in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

and forty-seven, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

E. & K.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,  
C. C. C.

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R. A. TUCKER,  
Registrar.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Boulton* 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.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *William Shore* and others, Inhabitants of the Townships of *Aldborough*, *Dunwich*, *Southwold*, *Yarmouth*, *Malahide*, *Bayham*, and the rear half of *South Dorchester*, in the District of *London*, praying that the said Townships may be erected into a new District, under the title of the District of *Elgin*. Also, a Petition from *W. W. Branan* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Brock*, in the Western District, praying that the said Township may be annexed to the District of *London*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Councillors of the Municipality of *Kakouna* in the County of *Rimouski*, praying for the repeal of so much of 9 Vic., c. 27, as imposes a direct tax for the support of Education in *Lower Canada*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Joliette* presented to the House Returns from the Agricultural Societies of the County of *Huntingdon*, and of the District of *Montreal*, for the year ending in February, 1847.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Joliette* presented a Petition from the Right Rev. *P. Phelan*, Bishop of *Carrha*, and Administrator of the Diocese of *Kingston*, praying for pecuniary aid in behalf of the Roman Catholic College at *Kingston* aforesaid. Also, a Petition from *Valerè Guillet* and others, of *Three Rivers*, praying for the liquidation of their claims upon the Municipal District of *Three Rivers* aforesaid. Also, a Petition from *Pierre Des-saint*, of *Kamouraska*, praying to be satisfied in the amount of his claims against the District Council of *Kamouraska* aforesaid. And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of *St. Paschal*, praying that voluntary contributions may be substituted for direct taxation in supporting Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne* presented a Petition from *Jean Baptiste Martin*, of *Saint Paschal*, praying to be compensated for his services as Clerk to the late District Council of *Kamouraska*. Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *St. Denis de la Bouteillerie*, praying for some modifications in the provisions of the Act 9th Vic., C. 27; also, a Petition from *P. C. Marquis* and others, of the Parish of *St. André*, praying for the repeal of so much of the 9th Vic., Chap. 27, as imposes a direct tax for the support of Education in *Lower Canada*. Also, Petitions from the Municipal Councils of *Kamouraska*, of *St. Denis de la Bouteillerie*, and of the Parish of *Rivière Ouelle*, severally praying that some improvements may be made in the Navigation of the River *Saint Lawrence* in that neighbourhood. And also, Petitions from the Municipal Councils of the aforesaid Parishes of *Rivière Ouelle*, of *Kamouraska*, of *St. André*, of *St. Paschal*, and of *St. Denis de la Bouteillerie*, severally praying that the County of *Kamouraska* may not be united to the County of *Rimouski* for purposes of Judicature.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from the Mayor and others, Inhabitants of the City of *Quebec*, praying for an immediate investigation into the state of Immigration in this Province, and that such measures may be adopted during the present Session as are required by the urgent and unexampled exigencies of the case. Also,

Petitions From the Bishop of Carrha.

From Three Rivers, (V. Guillet and others.)

From P. Des-saint, of Kamouraska.

From the Municipality of St. Paschal.

From J. B. Martin of St. Paschal.

From the Municipality of St. Denis de la Bouteillerie.

From St. André, (P. C. Marquis and others.)

From the Municipalities of Kamouraska, St. Denis de la Bouteillerie, and Rivière Ouelle.

From the Municipal Councils of the Parishes of Rivière Ouelle, Kamouraska, St. André, St. Paschal, St. Denis de la Bouteillerie.

From Quebec, (the Mayor and others of)

From the Quebec British and Canadian School Society. (2 Petitions.)

From Nicolet and Ste. Monique. (L. M. Cressé and others.)

From Hamilton and Thompson. (Saw Millers.)

two Petitions from *J. Hale*, President, and others, being Members of the *Quebec British and Canadian School Society*, praying for pecuniary aid towards re-building the School House destroyed by the Fire of 1845; and praying for pecuniary aid in support of the same. Also, a Petition from *L. M. Cressé* and others, of the Parishes of *Nicolet* and *Sainte Monique*, in the County of *Nicolet*, praying that the Act 9th Vic., C. 27, may be replaced by more liberal enactments on the subject of Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*. And also, a Petition from *Hamilton and Thompson*, Saw Millers, praying that they may be allowed to use the Train in transporting their Lumber.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Home District Council.

From Kent. (J. Smith and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Irving* presented a Petition from the *Home District Council*, praying that various amendments may be made to the School Act. And also, a Petition from *James Smith* and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Kent*, in the *Western District*, praying that the said District may be divided.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Montreal and Lachine Railroad Company.

From McGill College. (2 Petitions.)

From T. Griffith of Rawdon

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the *Montreal and Lachine Railroad Company*, praying for certain amendments to their Charter. Also, a Petition from the Caput of *McGill College*, praying that the duplicate Volumes of certain Books in the Library of the Legislative Council may be granted to the said College; also, a Petition from the Governors and Officers of the aforesaid College, praying for pecuniary aid in support of that Institution. And also, a Petition from *Thomas Griffith*, of the Village of *Rawdon*, praying that he may be indemnified in consequence of the destruction of his House by an incendiary in the month of December, 1837.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Hamilton. (J. Smith and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from *J. Smith* and others, of the Townships of *Hamilton* and *Hope*, in the *Newcastle District*, praying to be Incorporated as a Joint Stock Company, under the name and style of the "*Cobourg and Port Hope Road Company*."

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *G. Witherspoon* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Harwich*, in the *Western District*; also, a Petition from *James Robertson* and others, Inhabitants of *East and West Tilbury*, in the same District; also, a Petition from *Thomas Morlane* and others, Inhabitants of *Dawn*, in the same District; also, a Petition from *Thomas W. Smith* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Dover* (East and West), in the same District; also, a Petition from *J. W. Little* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Raleigh*, in the same District; also, a Petition from *Robert Stafford* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Camden*, in the same District; and also, a Petition from *Adam Geddy* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Romney*, in the same District—severally praying that those Townships which are comprised within the County of *Kent*, may be erected into a new District.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the Bank of *Montreal*, made up to the 24th June, 1847. Also, a Return from the *Montreal Mechanics' Institute*. Also, Returns from the Agricultural Societies of the Counties of *Prescott* and *Nicolet*. And also, a Return from the *Saint Lawrence Inland Marine Assurance Company* for the year 1846.

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

(For Return from Bank of Montreal, vide Sessional Papers, Letter U.)

(For Return from Mechanics' Institute, vide Appendix, No. 10.)

(For Agricultural Return, vide Sessional Papers, Letter E.)

(For Assurance Return, vide Sessional Papers, Letter U.)

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, presented to the House a Return of Bankrupts, in conformity with an Address of this House during the last Session, which was laid on the Table, and is as follows:—

For Return, vide Appendix No. 11.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* acquainted the

From Harwich, (G. Witherspoon and others.)  
From East and West Tilbury (J. Robertson, and others.)

From Dawn, (T. Morlane and others.)  
From East and West Dover, (T. W. Smith and others.)

From Raleigh, (J. W. Little and others.)

From Camden, (R. Stafford and others.) and

From Romney, (A. Geddy and others.) presented.

Returns From the Bank of Montreal.

From the Montreal Mechanics' Institute.

From the Agricultural Societies of Prescott and Nicolet; and

From the St. Lawrence Inland Marine Assurance Company, presented.

Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

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 then read by the Clerk as follows :

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

Transmitting the copy of a Despatch relative to the Post Office Department.

16th June, 1847.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Council, a Copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant Governor of *Nova Scotia*, enclosing Copies of Resolutions adopted by the House of Assembly of that Province relative to the Post Office Department in *British North America*.

Government House,  
Montreal, 29th June, 1847.

(For Despatch, vide Appendix No. 12.)

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Church Wardens of *St. Peter's Church* at *Brockville* to sell a certain Lot of Land therein mentioned, and to apply the proceeds towards the erection of a Parsonage House for the Minister of such Church, on a Lot to be hereafter conveyed to the Bishop of *Toronto* for that purpose."

Brockville Parsonage House Bill, presented.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

2d Reading on Monday, and Ordered to be printed. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next, and that one hundred copies of the same be in the mean time printed for the use of Members.

The Petition from Hamilton and Thompson, (Saw Millers,) referred to the Select Committee on Winter Roads Bill.

*Ordered*, that the Petition presented this day from *Hamilton and Thompson, Saw Millers*, be referred 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 of *Canada*, 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 extends from the District of *Quebec* on the South of the River *Saint Lawrence*, to the Parish of *Nicolet*, and on the North of the said River, to the Town of *Three Rivers* exclusively."

Petitions From the Brock District Council.

The Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* presented a Petition from the District Council of the District of *Brock*, praying that Commissioners may be appointed to determine the bound-

daries of certain Townships in the Districts of *Brock* and *Talbot*. And also, a Petition from the Trustees of the *Stanstead Academy*, praying for pecuniary aid.

From the Trustees of the Stanstead Academy, and

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan* presented a Petition from *John Young* and others, Merchants of the City of *Montreal*, praying to be incorporated under the name and style of the "*Montreal and Great Northern Junction Railroad Company*."

From Montreal, (J. Young and others,) presented.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the time for taking the Oath and making the Declaration required of persons naturalized in this Province," was read the second time.

Alien Bill, read 2d time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

To be committed on Wednesday.

*Ordered*, that the House be put into a Committee upon the said Bill on Wednesday next.

*It was moved*,

That this House do, on Friday next, Resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the subject of Emigration.

A Motion respecting Emigration.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

*The same was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Adopted.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act the better to facilitate optional commutation of the tenure of Lands, *en roture*, in the Seigniories and Fiefs in *Lower Canada*, into that of *franc alevu-roturier*,'" was read the second time.

Optional Commutation of Tenure Bill, read 2d time, and

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

*Ordered*, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Sullivan, Joliette*, and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Referred to a Select Committee.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee of Privileges, on the subject of the absence of the Honorable *John McDonald*, it was

Consideration of the Report of the Select Committee, on the absence of the Hon. J. McDonald, postponed till to-morrow.

*Ordered*, that the same be discharged, and that



that the said Report do stand upon the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from *Simeon Larochelle*, of *St. Anselme*, praying for aid, and a reward for having invented a Machine to supply the place of Artillery.

A Petition from S. Larochelle, of St. Anselme, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Two Members added to the Committee on Rules and Standing Orders.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs *Joliette* and *A. Dionne* be added to the Select Committee appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of altering or amending the Standing Orders of this House, and of revising the present collection thereof, for the convenience of Members.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act for shortening the time of prescription in certain cases, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Time of Prescription Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading tomorrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act for compensating the families of persons killed by accident, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and also a Bill intituled, "An Act for preventing malicious injuries to persons and property by fire, or by explosive or destructive substances," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Accidental Death Bill, and

Malicious Injuries Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time.

The said Bills were severally read the first time.

2d reading tomorrow.

Ordered, that the said Bills be severally read the second time tomorrow.

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

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,  
Monday, 28th June, 1847.

Resolved, That the Address to Her Majesty, humbly beseeching Her Majesty to be Graciously pleased to give Her Majesty's Royal Assent to a Bill passed at the last Session of this Provincial Parliament,

Message from the Assembly transmitting an Address to Her Majesty for concurrence on the subject of the Civil List Bill of last Session.

intituled, "An Act for granting "a Civil List to Her Majesty," be communicated, by Message, to the Honorable the Legislative Council, requesting the concurrence of their Honors thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* do carry the said Message to the Honorable the Legislative Council.

Attest,  
WM. B. LINDSAY,  
Cllk. Assy.

And then they withdrew.

The said Address to Her Majesty was then read by the Clerk as follows: Same read.

*Most Gracious Sovereign.* The Address.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the and Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beseech Your Majesty to be Graciously pleased to give Your Majesty's Royal Assent to a Bill passed at the last Session of this Provincial Parliament, intituled, "An Act for granting a "Civil List to Her Majesty."

*It was moved*, that the said Address to Her Majesty be taken into consideration presently. A motion for considering the same presently.

Which being objected to,

*It was moved* in amendment, to leave out "presently" and insert "tomorrow." Motion in amendment thereto.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

*The same was Resolved* in the affirmative. Adopted.

The question of concurrence being put upon the main motion (as amended), The Address to be considered tomorrow.

*The same was Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered accordingly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Christie* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act relating to Justices of "the Peace in the *Magdalen Islands*, in the "Gulf of *Saint Lawrence*, and to dispense, as "respects them, with the property qualification by law required of Justices of the Peace "in other parts of the Province," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Magdalen Islands Justices of the Peace Bill, brought up.

The



Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading to-morrow. Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Rosseau and others with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office in the County of Yamaska, from Labaie to Saint Francois du Lac," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Yamaska Registry Office Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading on Monday. Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Gowan and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Court of Queen's Bench and the High Court of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit Frederic Fraser Carruthers to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor thereof respectively," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Carruthers' Attorney Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading to-morrow. Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr Woods and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the Western District of the Province of Canada, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Western District division Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

2d Reading on Friday. Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Stewart, of Prescott, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the Township of Plantagenet, in the Ottawa District, into two Townships," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Plantagenet division Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading on Monday. Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

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

Adjourn.

Thursday, 1st July, 1847.

THURSDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable Peter McGill, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

Sullivan,  
W. Morris,  
Joliette,  
Macaulay,  
Ferrie,  
Knoulton,  
McKay,  
A. Dionne,  
Goodhue.

Sherwood,  
Irving,  
Neilson,  
J. Morris,  
Pinhey,  
Ferrier,  
Matheson.  
Boulton,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Boulton presented a Petition from the President and Board of Police of the Town of Cobourg, praying for certain Amendments to the Act by which the said Board is constituted. Also, a Petition from Ebenezer Perry and others, Inhabitants of the Townships of Haldimand and Hamilton, in the Newcastle District, praying to be incorporated under the name and style of the Cobourg and Grafton Road Company.

Petitions From the Cobourg Board of Police.

From Haldimand, &c. (E. Perry, and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Sullivan presented a Petition from William McDonald and others, Inhabitants of the Island of Montreal, praying for the passing of an Act to authorize Pierre Vieau Louis Lahaise and Joseph Brien dit Desroches, to erect a Toll Bridge over the River des Prairies, opposite the Line Road called "La Montee de Noel."

From Montreal, (W. McDonald and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. James Morris presented a Petition from A. Proudfoot and others, Inhabitants of the Township of Trafalgar, in the District of Gore, praying that the main line of Road from the Eastern limit of the said District of Gore to the Town of Hamilton, may be either Planked or Macadamized.

From Trafalgar, (A. Proudfoot and others.)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Joliette presented a Petition from Peter Caughel and others, Inhabitants of the Township of Haughton, in the Talbot District, praying that the Harbor of Port Burwell may be completed. And also, a Petition from W. F. Wallace and others, Inhabitants of the Township of Bayham, in the

From Haughton, (P. Caughel and others.)

From Bayham, (W. F. Wallace and others.)

the District of *London*, praying that the Harbor of *Port Burwell* may be completed, and also, that a Plank Road from the said Harbor, to intersect the main Road from *Brantford* to *London*, may be constructed.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *Robertson, Masson* and others, Merchants, and Traders residing in the City of *Montreal*, praying against the revival of the Bankruptcy Law. Also, a Petition from *Frederic Dockstader* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Caistor*, in the District of *Niagara*. Also, a Petition from *John Carron* and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Haldimand*, in the District of *Niagara*, severally praying that the site of the District Town of the said District may be removed to a more central situation. And also, a Petition from *Samuel Gamble* and others, Inhabitants of the Townships of *Walpole* and *Woodhouse*, praying that a certain Survey of the said Township, made by Mr. *Walsh*, may be confirmed.

From Montreal, (Robertson, Masson and others.)

From Caistor, (F. Dockstader and others.)

From Haldimand, (J. Carron and others.)

From Walpole, (S. Gamble and others.)

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented to the House the Annual Return from the Agricultural Society of the County of *Gaspé*.

A Return from the Agricultural Society of the County of Gaspé, presented.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter E.*)

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 then read by the Clerk as follows:—

A Message from His Excellency, transmitting copies of Despatches.

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Council, Copies of the several Despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, enumerated in the Annexed Schedule.

Government House,  
*Montreal*, 30th June, 1847.

SCHEDULE of Despatches accompanying the Governor General's Message of the 30th June, 1847.

No.	DATE.	SUBJECT.
70	1846. 26th May,	Respecting the Magdalen Islands.
Circular.	30th, "	With revised Regulations to be observed in Incorporating Banking Companies in the Colonies.
46	2d Nov.	Objections pointed out to the discriminating Duty imposed by the Customs' Act of last Session on Leather Articles.
51	12th Nov.	Respecting the Act of last Session, amending the Registry Laws of Upper Canada.
55	19th Nov.	Points out some provisions omitted in the Niagara Suspension Bridge Act, and in the several Railway Acts of last Session, and desires that they may be supplied.
2	3d Dec.	With Letter from Treasury, pointing out objections to the Reserved Bill of last Session to incorporate La Banque des Marchands.
23	1847. 1st Feb.	Points out Amendments required in the Act of last Session relative to the Great Western Railroad, and the Montreal and Lachine Railroad.

On the subject of the Magdalen Islands.

Relating to certain Banking regulations hereafter to be observed.

On the subject of the Duty on Leather Articles imposed by the Customs Act of last Session.

Respecting the Act of last Session, for amending the Registry Laws of U. C.

On the subject of certain omitted provisions in the Niagara Suspension Bridge Act, and in several Railway Acts of last Session.

On the subject of certain objections to La Banque des Marchands Bill, reserved during the late Session; and

On the subject of certain Amendments required in the Great Western and Montreal and Lachine Railroad Acts of last Session.

*For Despatches, vide Appendix, No. 13.*

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to consider the Report of the Select Committee of Privileges, on the subject of the absence of the Honorable *John McDonald*, it was

Order of the Day, for considering the Report of the Committee of Privileges on the subject of the absence of the Hon. J. McDonald read and discharged.

*Ordered*, that the same be discharged.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Merritt* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal part of, and to amend the Act regulating the Militia of this Province, in so far as regards the enrolment of, and fines imposed upon, Quakers, Menonists, and Tunkers," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Militia Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading tomorrow.

Pursuant

Time of pre-  
scription Bill  
read 2d time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for shortening the time of prescription in certain cases, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the second time.

To be commit-  
ted tomorrow. *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 tomorrow.

Accidental  
death Bill read  
2d time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for compensating the families of persons killed by accident, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the second time.

To be commit-  
ted tomorrow. *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 tomorrow.

Malicious in-  
juries Bill read  
2d time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for preventing malicious injuries to persons and property by fire, or by explosive or destructive substances," was read the second time.

To be commit-  
ted tomorrow. *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 tomorrow.

Consideration  
of the Address  
to Her Majesty  
on the Civil  
List Bill of last  
Session. The House, according to order, proceeded to the consideration of the Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Civil List Bill, passed by the two Houses of the Legislature during the last Session.

Read 2d time. Which said Address was then again read by the Clerk.

Motion to  
agree thereto. *It was moved* to agree with the Legislative Assembly in the said Address, by filling up the blank with "Legislative Council."

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

Adopted. *The same was Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered* accordingly.

Speaker order-  
ed to sign the  
Address. *Ordered*, that the Speaker do sign the said Address on behalf of this House.

And the As-  
sembly ac-  
quainted of the  
adoption of  
same *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 filling up the blank with "Legislative Council."

**DISSENTIENT :**

*Because*, the said Bill has been offered for the Royal Assent in the usual course of Legislation, by both Houses, and the exercise of the Royal Prerogative is still pending, without any communication on the subject to this House. Protest of the  
Hon. J. Neil-  
son thereon.

*Because*, the said Bill being a Money Bill, and by Parliamentary usage could only be rejected or passed by this House, any unusual interference with the Crown in relation thereto, is unparliamentary.

*Because*, the quality adopted in the said Address by the Legislative Assembly, is inconsistent with the Constitutional Act.

J. NEILSON.

*Ordered*, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, in the following words : An Address to  
His Excellency to trans-  
mit the fore-  
going Address  
to Her Majesty,  
ordered.  
The Address.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please Your Excellency,*

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the 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, humbly beseeching Her Majesty to be pleased to give Her Royal Assent to a Bill passed at the last Session, intituled, "An Act for granting a Civil List to Her Majesty," 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. Ordered to be  
signed by the  
Speaker, and

*Ordered*, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council Sent to the As-  
sembly for con-  
currence.

Council have passed the last mentioned Address to His Excellency the Governor General, to which they desire their concurrence.

Magdalen Islands Justices of the Peace Bill read 2d time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act relating to Justices of the Peace in the *Magdalen Islands*, in the *Gulf of Saint Lawrence*, and to dispense, as respects them, with the property qualification by law required of Justices of the Peace in other parts of the Province," was read the second time.

3d reading to-morrow.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Carruthers' Attorney Bill read 2d time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorise the Court of Queen's Bench, and the High Court of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Frederic Fraser Carruthers* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor thereof respectively," was read the second time.

3d reading to-morrow.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Petitions, From Berthier (Rev. J. F. Gagnon and others.)

The Honorable Mr. *Joliette* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. F. Gagnon* and others, of *Berthier*, praying for aid towards making a Road.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Montreal (J. F. McCord and others,) and

From Montreal (J. Young and others,) presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *J. F. McCord* and others, Inhabitants of the City of *Montreal*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate them for the purpose of establishing a Protestant Cemetery therein. And also, a Petition from *John Young* and others, Inhabitants of the City of *Montreal*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate them for the purpose of constructing a Bridge across the River *St. Lawrence*, at or near the said City.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Agricultural Return from Gaspé ordered to be printed.

*Ordered*, that one hundred copies of the Annual Report of the Agricultural Society for the County of *Gaspé*, presented to the House this day, be printed in both Languages for the use of Members.

A Petition from Coburg (T. Evans and others), presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from *Thomas Evans* and others, Inhabitants of the Town of *Cobourg*, praying that in the Bill sought for by the Board of Police of the said Town, a clause may be

added providing that the title to the Road allowance between the point on Lot No. 17, where King Street deviates from the said allowance, and Fourth Street on Lot No. 10, may be vested in the said Board of Police.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

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

Friday, 2d July, 1847.

FRIDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>Sullivan,</i>	<i>Goodhue,</i>
<i>W. Morris,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Joliette,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Macaulay,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>J. Morris,</i>
<i>Knoulton.</i>	<i>Pinhey,</i>
<i>McKay,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>
<i>Roy,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>
<i>A. Dionne,</i>	<i>Boulton.</i>

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, presented a Petition from the President, Directors, and Company of the *Cobourg and Rice Lake Plank Road and Ferry Company*, praying for an Amendment to their Act of Incorporation.

Petitions From the Cobourg and Rice Lake Plank Road Company and

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *W. W. Blanchard* and others, Inhabitants of the *Johnstown District*, praying that authority may be given to persons duly qualified to practise Medicine according to the reformed botanical or *Thomsonian* system to receive remuneration for their services.

From the Johnstown District (W. W. Blanchard and others) presented

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act relating to Justices of the Peace in the *Magdalen Islands*, in the *Gulf of Saint Lawrence*, and to dispense, as respects them, with the property qualifications by Law required of Justices of the Peace in other parts of the Province," was read the third time.

Magdalen Islands Justices of the Peace Bill read 3d time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass.

It

Passed.

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Carruthers' Attorney Bill read 3d time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the Court of Queen's Bench and the High Court of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Frederick Fraser Carruthers* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor thereof respectively," 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.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the Whole House, on the subject of Emigration.

House in Committee on Emigration.

After some time the House was resumed, and

Progress reported & leave asked to sit again on Monday.

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay* reported from the said Committee, that they had taken the subject into consideration, had made some progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again on Monday next.

Same granted.

*Ordered*, that leave be granted accordingly.

Western District division Bill read 2d time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to divide the *Western District of the Province of Canada*, and for "other purposes therein mentioned," was read the second time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

To be Committed on Monday

*Ordered*, that the House be put into a Committee upon the said Bill on Monday next.

Militia Bill read 2d time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal part of, and to amend the Act regulating the Militia of this Province, in so far as regards the enrolment of, and fines imposed upon, Quakers, Menonists, and Tunkers," was read the second time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

To be Committed on Monday

*Ordered*, that the House be put into a

Committee upon the said Bill on Monday next.

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 for shortening the time of Prescription in certain cases, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

House in Committee on time of Prescription 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 to the House, without any amendment.

Reported without amendment.

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

3d reading on Monday.

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 for compensating the families of persons killed by accident, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

House in Committee on Accidental death Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* 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 on Tuesday next.

Progress reported & leave asked to sit again on Tuesday.

*Ordered*, that leave be granted accordingly.

Same granted.

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 for preventing malicious injuries to persons and property by fire, or by explosive or destructive substances."

House in Committee on Malicious injuries Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Sherwood* 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 without amendment.

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

3d reading on Monday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* and

Service of Process regulation Bill brought up and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to regulate the service of Process in Real Actions, wherein the party Defendant is resident without the limits of the District of the situation of the Property in dispute," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading on Tuesday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next.

Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association 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 incorporate the *Montreal* Firemen's Benevolent Society," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading on Monday next. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure for 1847. The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, presented to the House an Estimate of the sum required for the Public Service of 1847: also, a General Estimate of the probable amount of Expenditure and Net Revenue of the Consolidated Fund of the Province of *Canada* for the same year. Also, an appropriation for the encouragement of Education in *Eastern Canada* for the year aforesaid to be defrayed out of the Revenues arising from the Funds and Estates of the late Order of Jesuits; and also, certain Documents explaining the cause and reason of the dismissal of *H. Allan*, Esquire, from the Office of Judge of the *London* District Court.

Estimates for Educational purposes in *Canada* East for 1847; and

Certain Documents relating to the dismissal of Judge *Allen* presented.

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

(For the Estimates, vide Sessional Papers, Letters C.C.)

(For Documents relating to the Case of Judge *Allen*, vide Sessional Papers, Letter V.)

Petitions, From *Grenville* (*D. Jones* and others) and From the District of *Johnstown* (*D. Clark* and others) presented. The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from *Dunham Jones* and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Grenville*, praying that the same may be erected into a new District. And also a Petition from *D. Clark* and others, Inhabitants of the District of *Johnstown*, praying that certain Roads to the North of the *St. Lawrence* Canal, between *Cornwall* and *Prescott*, may be improved and opened.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter and amend an Act, 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 to the House without any amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on *Hastings* Registration Bill presented.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next. Bill for 3d reading on Monday

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented to the House, a Bill, intituled, "An Act to make better provision for the protection of the property of persons dying intestate in this Province."

Intestates property Bill presented.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next, and that, in the mean time, one hundred copies of the same be printed for the use of Members. 2d reading on Wednesday. To be printed.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* presented a Petition from the Trustees of the *Dunham* High School, praying for pecuniary aid. And also, two Petitions from *A. L. Taylor* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Stanbridge*, praying that the said Township may be divided into two Protestant Parishes; and praying for the improvement of the Road from the said Township to the Village of *Philipsburg*.

Petitions, From the *Dunham* High School.

From *Stanbridge* (*A. L. Taylor* and others) (2 petitions), and

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Joliette* presented a Petition from *Honoré Labbé* and others, of *Grande Baie* and *Chicoutimi*, in the County of *Saguenay*, praying for aid towards opening a Road. From *Grande Baie* (*H. Labbé* & others) presented.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to encourage the improvement of Real Estate in that part of *Canada* formerly called *Upper Canada*."

Real Estate improvement Bill presented.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next, and that, in the mean time, one hundred copies of the same be printed for the use of Members. 2d reading on Tuesday, and Ordered to be printed.

The



Petitions  
From Drum-  
mond (J. Men-  
zies and others)

From Sher-  
brooke (A. T.  
Galt & others)  
and

From the Rev.  
J. Butler and  
others, pre-  
sented.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *J. Menzies* and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Drummond*: also, a Petition from *A. T. Galt* and others, Inhabitants of the Town and County of *Sherbrooke*, severally praying that Government aid may be granted towards the completion of the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad, and also, that their ordinary waggon Road, leading towards the terminus of the said Railroad at *Acton*, may be completed; and also, a Petition from the Rev. *John Butler* and others, praying that the custom of making Public sales of Property after Divine Service on Sundays may be abolished.

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, 5th July, 1847.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker:

The Honorable Messieurs

*Sullivan,*  
*W. Morris,*  
*Joliette,*  
*Crooks,*  
*Fergusson,*  
*Macaulay,*  
*Ferrie,*  
*Knoulton,*  
*McKay,*  
*Roy,*

The Honorable Messieurs

*A. Dionne,*  
*Goodhue,*  
*Knoulton,*  
*Irving,*  
*Neilson,*  
*J. Morris,*  
*Pinhey,*  
*Ferrier,*  
*Matheson,*  
*Boulton.*

PRAYERS.

Returns  
From the Com-  
mercial Bank,  
and

From the Ag-  
ricultural  
Society of the  
County of  
Bonaventure,  
presented.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Statement of the affairs of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland* District, to the 21st June, 1847. And also, a Return from the Agricultural Society of the County of *Bonaventure* for 1846-7.

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

(For Commercial Bank Return, vide Sessional Papers, Letter U.)

(For Agricultural Return, vide Sessional Papers, Letter E.)

The Honorable Mr. *Joliette* presented a Petition from the Reverend *George Slack* and others, Inhabitants of the District of *Montreal* and its vicinity, praying that the Plank Road from *Montreal* to *Chambly* may be placed under the management and direction of the Board of Works. Also, a Petition from *C. Goodsil* and others, Assessors for the District of *St. Johns*, praying to be compensated for labour performed in the aforesaid capacity in the year 1842.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *A. Lafrançois*, and others, of the Parishes of *St. Augustin*, *Pointe aux Trembles*, &c., praying that a certain Hill, on the Great Province Road through those Parishes may be improved at the expense of the Province. Also, a Petition from *André Ouimet* and others, of the Township of *Upton*, praying that certain parts of that Township may be annexed to the District of *Montreal*. Also, a Petition from the Reverend *L. A. Bourret*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*, in the County of *Saguenay*, praying that a Wharf may be erected at the place called *Pointe a Gaze* in that Parish. And also, a Petition from *Robert James Begley*, of *Montreal*, praying for the discontinuance of an action which has been instituted against him for certain alleged defalcations; and also, that he may be compensated for certain services rendered by him whilst in the service of the Board of Works.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Pinhey* presented a Petition from *William Wakefield* and others, Inhabitants of the City of *Toronto*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate them as a Company for constructing and managing a Wharf and Marine Railway.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from the Board of Trade of the Town of *Hamilton*, praying against the renewal of the Charter of the *Niagara* and *Detroit* Rivers Railroad Company.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay* presented a Petition from *Jacob H. Ball*, praying that the Arbitrators appointed to award damages for losses arising from the construction of the *Welland* Canal, may be required to investigate his claims for compensation for damages perpetrated upon his Property in the vicinity of

Petitions  
From the Dis-  
trict of Mont-  
real (Rev. G.  
Slack & others)

From St Johns  
(C. Goodsil &  
others.)

From St. Au-  
gustin (Rev. A.  
Lafrançois and  
others.)

From Upton  
(A. Ouimet &  
others.)

From St.  
Etienne de la  
Malbaie (Rev.  
L. A. Bourret  
and others.)

From R. J.  
Begley, of  
Montreal.

From Toronto  
(W. Wakefield  
and others.)

From the Ham-  
ilton Board  
of Trade.

From J.H. Ball



From Niagara  
(Rev. D. W.  
Philo & others)

the said Canal. Also, a Petition from the Rev. D. W. Philo and others, Inhabitants of the District of *Niagara*, praying that authority may be given to persons duly qualified to practise Medicine according to the Reformed Botanical, or Thompsonian System, to receive remuneration for their services. And also, a Petition from *Ozias Buchner* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Crowland*, in the District of *Niagara*; also, a Petition from *Lewis Wilson* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Pelham*, in the same District, severally praying for the removal of the site of the District Town of the said District.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

From E. M.  
Leprohon & J.  
M. Berthelot of  
Montreal.

The Honorable Mr. A. Dionne presented a Petition from E. M. Leprohon and J. M. Berthelot, of the City of *Montreal*, praying that the privilege of erecting a Bridge across the River *Jesus*, between the Villages of *St. Eustache* and *Ste. Rose*, and receiving Tolls thereon, may be conferred on them.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Orillia,  
(W. C. Hume  
and others.)

The Honorable Mr. W. Morris presented a Petition from *William C. Hume* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Orillia*, praying that the Road from *Sturgeon Bay* to *Windsor Harbour* may be completed.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Mon-  
treal Board of  
Trade.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the *Montreal Board of Trade*, praying against the passing of the Customs Duties Bill, as introduced into the Legislative Assembly.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Quebec,  
(A. Gilmour &  
others.)

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from *Allan Gilmour* and others, Inhabitants of the City of *Quebec*, praying for the remission of the Duties which are imposed upon those articles of food which are consumed by Lumbermen. Also, a Petition from *François Massicotte* and others, Inhabitants of the Parish of *Batiscan*, praying for the repeal of the Elementary Instruction Act. And also, a

From Batiscan  
(F. Massicotte  
and others.)

Petition from the Reverend E. W. Sewell and others, of the Chapel of the Holy Trinity, in the City of *Quebec*, praying that the Elementary Instruction Act of *Lower Canada* may be amended.

From Quebec,  
(Rev. E. W.  
Sewell and  
others.)

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Sullivan presented a Petition from *Benjamin Hart*, of the City of *Montreal*, praying for the passing of an Act to define the powers of the Courts of Queen's Bench in *Lower Canada* in certain particulars relating to Writs of Mandamus.

From B. Hart  
of Montreal,  
and

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. W. Morris presented a Petition from *Adam Seigmiller* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *South Easthope* and *Ellice*, in the District of *Huron*, praying for an extension of the Alien Law.

From South  
Easthope (A.  
Seigmiller and  
others), pre-  
sented.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter and amend an Act intituled, 'An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of *Hastings*, in *Upper Canada*,'" was read the third time.

Hastings Re-  
gistration Bill  
read 3d 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 for shortening the time of prescription in certain cases, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the third time.

Time of pre-  
scription Bill  
read 3d 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 for preventing Malicious Injuries to Persons and Property by Fire or by Explosive or Destructive Substances," was read the third time.

Malicious inju-  
ries Bill read  
3d 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 As-  
sembly ac-  
quainted there-  
of.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the Church Wardens of *St. Peter's Church*, at *Brockville*, to sell a certain Lot of Land therein mentioned, and to apply the proceeds towards the

Brockville par-  
sonage Bill  
read 2d time.

"the erection of a Parsonage House for the Minister of such Church, on a Lot to be hereafter conveyed to the Bishop of *Toronto* for that purpose," was read the second time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be engrossed, and the same read the third time tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office in the County of *Yamaska*, from *Labaie* to *Saint François du Luc*," was read the second time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. *James Morris* presented a Petition from *William Ridley* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Oxford*, in the *Western District*, praying that the County of *Kent* may be erected into a District.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to divide the Township of *Plantagenet*, in the *Ottawa District*, into "two Townships," was read the second time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association*," 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*, *Neilson*, and *Ferrier*, 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 on the subject of Emigration.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay* reported from the said Committee, that they had taken the subject into consideration, and had directed him to report a certain Resolution for the adoption of the House.

*Ordered*, that the Report be received, and

The said Resolution was then read by the Clerk as follows:

*Resolved*—That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, humbly to represent the serious apprehensions entertained by this House, from the large and unprecedented influx of Emigrants from the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in a state of destitution and disease unparalleled in the history of this Province.

Humbly to state, that the preparations at the Quarantine Station, although made on an extensive scale, have proved wholly inadequate to the emergency. That the Buildings erected for the reception of Emigrants at the Station at *Grosse Isle*, have been converted into Hospitals, and have been found insufficient even for that purpose. That from the want of accommodation at the Quarantine Station, the Emigrants, not apparently diseased, have been forwarded without the observance of the usual precautions. That the fever with which these unfortunate people are afflicted, has consequently shown itself amongst the inhabitants of the populous cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, and the progress of the Emigrants into the interior has been marked with disease and death.

To assure Her Majesty, that while this House and the people of this Province are most desirous to welcome to this Country, those of their fellow Subjects who may think proper to settle amongst them, they are convinced that an extensive Immigration of Persons in a state of destitution, and without previous systematic arrangement for their settlement, cannot take place without serious injury to this Province, or without heavy and distressing calamity amongst the Emigrants themselves.

That this House is most desirous to avoid the necessity of adopting any legal provisions, such as have been enacted in the neighbouring Country, for the protection of the Inhabitants from the burdens and calamities incident upon such an immigration as this season has produced. That this House would not, by any such measures, exhibit any feeling which might be misunderstood as opposed to Emigration to, and settlement of the Country by their fellow subjects from the British Isles; but that they humbly hope that Her Majesty will be pleased to direct such precautionary measures as will save the Inhabitants of this Province from a recurrence of the evils of which they humbly complain, and for the encouragement of a wholesome

3d reading tomorrow.

Yamaska Registry Office Bill read 2d time.

3d reading tomorrow.

A Petition from Oxford, (W. Ridley and others), presented.

Plantagenet Township division Bill read 2d time.

3d reading tomorrow.

Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association Bill read 2d time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

House again in Committee on Emigration.

A Resolution reported.

Read.

The Resolution.

wholesome and prudent Emigration to this Colony from the Mother Country, such as will tend to the permanent improvement of the condition of the Emigrants, and add to the resources and prosperity of this important portion of Her Majesty's Dominions.

And that this House humbly hopes that Her Majesty and the Imperial Parliament will see the justice of making such provision as will prevent the extraordinary expenses, necessarily forced upon the Colonial Government, by the Emigration and the condition of the Emigrants this Season, from falling upon the Provincial Revenues; which Her Majesty's Government must be fully aware, are not in a state to bear such expenditure without great embarrassment.

Same again read, and

The said Resolution being again read,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Adopted.

The same was Resolved in the affirmative.

A Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address founded on the Resolution.

Ordered, that a Select Committee of three Members be appointed to prepare an Address to Her Majesty founded on the foregoing Resolution.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Sullivan, Crooks, and Macaulay, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Petition of W. Ridley and others, of Oxford, referred to the Committee of the Whole House upon Western District division Bill.

Ordered, that the Petition presented this day from William Ridley and others, Inhabitants of the Township of Oxford, in the Western District, praying that the County of Kent may be erected into a new District, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House upon the subject of the Bill relating to the same matter.

House in Committee on the last mentioned Bill & Petition

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 divide the Western District of the Province of Canada, and for other purposes therein mentioned," together with the Petition of William Ridley and others.

After some time the House was resumed, and

Reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The Honorable Mr. Crooks reported from the said Committee, that they had taken the said Bill and Petition into consideration, had made some progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, that leave be not granted for the Committee of the Whole House to sit again, but that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members. Leave not granted, but the Bill referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Fergusson, Goodhue, 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 repeal part of, and to amend the Act regulating the Militia of this Province, in so far as regards the enrolment of, and fines imposed upon, Quakers, Menonists, and Tunkers," it was Order for Committing Militia Bill postponed till tomorrow.

Ordered, that the same be discharged, and that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House tomorrow: and that the same do stand as the first item on the Orders of that day, immediately after the third reading of Bills.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. Williams and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to extend the provisions of the Marriage Act of Upper Canada to Ministers of all denominations of Christians," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Marriage Bill (U.C.) brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow. 2d reading tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. Armstrong and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the St. Lawrence and Industry Village Railroad Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Industry Village Railroad Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow. 2d reading tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. Gowan and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for an Assessment of Real and Personal Property in the Town of Brockville, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Brockville Assessment Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

ordered.

2d reading on Wednesday.

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

Toronto Telegraph Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Boulton* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara, and Saint Catherines* Electro Magnetic Telegraph Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading tomorrow.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

A Petition from South Gower, &c., (M. McCargar and others) presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from *Milo McCargar* and others, Inhabitants of the Townships of *South Gower, Mountain, Osgoode, and Gloucester*, praying that the Mail Road from the Township of *South Gower* aforesaid, to *Bytown*, may be improved.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

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

TUESDAY.

Tuesday, 6th July, 1847.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

*Sullivan,*  
*W. Morris,*  
*Joliette,*  
*Crooks,*  
*Fergusson,*  
*Macaulay,*  
*Bruneau,*  
*Ferrie,*  
*McKay,*  
*A. Dionne,*

The Honorable Messieurs

*Goodhue,*  
*Walker,*  
*Irving,*  
*Neilson,*  
*J. Morris,*  
*Pinhey,*  
*Ferrier,*  
*Matheson,*  
*Boulton.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan* presented a Petition from *J. Brady* and others of *Montreal*, praying to be incorporated for the purpose of carrying on a Glass Manufactory at *Vaudreuil*.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

Petitions, From Montreal (J. Brady and others) and

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from *John Burwell*, of *Port Burwell*, in the *London District*, praying that the grant made for the improvement of the Harbour of *Port Burwell* may be expended thereon without delay.

From J. Burwell of Port Burwell, presented.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to define the limits of the Town of *Bytown*, to establish a Town Council therein, and for other purposes," 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.

Report of the Select Committee on Bytown Town Council Bill presented.

*Ordered*, that said Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Read.

*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 tomorrow.

The Bill and Report to be committed tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. *James Morris*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the Western District of the Province of *Canada*, and for other purposes 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 Western District division Bill.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Bill for 3d reading tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association*," 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.

Report of the Select Committee on Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association Bill.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Bill for 3d reading tomorrow.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a copy of the second General Report

Report on Registry Offices in L. C., presented.

Report made to His Excellency the Governor General, by the Inspector of Registry Offices for *Lower Canada*.

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

(*For Report, vide Sessional Papers, Letter Z.*)

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Church Wardens of *St. Peter's Church at Brockville* to sell a certain lot of Land therein mentioned, and to apply the proceeds towards the erection of a Parsonage House for the Minister of such Church, on a lot of Land to be hereafter conveyed to the Bishop of *Toronto* for that purpose," 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 enable the Church Wardens of *St. Peter's Church at Brockville*, to sell a certain lot of Land therein mentioned, and to apply the proceeds towards the erection of a Parsonage House for the Minister of such Church, on a Lot to be hereafter conveyed to the Bishop of *Toronto* for that purpose."

*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 provide for the removal of the Registry Office in the County of *Yamaska* from *Labadie* to *St. François du Lac*," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the Township of *Plantagenet*, in the *Ottawa* District, into "two Townships," 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 these Bills without any amendment.

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 part of, and to amend the Act regulating the Militia of this Province, in so far as regards the enrolment of, and fines imposed upon, Quakers, Menonists, and Tunkers."

After some time the House was resumed.

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 for compensating the Families of Persons killed by accident, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* 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 tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Service of Process in real Actions, wherein the party Defendant is resident without the limits of the District of the situation of the Property in dispute," 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 *Joliette*, *Bruneau*, and *James Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to encourage the improvement of Real Estate in that part of *Canada* formerly called *Upper Canada*," was read the second time.

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

*Ordered*,

And the Assembly acquainted thereof.

House in Committee on Militia Bill.

Same resumes.

House again in Committee on Accidental death Bill.

Reported without amendment.

3d reading tomorrow.

Service of Process regulation Bill read 2d time, and

Referred to a Select Committee.

Real Estate improvement Bill read 2d time, and

Brockville Parsonage Bill read 3d time, and

Passed.

Title Ordered.

And the Bill sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Yamaska Registry Office Bill read 3d time.

Passed.

Plantagenet Township division Bill read 3d time.

Passed.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Sullivan, Crooks, and Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Marriage Bill (U. C.) read 2d time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to extend the provisions of the Marriage Act of *Upper Canada* to "Ministers of all Denominations of Christians," 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 *Crooks, Fergusson, Goodhue, J. Morris, and Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Industry Village Rail Road Bill read 2d time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Saint *Lawrence and Industry Village Railroad Company*," was read a 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 *Joliette, Crooks, and Bruneau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Toronto Telegraph Bill read 2d time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara, and Saint Catherines Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Company*," 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, Macaulay, and Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to define and establish the Boundary between "the Fourth Concession of *Montague* and "North *Elmsley*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Montague and North Elmsley Boundary Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Meyers* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the "Act incorporating the *Cobourg and Rice*

Cobourg and Rice Lake Plank Road Bill brought up

"*Lake Plank Road and Ferry Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Caley* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to "facilitate the issue of Debentures, and for "other purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Debentures Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading to-morrow.

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

Message from the Assembly.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Monday 5th July, 1847.

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, on the subject of a Bill passed at the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, intituled, "An Act for granting a Civil List to Her Majesty."

Concurring in the Address to His Excellency on the Civil List Bill of last Session.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* do carry the said Message to the Honorable the Legislative Council.

Attest,

WM. B. LINDSAY,

Clk. Assy.

Ordered, that the Joint Address to Her Majesty, and also the Joint Address to His Excellency the Governor General on the last mentioned subject, be presented on the part of this House to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of the Executive Council who are Members of this House.

The Joint Addresses on the foregoing subject ordered to be presented by certain Members of the Executive Council, and

Ordered,



The same Members ordered to wait on His Excellency to know when the Addresses will be received.

*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 joint Addresses.

Hon. Mr. W. Morris reports that His Excellency will receive the said Addresses to-morrow, and

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* 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 said joint Addresses, and that His Excellency had named tomorrow, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, for that purpose.

The Assembly acquainted 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 tomorrow, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, to be attended with the Addresses of both Houses on the subject of the Civil List, 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.

An Address to Her Majesty on Emigration reported by the Select Committee to whom the subject was referred.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan*, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of Emigration, founded on a certain Resolution of this House, reported an Address prepared by them, as follows:—

The Address.

*To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.*

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

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 renewed expressions of our devoted attachment to Your Majesty's Royal Person and Government.

We humbly beg leave to represent to Your Majesty, the serious apprehensions entertained by this House from the large and unprecedented influx of Emigrants from the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in a state of destitution and disease unparalleled in the history of this Province.

We humbly beg leave to state, that the preparations at the Quarantine Station, al-

though made on an extensive scale, have proved wholly inadequate to the emergency. That the Buildings erected for the reception of Emigrants at the Station at *Grosse Isle* have been converted into Hospitals; and have been found insufficient even for that purpose. That from the want of accommodation at the Quarantine Station, the Emigrants, not apparently diseased, have in some instances been forwarded without the observance of the usual precautions. That the Fever with which these unfortunate People are afflicted, has consequently shewn itself amongst the Inhabitants of the populous Cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, and the progress of the Emigrants into the interior has been marked with disease and death.

We assure Your Majesty that while this House, and the People of this Province are most desirous to welcome to this Country those of their fellow-subjects who may think proper to settle amongst them, they are convinced that an extensive immigration of persons in a state of destitution, and without previous systematic arrangement for their settlement, cannot take place without serious injury to this Province, or without heavy and distressing calamity amongst the Emigrants themselves.

We are most desirous to avoid the necessity of adopting any legal provisions, such as have been enacted in the neighbouring Country, for the protection of the Inhabitants from the burdens and calamities incident to such an immigration as this season has produced. We would not by any such measures, exhibit any feeling which might be misunderstood as opposed to Emigration to, and settlement of the Country by, our fellow-subjects from the British Isles; but we humbly hope that Your Majesty will be pleased to direct such precautionary measures as will save the Inhabitants of this Province from a recurrence of the evils of which we humbly complain, and for the encouragement of a wholesome and prudent Emigration to this Colony from the Mother Country, such as will tend to the permanent improvement of the condition of the Emigrants, and add to the resources and prosperity of this important portion of Your Majesty's Dominions.

We humbly hope that Your Majesty, and the Imperial Parliament, will see the justice of making such provision as will prevent the extraordinary



extraordinary expenses necessarily forced upon the Colonial Government by the Emigration and the condition of the Emigrants this season, from falling upon the Provincial Revenues; which Your Majesty's Government must be fully aware are not in a state to bear such expenditure without great embarrassment.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and

The said Address was then read by the Clerk.

The said Address being again read, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the 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 Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of Emigration, 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 said Addresses be engrossed, and signed by the Speaker of this House.

Ordered, that the said Addresses be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of the Executive Council who are Members of this House.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. Sullivan be added to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Toronto, Hamilton, Nia-

gara, and Saint Catharines Electro Magnetic Telegraph Company."

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:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Council, copies of two Despatches which he has received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Government House, Montreal, 6th July, 1847.

(For Despatches, vide Appendix No 14.)

Ordered, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to return him the thanks of this House for his Message just received.

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 Speaker declared this House continued until tomorrow at three o'clock in the afternoon; the House so decreeing.

Wednesday, 7th July, 1847.

WEDNESDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable Peter McGill, Speaker:

The Honorable Messieurs The Honorable Messieurs

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| Sullivan,  | Goodhue.   |
| W. Morris, | Sherwood,  |
| Joliette,  | Walker,    |
| Crooks,    | Irving,    |
| Fergusson, | Neilson,   |
| Macaulay,  | J. Morris, |
| Bruneau,   | Pinhey,    |
| Ferrie,    | Ferrier,   |
| McKay,     | Matheson,  |
| Roy,       | Boulton,   |
| A. Dionne. |            |

PRAYERS.

The

Read twice and

Adopted.

An Address to His Excellency to transmit the same. Ordered.

The Address.

Both Addresses ordered to be engrossed and signed by the Speaker, and

To be presented by certain Members of the Executive Council.

Hon. Mr. Sullivan added to the Select Committee on Toronto Telegraph Bill.

Message from His Excellency, transmitting to the House copies of certain Despatches relating to the health of the Emigrants; and on the subject of the Subscriptions in Canada for the relief of the distress prevailing in Ireland and Scotland.

An Address of thanks to His Excellency for same. Ordered.

Adjourn.

Petitions From Puslinch (W. Leslie and others.)

The Honorable Mr. Fergusson, presented a Petition from William Leslie and others, Inhabitants of the Townships of Puslinch, Beverley, and East and West Flamborough, praying that Post Offices may be established on the Brock Road, between Guelph and Dundas.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From C. D. Proctor and others; Stockholders of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company.

The Honorable Mr. Ferrier presented a Petition from Charles D. Proctor and others, Stockholders in the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company, praying that an Act may be passed to compel the Directors of all Railroads to adopt a uniform guage of four feet eight inches.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Quebec Board of Trade.

The Honorable Mr. Walker presented a Petition from the Quebec Board of Trade, praying that no further grants of money may be made for the purpose of deepening Lake St. Peter.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Rouville, &c., (Rev. W. Thompson and others.)

The Honorable Mr. W. Morris presented a Petition from the Rev. William Thompson and others, Inhabitants of the Counties of Rouville, Huntingdon, and Chambly, praying that the Elementary Instruction Act of Lower Canada may be amended.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From the Municipality of Port Joli; and

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from Michel Fournier, Temporary Mayor of the Municipality of Port Joli, praying that the Registry Office for the County of L'Islet, may be removed to the Parish of L'Islet. And also, a Petition from Pierre Morin and others, Inhabitants of the Parishes of Saint Jean, Port Joli, and Saint Roch des Aulnets, in the County of L'Islet, praying for a grant of three hundred pounds, towards completing a Wharf.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Hon. Messrs. A. Dionne and Ferrier added to the Committee on the Contingent Accounts.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs Macaulay, Amable, Dionne, and Ferrier, be added to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council of the present Session.

Report of the Select Committee on Optional Commutation of

The Honorable Mr. Neilson, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the

Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act Tenure Bill, presented. " passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, ' An Act better to facilitate " optional Commutation of the Tenure of " the Lands en roture, in the Seignories " and Fiefs in Lower Canada, into that of " franc-aleu-roturier,' " reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed, 3d reading to-morrow. and the same read the third time tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, " An Act to divide the Western Western District division Bill read 3d time, and " District of the Province of Canada, and for " other purposes therein mentioned," 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 incorporate the Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association, " real Firemens' Benevolent Association," was read the third time. Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association Bill read 3d 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 compensating the Accidental death Bill read 3d time. " families of persons killed by accident, and " for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the affirmative. Passed, and

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. The Assembly acquainted thereof.

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 time for taking the Oath, and making the Declaration required of persons naturalized in this Province." House in Committee on Alien Bill.

After

After some time the House was resumed, and

Progress reported and leave asked to sit again.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* 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.

Leave not granted, but the

*Ordered*, that the Committee do not have leave to sit again; but that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

Bill referred to a Select Committee.

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

Intestates property Bill read 2d time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to make better provision for the protection of the property of persons dying intestate in 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 *Sherwood*, *J. Morris*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Brockville Assessment Bill read 2d time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for an Assessment of Real and Personal Property in the Town of *Brockville*, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes," 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 *McKay*, *Sherwood*, and *J. Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

House in Committee on Bytown Town Council 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 define the limits of the Town of *Bytown*, to establish a Town Council therein, and for other purposes," together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

After some time the House was resumed, and

Amendments reported.

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 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.

*Ordered*, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration tomorrow.

To be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to define and establish the Boundary between the Fourth Concession of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*," was read the second time.

Montague and North Elmsley Boundary Bill read 2d time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

3d Reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Cobourg* and *Rice Lake* Plank Road and Ferry Company," was read the second time.

Cobourg and Rice Lake Plank Road Bill read 2d time, and

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

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

Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to facilitate the issue of Debentures, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the second time.

Debentures Bill read 2d time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

3rd reading tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Laurin* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act for the organization of the Notarial Profession in that part of this Province called *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Notarial Profession Bill (L.C.) brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dickson* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the Courts of Queen's Bench and of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Archibald Gilkison* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Gilkison's Attorney Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

Report of the Select Committee on Industry Village Railroad Bill, presented. The Honorable Mr. *Crooks*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *St. Lawrence* and *Industry Village 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.

*Ordered*, that the Report be now received, and

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill, together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon, 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.

Delivery of an Address of Thanks to His Excellency for a Message reported. 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, thanking His Excellency for his Message of yesterday, and that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same Graciously.

Answer of His Excellency to the Address on Emigration reported. 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, praying His Excellency to transmit their Address to Her Majesty on the subject of Emigration, and that His Excellency was pleased to say that he would comply with the request of this House.

Answer of His Excellency to the Joint Address on the Civil List Bill of last Session reported. 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 Addresses of both Houses of Parliament to Her Majesty and to His Excellency, on the subject of the Civil List Bill, passed during the last Session, and that His Excellency had been pleased to say that he would transmit the Joint Address to Her Majesty, to the Secretary of State, in

order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

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

Thursday, 8th July, 1847.

THURSDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs      The Honorable Messieurs

*Sullivan,*  
*W. Morris,*  
*Joliette,*  
*Crooks,*  
*Fergusson,*  
*Macaulay,*  
*Bruneau,*  
*Ferrie,*  
*McKay,*  
*A. Dionne,*

*Goodhue,*  
*Sherwood,*  
*Walker,*  
*Irving,*  
*Neilson,*  
*J. Morris,*  
*Pinhey,*  
*Ferrier,*  
*Matheson,*  
*Boulton.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the provisions of the Marriage Act of *Upper Canada* to Ministers of all Denominations of Christians," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with an Amendment, 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 same was then read by the Clerk.

*Ordered*, that the said Amendment be taken into consideration tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara, and Saint Catharines Electro-Magnetic Telegraph 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 directed to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

*Ordered*,

Report of the Select Committee on Marriage Bill, (U. C.) presented.

Amendment proposed by same to be considered to-morrow.

Report of the Select Committee on Toronto Telegraph Bill, presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Bill, together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee of the Whole on the same tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. J. Morris, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the time for taking the Oath and making the Declaration required of Persons naturalized in this Province," 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 tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. Boulton, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Cobourg and Rice Lake Plank Road and Ferry Company," 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 tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from the Rev. John Clugston, and others, Members of St. John's Church at Quebec, praying for the Amendment of the Elementary Instruction Act of Lower Canada.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Fergusson presented a Petition from Thomas McIntyre and others, Inhabitants of the Township of Fullarton, in the District of Huron, praying that the Petition presented from the Eastern Section of the said District may be granted, and that the Townships comprised within that portion of the same may be erected into a New District.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill,

intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act the better to facilitate " optional commutation of the tenure of Lands " en roture, in the Seigniories and Fiefs in " Lower Canada into that of franc aleu roturier," was read the third time.

Optional Com-  
mutation of  
Tenure Bill  
read 3d time,  
and

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, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled; "An Act to define and establish the Boundary between the fourth Concession of " Montague and North Elmsly," was read the third time.

Montague and  
North Elmsley  
boundary Bill  
read 3d 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 facilitate the issue of " Debentures, and for other purposes therein " mentioned," was read the third time.

Debentures  
Bill read 3d  
time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

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.

The Assembly  
acquainted  
thereof.

The House, according to Order, 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 the Town of Bytown, to establish a Town Council therein, and for other purposes."

Amendments  
to Bytown  
Town Council  
Bill, consi-  
dered.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Read 1st time.

Press

Bill and Re-  
port to be  
committed to-  
morrow.

Report of the  
Select Com-  
mittee on  
Alien Bill pre-  
sented.

Bill for 3rd  
reading to-  
morrow.

Report of the  
Select Com-  
mittee on Co-  
bourg and  
Rice Lake  
Plank Road  
Bill presented.

Bill for 3d  
reading to-  
morrow.

Petitions  
From Quebec  
(Rev. J. Clug-  
ston and  
others); and

From Fullar-  
ton. (T. M.  
Intyre and  
others) pre-  
sented.

The Amend-  
ments.

Press 2, line 36.—Leave out “six,” and insert “ten.”

“ “ line 40.—Leave out “six,” and insert “ten.”

Press 6, line 1.—Leave out from “pleasure” to “and,” in line 6.

“ “ line 9.—After “Engines,” insert “and.”

“ “ line 10.—After “Town,” insert “and also,”

Press 7, line 7.—After “levied,” insert “within the said Town.”

“ “ line 9.—After “Dalhousie,” insert “save and except the assessment for the year then current, and also save and except all arrears of taxes or assessments then due and owing.”

“ “ “ “—After “Canada,” insert “within the said Town.”

“ “ line 21.—Leave out from “Council” to “and” in line 43, and insert, “And be it enacted, that from and after the first day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight, no Taxes, Rates, or Assessments shall be collected by the Township Collector or District Officer for or on account of any Property, Real or Personal, within the limits of the said Town of *Bytown*; and that in lieu of any Taxes, Rates, or Assessments heretofore, now, or hereafter, by law payable to the District Treasurer of the said District of *Dalhousie*, on account of such Real or Personal Estate, an equivalent shall annually be paid by the Treasurer of the said Town to the

“ District Treasurer, on  
“ or before the first day of  
“ November next, after  
“ the amount of such equivalent shall be ascertained by the award of the  
“ Warden of the District  
“ Council of the said District, and Mayor of the  
“ said Town, with such  
“ other person consenting  
“ to act as they shall choose  
“ as Umpire, or any two  
“ of them, which award  
“ the said Warden, Mayor,  
“ and Umpire, are hereby  
“ required to make during  
“ the month of January in  
“ each year, provided always that the discharge  
“ of the duties hereby  
“ imposed on the said  
“ Warden, and Mayor, and  
“ Umpire consenting to  
“ act, and the performance  
“ of any award made as  
“ aforesaid, may, in the  
“ discretion of the Court  
“ of Queen’s Bench of  
“ *Upper Canada*, be enforced by Mandamus  
“ from such Court and  
“ the usual proceedings  
“ thereon; and provided  
“ also, that in the event of  
“ no award being made,  
“ or payment of the sum  
“ awarded being neglected  
“ or refused, the Treasurer  
“ of the said Town shall  
“ pay to the Treasurer of  
“ the said District the  
“ amount of taxes which  
“ would have been levied  
“ and assessed for District  
“ purposes in the said Town  
“ had not this Act been  
“ passed.”

Press 8, line 30.—After “Stock,” insert,  
“ Provided always, that in  
“ the valuation and assessment of Land and Real  
“ Property in the said  
“ Town, any parcel of  
“ Land, whether consisting of one or more Town  
lots



“lots, or of a greater or  
 “less quantity than a Town  
 “lot, or Town lots, held  
 “and occupied, together  
 “with the dwelling house  
 “or other building, to the  
 “extent of one acre, shall  
 “be assessed and valued  
 “with such dwelling house  
 “or building, according  
 “to their real value; and  
 “that all parcels of land  
 “upon which no such  
 “dwelling house or build-  
 “ing is erected, and also  
 “any quantity of land held  
 “with such dwelling house  
 “or building, over the  
 “quantity of one acre,  
 “shall be assessed and  
 “valued at a fixed rate, as  
 “vacant Town land, that  
 “is to say, at the valuation  
 “of for each  
 “acre, and in the same  
 “proportion for a greater  
 “or less quantity; and  
 “that all pieces or parcels  
 “of vacant Town land,  
 “under half an acre in  
 “extent, shall be rated  
 “and valued at the rate  
 “of half an acre, and all  
 “surplus over and above  
 “one or more even half  
 “acres, shall be, in like  
 “manner, valued and as-  
 “sessed as half an acre.”

Press 8, line 43.—Leave out “under the con-  
 “trol,” and insert, “occu-  
 “pied by or for the public  
 “uses of the Corporation, or  
 “held by the Corporation,  
 “and not in the possession  
 “of the Tenant or Ten-  
 “ants.”

Press 12, line 12.—Leave out from “Act” to  
 “and,” in line 24.

Press 13, line 10.—Leave out “the Orders  
 “or Regulations,” and  
 insert, “any By Law.”

“ “ line 30.—After “committed,” insert  
 “And provided, also, that

“for any such offence, the  
 “fine or forfeiture shall  
 “not be less than  
 “ or more than  
 “ and that  
 “no imprisonment for any  
 “such offence shall be for  
 “a longer period than two  
 “calendar months, and that  
 “such imprisonment shall  
 “be at the expense of the  
 “said Corporation.

Press 17, line 3.—Leave out “of this Pro-  
 “vince.”

“ “ line 12.—After “party,” insert “and  
 “in order to preserve the  
 “present width and uni-  
 “formity of said Streets in  
 “straight lines on each  
 “side from the present  
 “buildings in Upper and  
 “Lower *Bytown*, across  
 “the vacant ground.”

“ “ line 14.—Leave out “were.”

“ “ “ “ —Leave out “to have been  
 “and.”

“ “ line 15.—After “line,” insert “and  
 Streets.”

“ “ line 16.—Leave out “in the Town-  
 “ship of *Nepean*,” and  
 insert, “any law to the  
 “contrary notwithstand-  
 “ing.”

“ “ line 17.—After “disturbed,” insert  
 “Provided always that the  
 “access to the Sappers  
 “Bridge, from the West  
 “end of *Rideau* Street,  
 “and the East end of *Wel-*  
 “*lington* Street, shall not  
 “be altered, obstructed,  
 “or contracted, on the  
 “Ordinance reservation  
 “for the Canal, although  
 “such Bridge shall not be  
 “in a direct line with the  
 “said respective Streets.”

The said Amendments being read the second Read 2d time  
 time, and the question of concurrence put on and adopted.  
 each, they were severally agreed to by the  
 House.

Ordered,

The Bill (as amended) for a 3d reading to-morrow.

*Ordered*, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time tomorrow.

Notarial Profession Bill read 2d time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the organization of the "Notarial Profession in that part of this Province called *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 *Joliette, Bruncau, Walker, Neilson, and J. Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Gilkison's Attorney Bill read 2d time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorise the Court of "Queen's Bench and of Chancery, in their "discretion, to admit *Archibald Gilkison* to "practise as an Attorney and Solicitor "therein," was read the second time.

3d reading to-morrow.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

House in Committee on Industry Village 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 the "*Saint Lawrence and Industry Village Railroad Company*," together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

After some time the House was resumed, and

Amendments reported.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* 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 1st time.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow:—

The Amend. ments.

Press 13, line 47.—Leave out "Vessels."

Press 14, line 4.—Leave out "Vessels."

" line 7.—Leave out from "ad-  
"judged" to "fitting," in  
line 15, both inclusive,  
and insert, "guilty of a

"misdemeanor, and being  
"convicted thereof, shall  
"be punished accord-  
"ingly."

Press 14, line 23.—Leave out "and Vessels."

" line 27.—Leave out "Vessels."

Press 15, line 22.—After "whatever" insert,  
"And provided, also, that  
"one-tenth part of the  
"said sum of twelve thou-  
"sand pounds shall be  
"paid up, and shall be  
"deposited to the credit  
"of the said Company in  
"some one or more of  
"the Chartered Banks  
"in this Province, before  
"the commencement of  
"the said Railroad."

Press 23, line 12.—After "mentioned" insert  
"Provided always that  
"no such Rule, By-law  
"or Order shall have any  
"force or effect until the  
"same shall have been  
"sanctioned and con-  
"firmed by the Governor,  
"Lieutenant Governor,  
"or Person Administer-  
"ing the Government of  
"this Province for the  
"time being, under his  
"hand and seal at arms,  
"and shall thereafter have  
"been published in the  
"*Canada Gazette*."

" line 22.—After "made," insert  
"confirmed."

Press 27, line 5.—After "force" insert "and  
"with the whole re-  
"sources of the said  
"Company if necessary."

" line 15.—Leave out from "by" to  
"that" in line 20, both  
inclusive.

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 engrossed,

Read 2d time and adopted.

grossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time presently.

The Bill (as amended) read 3d time.

Pursuant to Order, the said Bill was (as amended) read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed, and

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

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.

Queen's College Graduates Bill ordered to be read a 2d time to-morrow.

*Ordered*, that the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of the Graduates of Queen's College at Kingston," and also the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Funds of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland," be severally read for the second time tomorrow.

Montreal Trinity House Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enlarge the powers of the Trinity House of *Montreal*, in certain cases where the Public health of the City may be endangered," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time, and

The said Bill was read the first time.

The 46 Rule dispensed with

*Ordered*, that the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it relates to the said Bill, and that the same be read for the second and third times presently.

The Bill read 2d and 3d times.

Pursuant to Order, the said Bill was then read a second and third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

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.

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 the House, and the same was then read by the Clerk as follows:—

A Message from His Excellency the Governor General, transmitting the copy of a Despatch on the subject of Emigration and Colonization.

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Council, the accompanying copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

No. 47, 1 April, 1847.

Government House,  
*Montreal*, 8th July, 1847.

(For Despatch, vide Appendix No 15.)

The House was adjourned during pleasure. House adjourns.

After some time the House was resumed. Same resumes.

*Ordered*, that the Honorable Mr. *Macaulay* be added to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for an Assessment of Real and Personal Property in the Town of *Brockville*, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes."

Hon. Mr. Macaulay added to the Committee on Brockville Assessment Bill.

*Ordered*, that the Honorable Messieurs *Joliette* and *A. Dionne* 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 of *Canada* 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 extends from the District of *Quebec* on the South of the River *Saint Lawrence*, to the Parish of *Nicolet*, and on the North of the said River to the Town of *Three Rivers* exclusively."

Two Members added to the Committee on Winter Roads Bill.

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

FRIDAY.

Friday, 9th July, 1847.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs      The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Sullivan,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>W. Morris,</i>	<i>Walker,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Irving,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Neilson,</i>
<i>Macaulay,</i>	<i>J. Morris,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Pinhey,</i>
<i>McKay,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>
<i>A. Dionne,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>
<i>Goodhue,</i>	<i>Boulton.</i>

PRAYERS.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency the Governor General comes to the House, and commands the attendance of the Assembly.

His Excellency the Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, 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."

That House 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:—

Carruthers Attorney Bill.

"An Act to authorise the Court of Queen's Bench, and the High Court of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Frederick Fraser Carruthers* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor thereof respectively."

Magdalen Islands Justices of the Peace Bill.

"An Act relating to Justices of the Peace in the *Magdalen Islands* in the *Gulf of St. Lawrence*, and to dispense, as respects them, with the property qualification by Law required of Justices of the Peace in other parts of the Province."

Hastings Registration Bill.

"An Act to alter and amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act to remedy certain defects in the registration of Titles in the County of *Hastings* in *Upper Canada*.'"

Malicious Injuries Bill.

"An Act for preventing Malicious Injuries to persons and property by Fire, or by explosive or destructive Substances."

"An Act for shortening the time of Prescription in certain cases, and for other purposes therein mentioned." Time of Prescription Bill.

"An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office, in the County of *Yamaska*, from *La Baie* to *St. François du Lac*." Yamaska Registry Office Bill.

"An Act to divide the Township of *Plantagenet*, in the *Ottawa* District, into two Townships." Plantagenet Township division Bill.

"An Act for compensating the families of persons killed by accident, and for other purposes therein mentioned." Accidental death Bill.

"An Act to incorporate the *Montreal* Firemen's Benevolent Association." Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association Bill.

"An Act to divide the *Western* District of the Province of *Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned." Western District division Bill.

"An Act to enlarge the powers of the *Trinity House* of *Montreal* in certain cases, where the Public Health of the City may be endangered." Montreal Trinity House Bill.

"An Act to define and establish the boundary between the fourth Concession of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*." Montague and North Elmsley Bill, and

"An Act to facilitate the issue of Debentures, and for other purposes therein mentioned." Debentures Bill.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was severally pronounced by the Clerk of 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.

Then His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the Legislative Assembly withdrew. His Excellency retires, and the Assembly withdraw.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Cobourg* and *Rice Lake* Plank Road and Ferry Company," was read the third time. Cobourg and Rice Lake Plank Road Bill read 3d time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, that one of the Masters in Chancery Passed, and The Assembly acquainted thereof.

cery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.

Bytown Town Council Bill (as amended) read 3d time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to define the limits of the Town of *Bytown*, to establish a Town Council therein, and for other purposes," was (as amended) read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed and

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

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.

Order of the Day for a 3d reading of Alien Bill, read.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill intituled, "An Act to extend the time for taking the Oath, and making the Declaration, required of persons naturalised in this Province."

The Bill read 3d time.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Amendments to same moved

Then the following Amendments were made to the said Bill.

The Amendments.

Press 1, line 33.—After "time," insert "not exceeding three."

" " " " —After "hereafter," insert "or thereafter, as the case may be."

The question was put, whether this Bill (with the Amendments) shall pass?

The Bill with amendments 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 certain Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Gilkison's Attorney Bill read 3d time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the Courts of Queen's Bench and of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Archibald Gilkison* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor there-in," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed, and

*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.

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

Pursuant to Order, the House proceeded to the consideration of the Amendment reported by the Select Committee, to the Bill intituled, "An Act to extend the provisions of the Marriage Act of *Upper Canada* to Ministers of all Denominations of Christians."

Consideration of the Amendment to Marriage Bill (U.C)

Which Amendment was read by the Clerk as follows:

Same read Int. time.

Press 2, line 4.—Leave out from "two" to "officiate," in line 7, both inclusive, and insert, "the Bishop, Moderator of Presbytery, Clerk of Conference, Church Wardens, Trustees, or Managers, as the case may be, of the body to which such Clergyman or Minister may belong."

The Amendment.

The said Amendment being read the second time, and

Read 2d time and adopted.

The question of concurrence put thereon,

*It was agreed to* by the House.

*Ordered*, that the said Amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time presently.

The Bill (as amended) for a 3d reading presently.

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 *Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara, and Saint Catherines* Electro Magnetic Telegraph Company," together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

House in Committee on Niagara Telegraph Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made an Amendment

An amendment to same reported.

Amendment 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

Road 1st time. The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows:—

The amend- Press 3, line 9.—After “information” insert ment. “by summary proceeding before two or more Justices of the Peace for the District in which the offence shall have been committed, or the offender shall be or”—

Read 2d time and adopted. The said Amendment being read the second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

The Bill (as amended) for a 3d reading on Monday. *Ordered*, that the said Amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time on Monday next.

Queen's College Graduates Bill read 2d time, and Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act for the relief of the Graduates of Queen's College at Kingston,” 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, McKay, J. Morris*, and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Presbyterian Ministers' Widows' Bill read 2d time, and Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “An Act to incorporate the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Funds of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connexion with the Church of Scotland,” 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 *Sullivan, Crooks, McKay, J. Morris*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Marriage Bill (U. C.) read 3d time (as amended.) Pursuant to Order, the Bill intituled, “An Act to extend the provisions of the Marriage Act of Upper Canada to Ministers of all Denominations of Christians,” was (as amended) read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

*Is was resolved* in the affirmative. Passed, and

*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. Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Caley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to exempt the property of the Crown from local rates and taxes in Lower Canada,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Crown Property Tax exemption Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read 1st time,

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next. 2d reading on Monday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Armstrong* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the Saint Lawrence and Industry Village 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. Industry Village Rail Road Bill returned from the Assembly with the Amendment agreed to.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General presented to the House the copy of a Letter from one of the Deputies Adjutant General of Militia, and also a Letter from the Adjutant General of Militia, on the subject of certain disturbances which occurred in the vicinity of Newmarket on the 4th and 12th July, 1846, in which Her Majesty's Arms were alleged to have been used. A Message from His Excellency transmitting certain Letters from the Adjutant General of Militia and from one of the Deputies thereof relative to various disturbances in the neighbourhood of Newmarket, on the 4th and 12th July, 1846

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

(For the Letters vide Appendix, No. 16.)

*Ordered*, that the foregoing papers be referred to a Select Committee of five Members. The foregoing Letters referred to a Select Committee

*Ordered*, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Sullivan, A. Dionne, Irving, Neilson*, and *J. Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,



ral, presented to the House a Return of the names and residences of all Bankrupts, declared since the 15th February, 1840, pursuant to an Address of the Legislative Council during the late Session.

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

(For Return, vide Appendix, No. 17.)

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

Monday, 12th July, 1847.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs      The Honorable Messieurs

*Sullivan,*  
*W. Morris,*  
*Fraser,*  
*Crooks,*  
*Fergusson,*  
*Macaulay,*  
*Ferrie,*  
*Knoulton,*  
*McKay,*  
*Roy,*

*A. Dionne.*  
*Sherwood,*  
*Walker,*  
*Irving,*  
*Neilson,*  
*J. Morris,*  
*Pinhey,*  
*Matheson,*  
*Boulton,*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Statement of the affairs of the *Gore Bank*, made up to the 30th June, 1847.

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

(For Return, vide Sessional Papers, Letter U.)

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from *John Corrie* and others, Trustees of the Baptist Church at *Perth*, praying that they may be relieved from the consequences of having illegally conveyed two acres of Land in the Town of *Perth* aforesaid.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Irving* presented a

Petition from the Reverend *J. Ducharme* and others, Inhabitants of the Parishes of *Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*, *St. Jerome*, and *Terrebonne*, in the County of *Terrebonne*, praying that the Registry Office for the said County may be removed from *Terrebonne* to *Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of the Graduates of Queen's College at *Kingston*," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made some 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 same was then read by the Clerk.

*Ordered*, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay*, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the "Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and "Orphans' Funds, of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*, in connection "with the Church of *Scotland*," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made some 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 same was then read by the Clerk.

*Ordered*, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Irving*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred certain papers presented to this House on Friday last, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of certain disturbances which occurred in the vicinity of *Newmarket*, on the 4th and 12th of July, 1846, in which Her Majesty's Arms were alleged to have been used, reported that even from the scanty information afforded by these papers, it is evident to your Committee, that the

From St. Thérèse de Blainville, (Rev. J. Ducharme); presented.

Report of the Select Committee on Queen's College Graduates Bill, presented.

Amendments proposed by them to be considered to-morrow.

Report of the Select Committee on Presbyterian Widows' Bill, presented.

Amendments proposed by them to be considered to-morrow.

Report of the Select Committee on the Documents relating to the Riot which occurred near Newmarket, presented.

A Message from His Excellency transmitting a Return of Bankrupts, declared since 15th February, 1840.

Adjourn.

MONDAY.

A Return from the Gore Bank, presented.

Petitions From Perth, (Baptist Church of), and

the matter is one which calls for investigation on the part of the Executive; and with a view to afford time for such investigation, your Committee recommends that this House should postpone all further consideration of the subject until next Session.

Same adopted *Ordered*, that the said Report be adopted.

Toronto Tele-  
graph Bill (as  
amended) read  
3d time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara, and Saint Catherines* "E'lectro-Magnetic Telegraph Company," was (as amended) read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed, and *It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Sent to the As-  
sembly for con-  
currence. *Ordered*, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council has passed this Bill with an Amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

Crown Pro-  
perty Tax ex-  
emption Bill  
read 2d time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to exempt the Property "of the Crown from local Rates and Taxes "in *Lower Canada*," was read the second time.

3d reading to-  
morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

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

TUESDAY.

Tuesday, 13th July, 1847.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

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| The Honorable Messieurs | The Honorable Messieurs |
| <i>Sullivan,</i>        | <i>Walker,</i>          |
| <i>W. Morris,</i>       | <i>Irving,</i>          |
| <i>Fraser,</i>          | <i>DeBoucherville,</i>  |
| <i>Joliette,</i>        | <i>Neilson,</i>         |
| <i>Crooks,</i>          | <i>J. Morris,</i>       |
| <i>Fergusson,</i>       | <i>Pinhey,</i>          |
| <i>Macaulay,</i>        | <i>Ferrier,</i>         |
| <i>Knoulton,</i>        | <i>Matheson,</i>        |
| <i>McKay,</i>           | <i>Boulton.</i>         |
| <i>Sherwood,</i>        |                         |

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a <sup>2 Petitions from Stratford presented, (J. C. W. Daly and others)</sup> Petition from *J. C. W. Daly* and others, Inhabitants of the Village of *Stratford*, in the District of *Huron*, praying that the request contained in their former Petition for the division of the said District, may be granted, and that the said Village may be constituted the District Town; and also, a Petition from *J. C. W. Daly* and others, Magistrates residing in the Eastern Section of the District of *Huron*, praying that the Bill for dividing the said District may be passed into a Law.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the <sup>Report of the Select Committee on Brockville Assessment Bill presented.</sup> Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for an "Assessment of Real and Personal Property "in the Town of *Brockville*, according to the "annual value or rental thereof, and for other "purposes," 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.

*Ordered*, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration tomorrow. <sup>Amendments proposed by them to be considered tomorrow.</sup>

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to exempt the Property "of the Crown from local Rates and Taxes "in *Lower Canada*," was read the third time. <sup>Crown Property Tax exemption Bill read 3d time.</sup>

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed, and

*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. <sup>The Assembly acquainted thereof.</sup>

DISSENTIENT.

*Because* the said Bill throws the expenses of the work necessary for the use and enjoyment <sup>Protest of the Hon. J. Neilson thereon.</sup>

ment of the property of the Crown, held in the different localities of *Lower Canada*, on the Inhabitants of such localities respectively, contrary to the ancient Laws, Customs, and Statutes of *Canada*, and to natural justice, which requires that the party in possession of real property should bear the share of the common burthens which such possession requires.

*Because* the said Bill was introduced in the Legislative Assembly by a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council for the Province, and must be presumed to have had the sanction of the said Council, and being passed with their support and influence in the said Assembly, and in this House, is a precedent of dangerous tendency, in so far as the Laws and Customs of *Canada*, solemnly guaranteed by the Imperial authorities to its Inhabitants, is concerned; particularly in the present apportionment of the Representation, the composition of this House, and of the said Executive Council.

J. NEILSON.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments reported by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of the Graduates of Queen's College at Kingston."

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.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill (as amended) be engrossed, and the same read the third time tomorrow.

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 Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphan's Funds of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*, in connexion with the Church of *Scotland*."

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.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill (as amended) be

engrossed; and the same read the third time tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee appointed to superintend the Printing for this House during the present Session, presented their first Report.

*Ordered*, that it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk as Read follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,  
Committee Room,  
13th July, 1847.

1st Report of the Committee on Printing presented.

The Report.

The Select Committee appointed to superintend the Printing of your Honorable House during the present Session, have the honor to make their first Report.

Your Committee having every reason to be satisfied with the result of the course adopted at the last Session of advertising for tenders, have followed the same course this year.

Four tenders were received by your Committee, from Printers in the City of *Montreal*, for daily printing, and for printing and binding the Journals and Appendix, and Binding the Sessional Papers of your Honorable House for the present Session: of which that made by Mr. *John Cunningham Becket* was by far the lowest, and has been accordingly accepted by your Committee.

The following are the rates at which the work will be performed, viz:—

*For the Daily Printing:*

Composition in English or French, or both, 1s. 7d. per 1000 ems.

Presswork, 10d. per token, of two pages.

*For Printing the Journals, &c.:*

Composition in English or French, or both, 1s. 6d. per 1000 ems.

Presswork, 1s. per token, of two pages.

Single Crown Paper, 12s. per ream.

Foolscap Paper, 6d. per quire.

*Binding the Journals and Sessional Papers:*

Colored Calf, 3s. 9d., and Roan, 2s. 9d. per volume.

The

Consideration of the Amendments to Queen's College Graduates' Bill.

Read twice and adopted.

Bill for 3d reading tomorrow.

Consideration of the Amendments to Presbyterian Widows' Bill.

Read twice and adopted.

Bill for 3d reading tomorrow.

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 Committee in the next.

A Bond to the above effect, to be given to the Clerk of the House by Mr. *Becket*, and two Sureties, approved of by your Committee, is in course of preparation by the proper Officer of the House.

Same adopted. *Ordered*, that the said Report be adopted.

A Petition from Three Rivers (Luc Michel Cressé and others,) presented, and  
The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *Luc Michel Cressé* and others, Notaries of the District of *Three Rivers*, praying against the passing of the Bill for regulating the Office of Notary without certain Amendments are made thereto.

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

Referred to the Committee on Notarial Profession Bill.  
*Ordered*, that the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill intituled, "An Act for the organisation of the Notarial Profession in that part of this Province called *Lower Canada*."

A Petition from the Montreal Board of Health presented.  
The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *A. LaRocque*, on behalf of the Board of Health, of the City of *Montreal*, praying that the Immigrants who arrive in this Province may be landed upon one of the Islands in the River *St. Lawrence*, below *Montreal*, instead of being brought to the said City, as is now the case.

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

Same read. The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

*Ordered*, that the said Petition be now referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

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 subject matter of the last mentioned Petition.

Same resumes. After some time the House was resumed.

Dundas and Waterloo Road Bill brought up.  
A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Webster* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the Commissioners for the *Dundas* and *Waterloo* Macadamized Road to borrow money to

"enable them to complete the said Road, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read 1st time

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow. 2d reading tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Morin* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *Bellechasse*, from the place where it is now kept, to the Parish of *St. Michel*," and also a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating *La Banque du Peuple*." to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Bellechasse Registry Office Bill and La Banque du Peuple Bill brought up.

The said Bills were then severally read for the first time. Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bills be severally read the second time tomorrow. 2d reading tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the *Toronto* Hospital," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Toronto Hospital Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow. 2d reading tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Powell* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to extend the time for taking the Oath and making the Declaration required of persons naturalised in this Province," and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill without any Amendment. The Amendments to Alien Bill, and

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Williams* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to extend the provisions of the Marriage Act of *Upper Canada* to Ministers of all Denominations of Christians," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment. The Amendment to Marriage Bill (U.C.) agreed to by the Assembly.

The

Adjourn.

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

intituled, "An Act to provide for an Assessment of Real and Personal Property in the Town of Brockville, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes."

Consideration of Amendments to Brockville Assessment Bill.

WEDNESDAY.

Wednesday, 14th July, 1847.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable Peter McGill, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

- W. Morris,
- Fraser,
- Joliette,
- Crooks,
- Macaulay,
- Bruneau,
- Ferrie,
- Knoulton,
- McKay,

The Honorable Messieurs

- Sherwood,
- Walker,
- De Boucherville,
- Neilson,
- J. Morris,
- Pinhey,
- Ferrier,
- Matheson,
- Boulton.

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law for the admission of Attorneys and calling of Barristers in Upper Canada," was read the third time.

Attorney's Admission Bill (or Queen's College Graduates' Bill) read 3d 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 incorporate the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Funds of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connexion with the Church of Scotland," was read the third time.

Presbyterian Widows' Bill read 3d time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was Resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

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, to which they desire their concurrence.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments reported by the Select Committee to the Bill,

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :—

Read 1st time

Press 1, line 40.—After "thereof," insert "except that two-thirds only of the value of all vacant Town Lots shall be taxed, on an annual value or rental thereof, not exceeding four per centum."

The Amendments.

Press 2, line 21.—After "offenders," insert "and."

" " " —Leave out from "library" to "Provided," in line 22.

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Read 2d time and adopted.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time tomorrow.

Bill (as amended) for a 3d reading tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Commissioners for the Dundas and Waterloo Macadamized Road to borrow money to enable them to complete the said Road, and for other purposes," was read the second time.

Dundas and Waterloo Road Bill read 2d 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, Macaulay, and Ferrie, to meet and adjourn as they please.

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 Bellechasse, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of St. Michel," was read the second time.

Bellechasse Registry Office Bill read 2d time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

3d reading tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Banque du Peuple," was read the second time.

La Banque du Peuple Bill read 2d time.

"rating La Banque du Peuple," was read the second time.

3d reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Toronto Hospital Bill read 2d time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Toronto Hospital," 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 W. Morris, Crooks, Macaulay, and Sherwood, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Common School Bill (U. C.)

A Message was brought up from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Sherwood and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for amending the Common

Special Constables' Bill.

School Act of Upper Canada;" also, a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws relative to the appointment of Special Constables, and for the better preservation of the

Niagara District Courts' Bill.

Peace;" also, a Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the Courts of Assize and Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, and the District and Quarter Sessions

Merchants' protection Bill.

Courts for the District of Niagara, to be holden in the Court House, in the Town of Niagara, built by the President and Board of Police of the said Town;" also, a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the better protection

Board of Works Bill.

of Merchants and others who may hereafter receive assignments and enter into contracts and agreements, in relation to goods and merchandize entrusted to Agents;" also, a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act,

Public Lands Bill, and

intituled, "An Act to amend the Law constituting the Board of Works;" also, a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for the disposal of Public Lands, and to allow

Quebec Trinity House Bill brought up.

further time for making certain claims under the same;" and also, a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to authorise the Quebec Trinity House to license, as Pilots, a certain class of persons therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this

Read 1st time.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

2d reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bills be severally read for the second time tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Stuart, of Bytown, and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act

Amendments to Bytown Town Council Bill agreed to by Assembly, with further amendments.

to define the limits of the Town of Bytown, to establish a Town Council therein, and for other purposes," and to acquaint this House

that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, with certain Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Amendments of the Legislative Assembly were then read by the Clerk, as follow :

Amendments of the Assembly read 1st time.

Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled, "An Act to define the limits of the Town of Bytown, to establish a Town Council therein, and for other purposes."

In the twelfth Amendment.—Fill up the blank with the words, "Forty pounds."

The Amendments.

In the sixteenth Amendment.—Fill up the first blank with the words, "Five shillings;" the second blank with the words "Five pounds."

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Read 2d time adopted, and

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 Amendments made to the Amendments of this House to the said Bill without any Amendment.

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Moffatt and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the New City Gas Company of Montreal," and also a Bill intituled, "An

Montreal New City Gas Bill, and

Act to enable the Bank of Montreal to increase their Capital Stock," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Montreal Bank Stock Bill brought up.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered,



2d reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bills be severally read for the second time tomorrow.

Limitation of Actions Bill (L.C.) brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Aylwin and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the limitation of actions in Lower Canada," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

Adjourn.

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

THURSDAY.

Thursday, 15th July, 1847.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable Peter McGill, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

- Sullivan,
- W. Morris,
- Fraser,
- Joliette,
- Crooks,
- Macaulay,
- Bruneau,
- Ferrie,
- Knoulton,
- J. Dionne,

- Sherwood,
- Walker,
- Irving,
- DeBoucherville,
- Neilson,
- Pinhey,
- Ferrier,
- Matheson,
- Boulton.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from Francois Champoux, of Becancour, praying to be indemnified for the loss of his Ferry, in consequence of a Bridge having been built over the River Becancour.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Brockville Assessment Bill read 3d time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for an Assessment of Real and Personal Property in the Town of Brockville, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes," 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, and

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.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

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 Bellechasse, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of Saint Michel," was read the third time.

Bellechasse Registry Office Bill read 3d time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating La Banque du Peuple," was read the third time.

La Banque du Peuple Bill read 3d time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the affirmative.

Passed and

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.

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act for amending the Common School Act of Upper Canada," was read the second time.

Common School Bill U. C. read 2d 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 Sullivan, Macaulay, Sherwood, Irving, and Pinhey, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws relative to the appointment of Special Constables, and for the better preservation of the Peace," was read the second time.

Special Constables Bill read 2d time.

Ordered,

3d reading to-morrow.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Niagara District Courts of Assize Bill read 2d time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorise the Courts of Assize and Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, and the District and Quarter Sessions Courts for the District of *Niagara*, to be holden in the Court House in the Town of *Niagara*, built by the President and Board of Police of the said Town," was read the second time.

3d reading to-morrow.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Merchants' protection Bill read 2d time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the better protection of Merchants and others, who may hereafter receive assignments, and enter into contracts and agreements in relation to goods and merchandize entrusted to agents," 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 *Sullivan*, *Macaulay*, *Knoulton*, *Walker*, and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Board of Works Bill read 2d time and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act 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 three Members.

*Ordered*, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Sullivan*, *Sherwood*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Order of the Day read for the 2d reading of Public Lands Bill.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for the disposal of Public Lands, and to allow further time for making certain claims under the same."

Motion for a 2d reading of the Bill "now."

*It was moved*, that the said Bill be now read for the second time.

Motion in Amendment to strike out "now," and insert "this day six months." Objected to.

In amendment *it was moved*, to strike out "now," and insert "this day six months," in lieu thereof.

Which, being objected to,

After debate,

Debated.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Question put and

*The same was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Carried.

The question being then put on the Main motion (as amended),

Main Motion (as amended)

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative, and

Agreed to.

*Ordered* accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to authorize the *Quebec Trinity House* to license, as Pilots, a certain class of Persons therein mentioned," was read the second time.

Quebec Trinity House Bill read 2d time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

3d reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the New City Gas Company, of *Montreal*," was read the second time.

Montreal New City Gas Company's Bill read 2d 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 *Ferrie*, *Ferrier*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the Bank of *Montreal* to increase their Capital Stock," was read the second time.

Montreal Bank Stock Bill read 2d time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

3d reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the limitation of actions in *Lower Canada*," was read the second time.

Limitation of Actions Bill read 2d time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

3d reading to-morrow.

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

A Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

The same was read as follows:—

ELGIN

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

On the subject of the Report of a Select Committee of the Legislative Council relative to the absence of the Hon. J. McDonald.

The Governor General, having had his attention called to a Report of a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, on the subject of the non-attendance of the Honorable John McDonald, for the last two Sessions, recommends that the subject be taken into consideration by the Legislative Council, with a view to carry out the provisions of the 7th clause of the Statute 3d and 4th Victoria, cap. 25.

Government House, }  
Montreal, 14th July, 1847. }

The Message of His Excellency referred to the Committee on Privileges.

Ordered, that the foregoing Message be referred to the Committee appointed to consider of the Orders and Customs of this House, and Privileges of Parliament.

Tenure Commutation Bill, and

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Badgley and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to facilitate Commutation of the tenure of Lands, en roture, in the Queen's Domain, into that of Free and Common Soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations," and also a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend a certain Act passed to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of Montreal, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Montreal Harbour Bill, brought up.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

Read 1st time

Ordered, that the said Bills be severally read for the second time tomorrow.

2d reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Baldwin and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the Burlington Bay Dock and Shipbuilding Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Burlington Bay Dock Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. Cameron (of Lanark) and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate a Company under the style and

Canada Life Assurance Bill brought up.

"title of the Canada Mutual Life Assurance Society," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. Scott and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize Augustin Norbert Morin, to build a Toll Bridge over the River du Nord, in the Parish of Saint Jerôme, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Morin's Bridge Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. Boulton and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the City Bank to increase its Capital Stock," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

City Bank Stock Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow,

2d reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Sherwood and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws, and to repeal certain Acts relating to the crime of Forgery," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Forgery Bi brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow,

2d reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Webster and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons as the Guelph and Dundas Road Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Guelph and Dundas Road Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading to-morrow.

A Message

Amendments to Toronto Telegraph 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 *Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara* and "*Saint Catherines* Electro-Magnetic Telegraph 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.

Woodstock Rail Road Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

Adjourn.

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

FRIDAY.

Friday, 16th July, 1847.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs      The Honorable Messieurs

*W. Morris,*  
*Fraser,*  
*Joliette,*  
*Crooks,*  
*Macaulay,*  
*Bruneau,*  
*Ferrie,*  
*Knoulton,*  
*J. Dionne,*

*Sherwood,*  
*Walker,*  
*Irving,*  
*Neilson,*  
*Pinhey,*  
*Ferrier,*  
*Matheson,*  
*Boulton,*

PRAYERS.

A Petition from Granby (Rev. T. Johnson and others) presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Thomas Johnson* and others, Inhabitants of the Township of *Granby* and its vicinity, praying that the custom of making Public Sales of Property after Divine Service on Sundays may be abolished.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill,

intituled, "An Act to incorporate the New City Gas Company 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. Report of the Select Committee on Montreal New City Gas Company's Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the organization of the Notarial Profession in that part of this Province called *Lower Canada*," 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 the same. Report of the Select Committee on Notarial Profession Bill (L. C.) presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :— Amendments proposed by them read 1st time.

Press 8, line 30.—After "ability" insert "and have made proof of having pursued for five years a regular course of study in some one or more of the Seminaries or Colleges named in the fourteenth section of this Act, or of otherwise having received a regular classical education." The Amendments.

Press 8, line 31.—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 Secretary of such Board, within eight days from the date thereof, on pain of nullity: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend 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 Notary at the expiration of the term of such Articles, subject to the requirements

“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 of  
 “the Board of Notaries,  
 “within whose jurisdiction  
 “his Patron resides, within  
 “thirty days after the  
 “establishment of such  
 “Board.”

Press 9, line 3.—After “currency” insert  
 Clause (A.)

Clause (A.)—“And be it  
 “enacted, That from and  
 “after the first day of Ja-  
 “nuary next, it shall be  
 “the duty of each and  
 “every Notary in *Lower*  
 “*Canada*, to number con-  
 “secutively all Deeds,  
 “Contracts, or Instru-  
 “ments which may be  
 “executed before him, and  
 “remain of record at his  
 “Office, (Étude,) and to  
 “note the number of each  
 “and every such Deed,  
 “Contract, or Instrument  
 “in the margin of his re-  
 “pertory, opposite to the  
 “entry of such Deed, Con-  
 “tract, or Instrument, as  
 “well as in every copy  
 “thereof.”

Press 9, line 6.—After “therein” insert “the  
 “number thereof and.”

Press 12, line 7.—After “*Canada*” insert  
 “that no Notary shall act  
 “as such while holding the  
 “office of Registrar or  
 “Deputy Registrar of any  
 “County, or carrying on  
 “business as a Merchant,  
 “Trader, or Manufac-  
 “turer.”

Press 12, line 8.—After “Bench,” insert “or  
 “of Registrar or Deputy  
 “Registrar of any County,

“or carrying on business  
 “as a Merchant, Trader,  
 “or Manufacturer.”

Press 12, line 13.—After “Bench,” insert “or  
 “of Registrar or Deputy  
 “Registrar of any County,  
 “or of the calling of a  
 “Merchant, Trader, or  
 “Manufacturer.”

Press 12, line 16.—After “Clerk,” insert “or  
 “of Registrar or Deputy  
 “Registrar, or to carry  
 “on business as a Mer-  
 “chant, Trader, or Ma-  
 “nufacturer.”

Press 12, line 20.—After “Clerk,” insert “or  
 “of Registrar or Deputy  
 “Registrar, or carrying on  
 “business as a Merchant,  
 “Trader, or Manufac-  
 “rer.”

Press 12, line 22.—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 car-  
 “ried on at one and the  
 “same time the profession  
 “of a Notary, and the  
 “business of a Merchant,  
 “Trader or Manufacturer;  
 “provided always that no  
 “Registrar or Deputy  
 “Registrar now appointed  
 “shall be affected by the  
 “provisions of this Act.”

Press 12, line 27.—After “accordingly,” in-  
 “sert, “And be it enacted,  
 “that any person assault-  
 “ing or otherwise ob-  
 “structing a Notary in the  
 “due execution of his  
 “duty as such, shall be  
 “guilty of a misdemeanor,  
 “and may on conviction  
 “thereof be sentenced to  
 “the same punishment as  
 “if he or they had been  
 “convicted

“convicted of an assault  
“upon a Peace Officer,  
“or a Revenue Officer,  
“in the execution of his  
“duty.”

Press 12, line 34.—Leave out “or less.”

Read 2d time  
and adopted.

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 a 3d  
reading to-  
morrow.

*Ordered*, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time tomorrow.

Report of the  
Select Com-  
mittee on To-  
ronto Hospital  
Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Sherwood*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, “An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the *Toronto* Hospital,” 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 3rd  
reading to-  
morrow.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Report of the  
Select Com-  
mittee on  
Dundas and  
Waterloo Road  
Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, “An Act to authorise the Commis- sioners for the *Dundas* and *Waterloo* Mac- adamized Road, to borrow money to enable “them to complete the said Road, and for “other purposes,” reported that the Com- mittee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any Amendment.

The Bill and  
Report to be  
considered to-  
morrow.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill and Report be taken into consideration tomorrow.

Special Con-  
stables Bill  
read a 3d time  
and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Laws rela- tive to the appointment of Special Consta- bles, and the better preservation of the “Peace,” was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Niagara Dis-  
trict Courts'  
Bill read 3d  
time and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the Courts of “Assize and Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer “and General Gaol Delivery, and the District “and Quarter Sessions Courts for the District “of *Niagara*, to be holden in the Court House

“of the Town of *Niagara*, built by the Presi- dent and Board of Police of the said Town,” 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 amend the Act to au- thorise the *Quebec* Trinity House to license, “as Pilots, a certain class of persons therein “mentioned,” was read the third time.

Quebec Tri-  
nity House  
Bill read 3d  
time and

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

*Is was resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “An Act to enable the Bank of *Montreal* to increase their Capital Stock,” was read the third time.

Montreal Bank  
Stock Bill  
read 3d 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 repeal a certain Act “therein mentioned, and to make better pro- vision for the limitation of Actions in *Lower* “*Canada*, was read the third time.

Limitation of  
Actions' Bill  
read 3d time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed, and

*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 these Bills without any amendment.

The Assembly  
acquainted  
thereof.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill intituled, “An Act “to facilitate Commutation of the Tenure of “Lands, *en roture*, in the Queen's Domain, “into that of Free and Common Soccage, “and to avoid the unnecessary delays and “expense heretofore incidental to such Com- mutations,” it was

2d reading of  
Tenure Com-  
mutation Bill  
postponed till  
Monday.

*Ordered*, that the same be discharged, and that the said Bill do stand for a second read- ing, upon the Orders of the Day, for Monday next.

The



The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend a certain Act passed to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and for other purposes," it was

*Ordered*, that the same be discharged, and that the said Bill do stand for a second reading upon the Orders of the Day for tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Burlington Bay Dock and Shipbuilding Company*," was read the second time.

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

*Ordered*, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks, Macaulay, Ferrie, and Walker*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate a Company under the style and title of the *Canada Mutual Life Assurance Society*," was read the second time.

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

*Ordered*, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks, Knoulton, Pinhey, and Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize *Augustin Norbert Morin* to build a Toll Bridge over the *River du Nord*, in the Parish of *Saint Jérôme*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same," 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 *Joliette, Bruneau, and Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the *City Bank* to increase its Capital Stock," 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 *Macaulay, Sherwood, and Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend the laws, and to repeal certain Acts relating to the crime of Forgery," was read the second time.

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

*Ordered*, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Macaulay, Sherwood, Neilson, and Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph and Dundas Road Company*," 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 *Fraser, Crooks, and Ferrie*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Woodstock and Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Company*," was read the second time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee last appointed.

*Ordered*, that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *New City Gas Company*," of *Montreal*," be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

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.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Forgery Bill read 2d time, and

Referred to a Select Committee.

Guelph and Dundas Road Bill read 2d time, and

Referred to a Select Committee.

Woodstock Railway Bill read 2d time, and

Referred to the last named Select Committee.

Montreal New City Gas Bill read 3d time.

Passed, and

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

The

2d reading Montreal Harbour Bill postponed till tomorrow.

Burlington Bay Dock Bill read 2d time, and

Referred to a Select Committee.

Canada Life Assurance Bill read 2d time, and

Referred to a Select Committee.

Morin's Bridge Bill read 2d time, and

Referred to a Select Committee.

City Bank Stock Bill read 2d time, and

A Petition from *Whitby*, (C. Draper and others,) presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *Chester Draper* and others, Inhabitants of *Whitby*, *Pickering*, and adjacent Townships, praying that that portion of the Road lying between the *Rouge Hill* and the Eastern limit of *Whitby*, may be Macadamized.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

Motion to consider in a Committee of Privileges the Message of His Excellency on the absence of the Hon. J. McDonald.

*It was moved*, that this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Privileges, for the purpose of taking into consideration the Message of His Excellency the Governor General on the subject of the absence of the Honorable *John McDonald* from his place in this House.

The question of concurrence being put on the said motion,

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Adopted.

The House in a Committee of Privileges thereon.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of Privileges accordingly.

After some time the House was resumed, and

A Resolution reported by same.

The Honorable the Speaker reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the subject matter of the said Message, and had directed him to report a certain Resolution, whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

*Ordered*, that the Report be now received, and

Read 1st time.

The said Resolution was then read by the Clerk as follows :

The Resolution.

*Resolved*, that the Clerk of this House be directed to communicate to the Honorable *John McDonald* a copy of the Report of the Committee of Privileges appointed to consider of his absence from this House ; and also a copy of the Message of His Excellency the Governor General, of the fourteenth instant, respecting his said absence : and at the same time to request him, on or before Friday, the twenty-third instant, to state if he has any thing to offer why this House should not further proceed in his case.

Read 2d time, and

The said Resolution being read the second time, and

The question of concurrence put thereon,

*It was agreed to* by the House, and

Adopted.

*Ordered* accordingly.

*Ordered*, that the Honorable Mr. *Knoulton* be added to the Select Committee, to whom has been referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the City Bank to increase its Capital Stock."

Hon. Mr. Knoulton added to the Select Committee on City Bank Stock Bill.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Cayley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for repealing and consolidating the present Duties of Customs in this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Customs Duties Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Members of the Medical Profession in *Lower Canada*, and to regulate the study and practice of Physic and Surgery therein," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Medical Profession Bill, (L. C.) brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. *Moffat* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Montreal Gas Light Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Montreal Gas Company's Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Boulton* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to revive and extend the Act incorporating the *Humber Harbour and Road Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Humber Harbour Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading tomorrow.

A Message

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chalmers* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the "Town of *Dundas*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Dundas Incorporation Bill brought up.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading tomorrow. Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

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

SATURDAY. Saturday, 17th July, 1847.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

- Sullivan,*
- W. Morris,*
- Fraser,*
- Crooks,*
- Ferrie,*
- Knoulton,*
- Sherwood.*

- Walker,*
- Irving,*
- Neilson,*
- Pinhey,*
- Matheson,*
- Boulton.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* presented a Petition from *Robert Campbell* and others, Inhabitants of the Townships of *Wellesley* and *Peel*, in the District of *Wellington*, praying that the said Township may not be included in the proposed new District to be formed out of Townships situated chiefly within the District of *Huron*, having the Village of *Stratford* for the District Town.

A Petition from *Wellesley* and *Peel* (*R. Campbell* and others) presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to enable the City "Bank to increase its Capital Stock," 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.

Report of the Select Committee on City Bank Stock Bill, presented.

Ordered, that the report be now received, and

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows :

An Amendment proposed by them read 1st time.

Press 2, line 3.—After "subscribing," insert, "And provided, also, "that the said eight thousand shares be subscribed for within eighteen months, and be wholly "paid up within three "years from and after the "passing of this Act."

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.

Read 2d time and adopted.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time on Monday next.

The Bill (as amended, for a 3d reading on Monday.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the better protection of Merchants and others, who may "hereafter receive assignments, and enter "into contracts and agreements in relation "to Goods and Merchandize entrusted to "Agents," 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 Merchants' protection Bill, presented.

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

Bill for 3d reading on Monday.

The Honorable Mr *W. Morris*, presented a Petition from *J. H. Bingham* and others, Inhabitants of the County of *Missisquoi*, praying that a duty may be imposed upon manufactured articles, when imported into this Province from the *United States of America*.

A Petition from *Missisquoi* (*J. H. Bingham* & 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 Organization of "the Notarial Profession, in that part of this "Province called *Lower Canada*," was (as amended) read the third time.

Notarial Profession Bill (as amended) read 3d time.

The question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was Resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Council

Council have passed this Bill with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Toronto Hospital Bill read 3d time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the *Toronto* Hospital," was read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and *It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

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.

Consideration of Dundas and Waterloo Road Bill, and the Report thereon. The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Commissioners for the *Dundas* and *Waterloo* Macadamized Road to borrow money to enable them to complete the said Road, and for other purposes," together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

Bill for 3d reading on Monday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Montreal Harbour Bill read 2d time, and Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend a certain Act, passed to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and for other 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 *Crooks*, *Ferrie*, and *Knoulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Customs Duties Bill read 2d time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act for repealing and consolidating the present Duties of Customs in this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the second time.

3d reading on Monday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Medical Profession Bill (L.C.) read 2d time, and Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Members of the Medical Profession of *Lower* *Canada*, and to regulate the Study and

"Practise of Physic and Surgery therein," 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 *Knoulton*, *Walker*, 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 of incorporation of the *Montreal* Gas Light Company," was read the second time. Montreal Gas Company's Bill read 2d 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 *Crooks*, *Ferrie*, *Knoulton*, and *Walker*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to revive and extend the Act incorporating the *Humber* Harbour and Road Company," was read the second time. Humber Harbour Bill read 2d 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 *Sherwood*, *Irving*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Dundas*," was read the second time. Dundas Incorporation Bill read 2d 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 *Sullivan*, *Ferrie*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

*Ordered*, that all the Petitions presented to this House during the present Session, both for and against the last mentioned Bill, be referred to the Select Committee just appointed. Certain Petitions referred to the last named Select Committee.

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

Monday, 19th July, 1847.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs      The Honorable Messieurs

*Sullivan,*  
*W. Morris,*  
*Fraser,*  
*Crooks,*  
*Macaulay,*  
*Bruneau,*  
*Ferrie,*  
*Knoulton,*

*Sherwood,*  
*Walker,*  
*Irving,*  
*Neilson,*  
*Pinhey,*  
*Ferrier,*  
*Matheson,*  
*Boulton.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return of the Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, in the District of *Gaspé*, for the year 1846.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan* presented a Petition from *Martin J. O. Bierne* and others, Inhabitants of the City of *Toronto*, praying that no measure may be passed having for its object the partitioning of the Endowment of the University of King's College amongst the leading Religious Denominations in the Province; but that the said Endowment may be exclusively applied towards the support and maintenance of a University or College of Literature, Science, and Art; and also, a Petition from the Principal and Professors of the *Upper Canada* College at *Toronto*, praying that in the settlement of the question respecting the University of King's College, the *Upper Canada* College, which has faithfully done its duty, may not be the single Institution, which is not only not improved, but most materially injured in its position and capabilities; but that, on the contrary, it may be nurtured into becoming what will be more loudly called for than ever—the one great Public School of *Western Canada*.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay* presented a Petition from *William Beamish*, of *Port Hope*, praying that he may be compensated for certain losses sustained by him in the Public Service.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *John Armour* and others, Ministers and Delegates of the Congregational Churches of *Canada West*, praying that no measure may be passed having for its object the partitioning of the Endowment of the University of King's College amongst the leading Religious Denominations in the Province; but that the said Endowment may be exclusively applied towards the support and maintenance of a University or College of Literature, Science, and Art. Also, a Petition from *Abishai Morse* and others, Inhabitants of the Village of *Smithville*, in the *Niagara* District, praying that the *Niagara* and *Detroit* Rivers Railroad Company's Incorporation Bill may not be passed into a Law. And also, a Petition from *Henry Allen*, Esquire, of *London*, in the *London* District, late Judge of the District Court of the said District, praying that the Act intituled, "An Act to amend, consolidate, and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in force establishing or regulating the Practise of District Courts in the several Districts in that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*," may be repealed.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan* presented a Petition from the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company, praying that they may be relieved from the payment of the duty of five per cent., or of any other duty, upon the iron that may be imported for the use of the said Company.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

*Ordered*, that the fifty-seventh Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as regards the presentation of a Petition from *Edward Gilman*, Esquire, late Judge of the *Talbot* District Court.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan* thereupon presented a Petition from the said *Edward Gilman*, praying that an Act may be passed to authorise the Court of Queen's Bench, and the Court of Chancery, in *Upper Canada*, to admit him to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor, and also to authorise the Law Society of *Upper Canada* to permit him to practise at the Bar.

*Ordered*,

From *Canada West* (*J. Armour* and others.)

From *Smithville* (*A. Morse* and others.)

From *H. Allen*, Esq., of the *London* District, and

From the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company presented.

The 57th Rule dispensed with and

A Petition from *E. Gilman*, presented.

MONDAY.

A Return of Baptisms, &c. from the District of *Gaspé*, presented.

Petitions From *Toronto* (*M. J. O. Bierne* and others.)

From *Upper Canada* College.

From *W. Beamish*, of *Port Hope*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Petitions From Cobourg (P. Wallace and others.)

The Honorable Mr. Boulton presented a Petition from P. Wallace and others, Inhabitants of Cobourg, in the District of Newcastle, praying that the allowance for Road between Concessions A and B, in the Township of Hamilton, in the said District, may not be closed up, as prayed for by the Board of Police and others, of the said Town of Cobourg.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From B. Pomroy, of Compton, and

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from Benjamin Pomroy, of the Township of Compton, in the District of St. Francis, praying that a certain assignment of Land made by him, may be confirmed by an Act of the Legislature. And also, a Petition from P. Fournier and others, of Trois Pistoles, praying for aid to complete a Road between the River of Trois Pistoles and Lake Temiscouata.

From Trois Pistoles (P. Fournier and others) presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Report of the Select Committee on Dundas Incorporation Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. Boulton, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of Dundas," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any Amendment.

Motion for referring the Bill and Report to a Committee of the Whole presently.

It was moved, that the last mentioned Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Motion in amendment to leave out "presently," and insert "tomorrow."

In Amendment, it was moved, to leave out "presently," and insert "tomorrow" in lieu thereof.

Objected to.

Which being objected to,

Debated.

After a short debate,

Carried by the Casting Vote of the Speaker.

The question of concurrence was put on the said Amendment, and the House being equally divided, the Honorable the Speaker gave his Casting Vote in favour of the motion, and

The same was Resolved in the affirmative.

Main Motion, (as amended), carried by the Speaker's Casting Vote.

The question being then put on the Main Motion (as amended), and the House being equally divided, the Honorable the Speaker gave his Casting Vote in favor of the same, and

It was Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. Sherwood, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws, and to repeal certain Acts relating to the crime of Forgery," 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 them.

Report of the Select Committee on Forgery Bill presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow:—

Amendments proposed by them read 1st time.

Press 2, line 4.—After "money," insert, "or any endorsement on, or any assignment of, any Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note for the payment of money."

The Amendments.

Press 12, line 41.—Leave out from "but," to 'Act,' in line 42, both inclusive.

Preamble, line 6.—Leave out from "unless" to "Act," in line 7, both inclusive.

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Read 2d time and adopted.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time tomorrow.

The Bill (as amended) for a 3d reading tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. Sullivan, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act, intituled, 'An Act to amend the Law consolidating the Board 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 presented.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Bill for 3d reading tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. Sullivan presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorise the Courts of Queen's Bench and

Gilman's Attorney Bill presented.

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of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit Edward Gilman, to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein, and also to authorise the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit him to practise at the Bar."

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow, and that, in the mean time, the same be printed for the use of Members.

Report of the Select Committee on Montreal Gas Company's Bill, presented. The Honorable Mr. Ferrie, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of incorporation of the Montreal Gas Light Company," 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 3d reading tomorrow. Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

City Bank Stock Bill (as amended) read 3d time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the City Bank to increase its Capital Stock," was (as amended) read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed, and It was Resolved in the affirmative.

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 an Amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

Merchants' protection Bill read 3d time, and Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the better protection of Merchants and others, who may hereafter receive assignments and enter into contracts and agreements in relation to Goods and Merchandise entrusted to Agents," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed. It was Resolved in the affirmative.

Dundas and Waterloo Road Bill read 3d time, and Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Commissioners for the Dundas and Waterloo Macadamized Road to borrow money to enable them to complete the said Road, and for other purposes," 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 repealing and consolidating the present Duties of Customs in this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the third time.

Customs Duties Bill read 3d time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

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.

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate commutation of the tenure of Lands en roture in the Queen's Domain into that of free, and common soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations," was read the second time.

Tenure Commutation Bill read 2d 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 Bruneau, Walker, and Neilson, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. Bruneau be added to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Members of the Medical Profession in Lower Canada, and to regulate the study and practice of Physic and Surgery therein."

Hon. Mr. Bruneau added to the Select Committee on Medical Profession Bill (L. C.)

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. Sherwood be added to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate a Company under the style and title of the Canada Mutual Life Assurance Society."

Hon. Mr. Sherwood added to the Select Committee on Canada Life Assurance Bill.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. Sherwood of Brockville and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for an Assessment of Real and Personal Property in the Town of Brockville, according to the annual value or rental

Amendments to Brockville Assessment Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

rental thereof, and for other purposes," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any Amendment.

House adjourns.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

Same resumes.

After some time the House was resumed.

Adjourn.

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

TUESDAY.

Tuesday, 20th July, 1847.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable Peter McGill, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs The Honorable Messieurs

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| Sullivan,  | J. Dionne,      |
| W. Morris, | Sherwood,       |
| Fraser,    | Walker,         |
| Joliette,  | Irving,         |
| Crooks,    | DeBoucherville, |
| Macaulay,  | Neilson,        |
| Bruneau,   | Pinhey,         |
| Ferrie,    | Ferrier,        |
| Knoulton,  | Matheson,       |
| Roy,       | Boulton.        |

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Walker, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the Burlington Bay Dock and Ship Building 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.

Report of the Select Committee on Burlington Bay Dock Bill presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :—

Amendments proposed by them read 1st time.

Press 1, line 37.—Leave out "and," and insert "or."

The Amendments.

Press 1, line 37.—After "with a," insert "Wet Dock."

Press 1, line 38.—Leave out "or," and insert "and."

Press 1, line 40.—Leave out "and," and insert "Wet Dock."

Press 1, line 41.—Leave out "or," and insert "and."

Press 2, line 44.—After "Wharves," insert "Wet Dock."

Press 4, line 9.—After "Wharves," insert "Wet Dock; Dry."

Press 4, line 26.—Leave out "and."

Press 4, line 26.—Leave out "and."

Press 4, line 27.—Leave out "or," and insert "and."

Press 6, line 25.—After "District," insert clauses A and B.

CLAUSE A.

"And be it enacted, That in case it should at any time happen (that an election of Directors should not be made on any day when, pursuant to this Act, it ought to have been made, the said Corporation shall not, for that cause, be deemed to be dissolved, but it shall and may be lawful, on any day, to make and hold an election of Directors, in such manner as shall have been regulated by the By-Laws and Ordinances of the said Corporation."

CLAUSE B.

"And be it enacted, That the Directors for the time being, or a major part of them, shall have power to make and subscribe such Rules and Regulations as to them shall appear needful and proper, touching the management and disposition

position of the Stock, Property, Estate, and effects of the said Corporation, and touching the duty of the Officers, Clerks, and Servants, and all such other matters as appertain to the business of the said Corporation; and shall also have power to appoint as many Officers, Clerks, and Servants for carrying on the said business, with such salaries and allowances as to them shall seem fit."

Press 7, line 3.—After "aforesaid," insert "Provided always, that the said Directors shall not commence the construction of the said Harbour, Wharves, Docks, or Railway, until the first instalment shall be paid in."

Press 8, line 8.—After "request," insert "Clauses C and D."

**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, excepted as are herein mentioned."

**CLAUSE D.**

"And be it enacted, that this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and as such shall be judicially noticed by all Judges, Justices of the Peace, and other persons, without being specially pleaded."

The Amendments from the first to the eleventh inclusive, being read the second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

The eleven first Amendments read 2d time and adopted.

Upon the twelfth Amendment being read for the second time,

The twelfth Amendment read 2d time.

It was moved that the said Bill and twelfth Amendment be committed to a Committee of the Whole House presently.

Motion for referring same, together with the Bill, to a Committee of the Whole House.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

Adopted.

It was Resolved, in the affirmative.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the Whole House on the same.

House in Committee thereon.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. Fraser reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had agreed to an Amendment, in lieu of the twelfth, as reported by the Select Committee, which he was directed to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

An Amendment in lieu of the twelfth Amendment reported.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows:—

Read 1st time.

Press 7, line 3.—After "aforesaid," insert,

The Amendment.

"Provided always, that the said Directors shall not commence the construction of the said Harbour, Wharves, Docks, or Railway, until ten per cent upon the Capital Stock of the said Company shall be paid in."

The said Amendment being read the second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

Read 2d time, and adopted.

The remaining Amendments, as reported by the Select Committee, being then read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

The remaining Amendments read 2d time, and adopted.

Ordered,

Bill (as amended) for a 3d reading tomorrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time tomorrow.

Report of the Select Committee on Winter Roads Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. Bruneau, 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 of Canada 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 extends from the District of Quebec, on the South of the River Saint Lawrence, to the Parish of Nicolet, and on the North of the said River to the Town of Three Rivers exclusively," 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 them.

He also reported that the Committee have examined the Petition of Messrs. Hamilton and Thompson, praying for a special exemption from the operation of the Ordinances in question, which has been referred to them, and with respect to which they beg leave to report, that they do not deem it advisable that any exceptions of this kind should be enacted in favor of individuals.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and

Read.

The same was then read by the Clerk.

The Amendments proposed by them ordered to be considered tomorrow.

Ordered, that the Amendments reported by the said Committee be taken into consideration tomorrow.

Report of the Select Committee on Montreal Harbour Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. Crooks, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend a certain Act passed to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of Montreal, and for other purposes," 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.

The Bill for a 3d reading tomorrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Report of the Select Com-

The Honorable Mr. Joliette, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorise Augustin

"Norbert Morin to build a Toll Bridge over the River du Nord, in the Parish of St. Jérôme, to fix the Rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide Regulations for the same," 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.

mittee on Morin's Bridge Bill presented.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

The Bill for a 3d reading tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. Pinhey, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act for amending the Common School Act of Upper Canada," 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.

Report of the Select Committee on Common School Bill (U. C.), presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Read.

Ordered, that the Amendments reported by the last mentioned Committee be considered by the House presently.

The Amendments proposed by the Committee ordered to be considered presently.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the said Amendments, and

The same were then read by the Clerk, as follow:

Read 1st time.

Press 2, line 5.—After "pro tempore," insert, "sert," "And provided, further, that the Chairmen and Members of such Boards of Trustees shall perform their duties as such gratuitously."

The Amendments.

Press 2, line 15.—After "Treasurer," insert, "Provided, always, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to monies so raised or granted for Common School purposes during the current year."

Press 2, line 31.—After "situated," insert, "And provided, also, that all lands, houses, tenements,

“ments, and Property of  
“every description, now  
“vested in the District  
“Council of any District,  
“for the purposes of a  
“Model School within any  
“such City or incorporated  
“Town, shall remain vested  
“in such District Council.”

Press 2, line 37.—After “whatsoever,” insert  
“and which may be vested  
“in the Corporation of such  
“City, or the Board of  
“Police of such Town,  
“under the provisions of  
“this Act.”

Press 4, line 33.—Leave out from “notwith-  
“standing” to “and,” in  
line 44.

Press 5, line 6.—Leave out from “Council”  
to “and,” in line 19.

Read 2d time  
and adopted.

The said Amendments being read the second  
time, and the question of concurrence put on  
each, they were severally agreed to by the  
House.

The Bill (as  
amended) for a  
3d reading, to-  
morrow.

*Ordered*, that the said Amendments be en-  
grossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read  
the third time tomorrow.

1st Report of  
the Select  
Committee on  
the Contingent  
Accounts, pre-  
sented.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the Se-  
lect Committee appointed to examine and  
report upon the Contingent Accounts of the  
Legislative Council for the present Session,  
reported (as their first Report):

That they have not thought it necessary to  
call upon the Clerk to account for the balance  
of £989. 11s. 6d. left in his hands at the date  
of the last audit of his Accounts, of the sum  
of £3,300, for which an Address was voted at  
the close of the last Session, but both these  
sums can be accounted for at the next Session,  
together with the further sum of £3,000 which  
the Committee have reason to believe will  
suffice for the expenses of the present Session,  
and which they recommend should be applied  
for accordingly.

The Committee have learnt with pleasure,  
that a material reduction has taken place in  
the expense of Postage during the last Recess,  
as compared with previous Recesses; and  
they would urge upon the Clerk of the House

the necessity of continuing to exercise strict  
watchfulness over this branch of its expen-  
diture.

It has appeared to the Committee that  
there is no need of an Assistant Librarian,  
and they accordingly recommend that that  
Office be abolished, and that Mr. *James  
Adamson*, who now fills it, should be em-  
ployed permanently as a Writer in the  
Clerks' Offices, at a yearly salary of £100,  
commencing with the present quarter:

The Memorial of *John Charles Couillard*,  
who has been employed during three Sessions  
as a junior Clerk, and now wishes to be  
placed upon the list of permanent Clerks, has  
engaged the favorable attention of the Com-  
mittee, but they are precluded from recom-  
mending that his request should be complied  
with at present, in consequence of the prior  
claim of the Assistant Librarian.

The Committee have also received a Peti-  
tion from Mr. *Olivier Vallerand*, the Serjeant-  
at-Arms of this House, praying that his  
Salary may be made equal to that of the  
Serjeant-at-Arms of the Legislative Assembly,  
and also that the expenses of his removal  
from *Quebec* to *Kingston*, with his family,  
may be made good to him. The first request  
the Committee consider to be wholly inad-  
missible, but they think the last may very  
properly be taken into consideration at the  
next Session, on suitable vouchers being  
produced.

The Committee have had under considera-  
tion a proposal made by the Head Messenger  
of the House, to contract for the performance  
of certain work for the House, and feel it in-  
cumbent on them, in consequence, to express  
their opinion that it is the duty of the Head  
Messenger of this House, under the direction  
of the Clerk, to cause to be performed at pro-  
per periods during the recesses of Parliament,  
all necessary cleaning and keeping of the rooms  
and passages of the House, and present all ac-  
counts for the same to the Clerk, who should  
be authorized to pay such accounts, if he con-  
siders them to be reasonable—subject always  
to approval by the Contingent Committee of  
the ensuing Session.

The Committee beg leave to recommend  
that *Edward Botterel* and *Timothy Neary*,  
the two Messengers who have hitherto been  
employed by the day during the Session,  
should



should in future be employed permanently at salaries of £45 per Session each, dating from the opening of the present quarter.

Messrs. *Armour* and *Ramsay's* account for books having been laid before the Committee, they have to suggest that the Clerk should be authorized to pay it, on its being certified to him by the Librarian that the charges contained in it are correct and reasonable.

Mr. *G. F. Prowse's* account for cleaning and repairs, has also been laid before the Committee; one of the Members of which, the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, has kindly offered to examine it in conjunction with the Clerk of the House, who should, in the opinion of the Committee, be authorized to pay so much of it as may be found to be correct.

Complaint having been made to the Committee of the unserviceable state of the Waterworks, in that portion of the Parliament Buildings occupied by your Honorable House, they would recommend that Mr. *Crawford Glen*, of *Montreal*, Plumber, should be employed by the Clerk to put them in good repair.

The Committee cannot conclude their present Report without drawing the attention of your Honorable House to the low estimate they have formed of the present Session, as compared with those of previous Sessions. The diminution of the expenses of the House which warrants such a comparatively low estimate is highly creditable to its Chief Officer, on whom it mainly depends to control the current expenditure.

*Ordered*, that the said 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 consideration by the House tomorrow.

Report of the Select Committee on Canada Mutual Life Assurance Society's Bill, presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate a Company under the style and title of the *Canada Mutual Life Assurance Society*," reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report, that they had come to the conclusion; that they cannot recommend it to the favorable consideration of the House.

*Ordered*, that the said Report be adopted. Same adopted.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws, and to repeal certain Acts relating to the crime of Forgery," was (as amended) read the third time. Forgery Bill (as amended) read 3d time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative. Passed, and

*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. Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act intituled, 'An Act to amend the law constituting the Board of Works,'" was read the third time. Board of Works Bill read 3d 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 amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Montreal Gas Light Company*," was read the third time. Montreal Gas Company's Bill, read 3d time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative. Passed, and

*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. The Assembly acquainted thereof.

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 the Town of *Dundas*." House in Committee on Dundas Incorporation Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, 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

Reported without amendment.



the same to the House without any amendment.

The Bill for a 3d reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Gilman's Attorney Bill read 2d time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of "Queen's Bench and of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Edward Gilman* to practise "as an Attorney and Solicitor therein; and "also to authorize the Law Society of *Upper Canada* to admit him to practise at the "Bar," was read the second time.

3d reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed, and the same read the third time tomorrow.

Quebec Bank Stock Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to "increase the Capital Stock of the *Quebec Bank*, and to amend in part the Act to "extend the Charter of the said Bank," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

Toronto Mechanics Institute Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Mechanics' Institute of the City of *Toronto*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d Land's Partition 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 "facilitate the partition of Lands, Tenements, "and Hereditaments, in certain cases in "*Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative

Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Caley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to "amend an error in the Act of the present "Session, imposing Duties of Customs," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Customs Duties Amendment Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow. 2d reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Smith* (of *Frontenac*) and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to "amend the tenth section of the 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 Bill was read the first time. Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow. 2d reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Boulton* and others, as follows: Message from the Assembly requesting that the Hon. W. Morris may have leave to attend a Select Committee of that House.

Legislative Assembly, Monday, 19th July, 1847.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, praying their Honors will permit the Honorable *William Morris*, one of their Members, to attend the Select Committee of this House, to which is referred the Return to an Address on the subject of Indian Moneys invested in Government, or other Debentures on Wednesday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference.

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

WM. B. LINDSAY, Clk. Assy.

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in and informed that the Legislative Council will send

send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

Leave granted, and

*It was moved*, that the Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* 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. *W. Morris*, being present in his place, acquainted the House "that he was willing, with the leave of the House, to go to the said Committee."

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 do give leave to the Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* to attend the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, to which is referred the Return to an Address on the subject of Indian Moneys, invested in Government or other Debentures, on Wednesday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* and others, as follows:—

Legislative Assembly,  
Monday, 19th July, 1847.

Message from the Assembly transmitting, for concurrence, an Address to Her Majesty on the Navigation Laws.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, informing their Honors, that this House has adopted an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Navigation Laws, in so far as they relate to, or affect this Colony; and requesting the concurrence of their Honors thereto.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

WM. B. LINDSAY,  
*Clk. Assy.*

And then they withdrew.

Read 1st time.

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 most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the and Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty for the purpose of assuring Your Majesty of the steadfast loyalty of the people of this Province, and their profound attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Government, and of representing to Your Majesty: That the changes which have recently been made in the Commercial policy of *Great Britain* have produced embarrassments and difficulties in the trade of this Colony, which, unless promptly met, may ultimately prove highly injurious to the Empire: That this Province has incurred a large debt for the construction of Public Improvements, chiefly for rendering our access to the Ocean more easy and less expensive, and for maintaining our trade with the Mother Country and with Foreign Nations, through the channel of the *Saint Lawrence*, in the hope of shortly attracting through the same route the vast products of the Western portion of this Continent: That the continuance of the protection in the British Markets, which Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects in this Province had hitherto so advantageously enjoyed, would have fully realized their expectations in this respect, but that the Commercial changes which the wisdom of the Imperial Parliament has deemed it prudent to adopt, compel us, under the existing altered circumstances of our trade, to seek for changes in the Navigation Laws affecting this Province, which otherwise would have been unnecessary: That measures have been adopted in the neighbouring Republic, with a view to divert the Trade of this Province to and from *Great Britain* through the Railroads and Canals of that Country, and thereby to secure to them a large accession of Carrying-trade, and from which a Revenue was yielded last year of about seven hundred thousand pounds; and that there is too much reason to fear that their attempts will prove successful, unless other and further inducements than at present exist are offered in favor of the route by the *Saint Lawrence*: That to afford such inducements, and prevent a calamity so much to be apprehended, we humbly pray, that Your Majesty will be Most Graciously pleased to sanction the free use of the Navigation of the

the River *St. Lawrence* by all Nations; and that, to that end, Your Majesty will be further Graciously pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament to repeal the Laws of Navigation so far as they, in any manner, relate to or affect this Colony.

*Ordered*, that the said Address be taken into consideration by the House tomorrow.

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

Wednesday, 21st July, 1847.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

*Sullivan,*  
*W. Morris,*  
*Fraser,*  
*Joliette,*  
*Crooks,*  
*Macaulay,*  
*Bruneau,*  
*Ferrie,*  
*Knoulton,*  
*Roy,*

The Honorable Messieurs

*J. Dionne,*  
*Sherwood,*  
*Walker,*  
*Irving,*  
*DeBoucherville,*  
*Neilson,*  
*Pinhey,*  
*Ferrier,*  
*Matheson,*  
*Boulton.*

PRAYERS.

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 the House.

And the same was then read as follows:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Council, copies of two Despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Government House,  
*Montreal*, 21st July, 1847.

SCHEDULE of Despatches accompanying the Governor General's Message of the 21st July, 1847:—

No.	DATE.	SUBJECT.
91	22d June. 1847.	Respecting the establishment of an equality of Trade between <i>Canada</i> and the <i>United States</i> .
92	25th June.	Stating that the amount of Surplus Postage collected in <i>Canada</i> , will be paid over to the Receiver General.

Respecting Trade and

Postage.

*For Despatches, Vide Appendix, No. 18.*

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the Magistrates of the District of *Wellington*, in Quarter Sessions assembled, praying that the Law regulating the Duties of the Inspectors of Weights and Measures may be amended.

A Petition from the Magistrates of the *Wellington* District, 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 to incorporate the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour "Company," 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.

Report of the Select Committee, on *Woodstock* Rail-Road Bill, presented.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Bill for 3rd reading, tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain "persons as the *Guelph* and *Dundas* Road "Company," 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.

Report of the Select Committee, on *Guelph* and *Dundas* Road Bill presented.

*Ordered*, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Read, and the Amendments proposed by them, ordered to be considered tomorrow.

*Ordered*, that the said Report be taken into consideration by the House tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the

Report of the Select Committee, on Te. Bill,

To be considered tomorrow.

Adjourn.

WEDNESDAY.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

Transmitting copies of Despatches.

nure, Com-  
mutation, Bill  
presented.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate Commu-  
tation of the Tenure of Lands, *en roture*,  
"in the Queen's Domain, into that of Free  
"and Common Soccage, and to avoid the  
"unnecessary delays and expenses heretofore  
"incidental to such Commutations," 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 tomorrow.

Bill for 3d  
reading, to-  
morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill,  
intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain  
"persons under the name of the "*Burling-*  
"*ton Bay Dock and Ship-Building Com-*  
"*pany*," was (as amended) read the third  
time.

Burlington  
Bay Dock  
Bill, (as  
amended,)  
read 3d time,  
and

The question was put whether this Bill (as  
amended) shall pass?

Passed.

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill,  
intituled, "An Act for amending the Common  
"School Act of *Upper Canada*," was (as  
amended) read the third time.

Common  
School Bill,  
(as amended,)  
read 3d time.

The question was put whether this Bill  
(as amended) shall pass?

Passed and

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

*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 these Bills with several  
Amendments, to which they desire their con-  
currence.

sent to the  
Assembly for  
concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill,  
intituled, "An Act to amend a certain Act,  
"passed to provide for the improvement and  
"enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*,  
"and for other purposes," was read the third  
time.

Montreal Har-  
bour Bill, read  
3rd time, and

The question was put, whether this Bill  
shall pass?

Passed.

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill,  
intituled, "An Act to authorize *Augustin*  
"*Norbert Morin* to build a Toll Bridge over  
"the *River du Nord*, in the Parish of *Saint*

Morin's  
Bridge Bill,  
read 3d time.

"*Jerôme*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing  
"thereon, and to provide regulations for the  
"same," was read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill  
shall pass?

*Is was resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed, and

*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 these Bills without any  
Amendment.

the Assembly  
acquainted  
thereof.

The Order of the Day being read for read-  
ing the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate  
"the Town of *Dundas*," the third time.

Motion for a  
3d reading of  
Dundas incor-  
poration Bill,  
instanter.

*It was moved*, that the said Bill be now  
read the third time.

Which, being objected to.

*It was moved*, in Amendment, to leave out  
"now" and insert "this day three months."

Motion in  
amendment  
thereof.

The question of concurrence being put on  
the said Amendment,

*It was Resolved* in the negative.

Same nega-  
tived.

The question of concurrence being put on  
the Main Motion.

Main Motion  
adopted, and

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read the third time  
accordingly.

the Bill, read  
3d time.

The question was put whether this Bill  
shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed, and

*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 without any  
Amendment.

the Assembly  
acquainted  
thereof.

DISSENTIENT.

*Because*, the said Bill unnecessarily inter-  
feres with vested rights and private property,  
inasmuch as it includes within the limits of  
the said Town the whole of the Basin, and  
part of the *Des Jardins'* Canal, the control of  
which is already invested by Law in a private  
Company, who have constructed said Canal  
so as to admit the passage of Propellers and  
Boats

Protest of the  
Hon. J.  
Crooks, there-  
on.

Boats carrying more than one hundred barrels of Flour, and the boundaries mentioned in the Bill includes about two hundred and fifty acres of Land in the Township of *West Flamborough*, and about forty acres in the Township of *Ancaster*, the property of individuals now used for the purpose of Farming, and in one instance, that of the Reverend Mr. *Leeming*, passes diagonally through his small property and broken ground, but a small portion of which is capable of being used for building lots.

*Because*, at least one half of the inhabitants have petitioned that the Incorporation of the said Town be delayed till a future Session of the Legislature, from the well founded belief, that the Town Council, constituted, as it must necessarily be, under the provisions of the Bill, will select a Site for the Town Hall and Market Place inconvenient to them, and in a situation *not* central to all the Inhabitants, whilst they will be made to pay their share of the cost incurred.

*Because*, the description of the limits of the said Town in the Bill, are not sufficiently defined, inasmuch as the Town Plot of *Coots Paradise* is only incidentally mentioned, although said Town Plot was laid out by Government about fifty years ago, and Deeds have been issued for many lots therein, instead of being specifically incorporated with, and forming one Town with *Dundas*.

*Because*, the Township of *Ancaster* is not mentioned in the Bill, although in another County (*Wentworth*), nor *West Flamborough*, also in another County (*Halton*) in which the major part of *Dundas* is situated;—the “Town of *Dundas*, in the District of *Gore*,” being the only provision in the Bill, pointing to, or designating where, the said Town is situated.

*Because*, neither the Lots nor Concessions proposed to form the Town Plot, are mentioned in the Bill, nor the course or distance of any of the Lines, except that on the West and South side of the Creek, not defining what Creek, and following its sinuosities at the distance of 500 feet to a certain Mill-dam.

*Because*, in the forty-third clause of the Bill, the Town Council is authorised to borrow a certain sum of money for the purpose of erecting a good and sufficient Building of

Brick and Stone for the purpose of a Market House and Town Hall, on some central and convenient Lot, to be selected and purchased by the said Town Council, when, at the same time, the Heirs of the late *Richard Hatt*, Esquire, dedicated an Acre of Land, surrounded by Streets, for the purpose of a Market in a central part of the Town, convenient to all the Inhabitants, thus incurring a large outlay, unnecessarily, in the purchase of Land, and involving the Town in a debt, the liquidation of which will bear heavily on the Inhabitants.

JAS. CROOKS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen’s Bench and of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Edward Gilman* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein, and also to authorize the Law Society of *Upper Canada* to admit him to practise at the Bar,” was read the third time.

*Gilman’s Attorney Bill,*  
read 3rd time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed, and

*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.

sent to the  
Assembly, for  
concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments reported by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned relating to Winter Roads, in that part of the Province of *Canada* 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 extends from the District of *Quebec* on the South of the River *Saint Lawrence* to the Parish of *Nicolet*, and on the North of the said River to the Town of *Three Rivers* exclusively.”

Amendments  
to Winter  
Roads Bill,  
considered.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow:—

Read 1st time.

Press 1, line 30 —Leave out “repealed” and insert “suspended for three years, and from thence until the end of the then next Session of the Provincial

The Amend-  
ments.

“ Provincial Parliament,  
“ and no longer.”

Preamble, line 1.—Leave out “ amend,” and insert “ suspend for a time “ the operation of.”

“ line 3.—Leave out from “ in” to “ Ordinances” in line 4, both inclusive, and insert “ within.”

Title, line 1.—Leave out “ repeal,” and insert “ suspend for a time.”

Read 2nd time and adopted.

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

The Bill (as amended) for a 3rd reading tomorrow.

*Ordered*, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time tomorrow.

1st Report of the Select Committee on the Contingent Accounts, considered.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the first Report of the Select Committee, appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session.

Read.

The said Report was then again read by the Clerk.

Motion to adopt the same.

*It was moved*, that the said Report be now adopted.

Motion in Amendment thereto.

In Amendment thereto, *it was moved*, that the said Report be not now adopted, but that the same be committed to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

Same agreed to, and

The question of concurrence being put on said Amendment,

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the Main Motion (as amended),

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

The House in Committee thereon.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the Whole House on the said Report.

After some time the House was resumed, and

Reported, and

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Report of the Select Com-

mittee, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any Amendment.

*Ordered*, that the said Report be adopted.

The Report of the Select Committee adopted.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to increase the Capital “ Stock of the *Quebec Bank*, and to amend, in “ part, the Act to extend the Charter of the “ said Bank,” was read the second time.

Quebec Bank Stock Bill read 2nd 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 *Macaulay*, *Neilson*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to incorporate the Mechanics’ Institute of the City of *Toronto*,” was read the second time.

Toronto Mechanics Institute Bill read 2nd 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 *Sullivan*, *Sherwood*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

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.

2d Lands partition Bill read 2d 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 *Knoulton*, *Walker*, and *Neilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend an error in the “ Act of the present Session, imposing Duties “ of Customs,” was read the second time.

Customs Duties amendment Bill read 2d time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

3d reading tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled “ An Act to amend the tenth Section “ of the Act to incorporate the Town of *Kingston* as a City,” was read the second time.

Kingston Incorporation Bill, read 2nd time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

3rd reading tomorrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Address to Her Majesty

Address to Her Majesty on the Navigation Laws, considered.



Majesty (received by Message from the Legislative Assembly) on the subject of the Navigation Laws:—

Which said Address was then again read by the Clerk.

It was moved to agree with the Legislative Assembly in the said Address, by filling up the blank with "the Legislative Council."

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

It 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 "the Legislative Council."

Ordered, that an humble Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor General in the following words:—

To His Excellency, the Right Honorable James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the 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, on the subject of the Navigation Laws, in so far as they relate to, or affect this Colony, 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.

The Honorable Mr. Ferrier presented a Petition from the Corporation of Montreal, praying for the adoption of more effective measures in regard to those sanitary regulations which the state of the Immigrants who daily arrive, and the progress of disease in the said City of Montreal may appear to warrant.

A Petition from the Corporation of Montreal, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. Smith (of Frontenac) and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the duties between Master and Servant, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Masters' and Servants' Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d Reading tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. Powell and others with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend, explain, and continue an Act passed in the seventh year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled, 'An Act to prevent obstructions in Rivers and Rivulets in Upper Canada,' to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Rivers and Rivulets Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d Reading tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Jessop and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for an Assessment of Real and Personal Property in the Town of Prescott, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Prescott Assessment Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d Reading tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Aylwin and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the British North American Electric Telegraph Association," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

British North American Telegraph Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Read 2d time.

Same agreed to, and

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

An Address to His Excellency, requesting him to transmit the same, ordered.

The Address.

Same sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

2d reading to-morrow.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

Indian Tribes incorporation Bill, and

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the several "Indian Tribes in *Lower Canada*," and also, a Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the Provincial Copy Right Act to persons resident "in the United Kingdom, on certain conditions," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Provincial Copyright Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time.

The said Bills were severally read the first time.

2d reading to-morrow.

*Ordered*, that the said Bills be severally read the second time tomorrow.

Rebellion Losses Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorise the issuing "of Debentures, to pay the balance due to "Claimants for Losses during the Rebellion "and Invasion in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading to-morrow.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

Seamen's Shipping Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for regulating the Shipping of Seamen," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading to-morrow.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

Registry Laws Bill, (U. C.) brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend an "Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, 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.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading to-morrow.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to make provision for the "subsistence of the Widow of the late Honorable *Joseph Remy Vallières de St. Réal*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Widow Vallières's provision Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of certain "Landholders in the District of *Gaspé*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Gaspé Landholders' relief Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to consolidate and "amend the Laws, and to repeal certain Acts "relating to the crime of Forgery," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly hath agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any Amendment.

Amendments to Forgery Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act "to enable the City Bank to increase its "Capital Stock," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly hath agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any Amendment.

Amendments to City Bank Stock Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

*It was moved*, that when this House adjourns to day, it do stand adjourned until tomorrow, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Motion for adjourning till tomorrow at 1 o'clock, P. M.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

Question put and

*The same was Resolved* in the affirmative, and *Ordered* accordingly.

Carried.

The

A Return of the distribution of the Laws of last Session, presented.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return of the distribution of the Laws of this Province of the second Session of the second Provincial Parliament.

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

(For Return, vide Sessional Papers, Letters C. C. C.)

Adjourn.

The Honorable the Speaker, pursuant to Order made this day, declared this House continued until tomorrow, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

THURSDAY.

Thursday, 22d July, 1847.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable Peter McGill, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs      The Honorable Messieurs

Sullivan,  
W. Morris,  
Fraser,  
Joliette,  
Crooks,  
Macaulay,  
Bruneau,  
Ferrie,  
Knoulton,

J. Dionne,  
Sherwood,  
Walker,  
Irving,  
Neilson,  
Pinhey,  
Ferrier,  
Matheson.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from Samuel Daniels and others, Inhabitants of the Townships of Shipton and Melbourne, praying that the Arthabaska Road may be completed from its present termination until it intersects Craig's Road, at or near the Village of Richmond, in the Township of Shipton.

Petition from Shipton, (S. Daniels and others,) presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented to the House a Return from the Sherbrooke Agricultural Society for 1846.

A Return from the Sherbrooke Agricultural Society, presented.

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

(For Return, vide Sessional Papers, Letter E.)

Petitions from

The Honorable Mr. Ferrie presented a Pe-

tion from Colin C. Ferrie and others, Inhabitants of the City of Hamilton, praying that no measure may be passed having for its object the partitioning of the Endowment of the University of King's College amongst the leading Religious Denominations of this Province, but that the said Endowment may be exclusively applied towards the support and maintenance of a University or College of Literature, Science, and Art. And also, a Petition from A. Jeffrey and others, Inhabitants of the Town of Cobourg, praying that the question respecting the University of King's College, Toronto, may not be settled until after the People at large have had an opportunity of considering the same.

Hamilton, (C. C. Ferrie and others.)

From Cobourg (A. Jeffrey and others,) and

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

The Honorable Mr. Walker presented a Petition from J. S. Clarke, Principal of the Quebec Academy, praying for pecuniary aid towards the support of the said Institution.

From the Quebec Academy, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

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, Esquire, as Clerk of this House, for the sum of three thousand 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.

An Address to His Excellency for £3,000, for the purpose of defraying the Contingent Expenses of the House, 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.

Certain Members who are of the Executive Council, ordered to present the same.

The Honorable Mr. Neilson, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Quebec Bank, and to amend, in part, the Act to extend the Charter of the said Bank," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with two Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Report of the Select Committee, on Quebec Bank Stock Bill, presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The

**Amendments proposed by them, read 1st time.** The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

**The Amendments.** Press 1, line 33.—Leave out from “at” to “Charter,” in line 34, both inclusive.

Press 1, line 38.—After “each” insert “Provided always, that the said eight thousand shares shall be subscribed for within eighteen months, and be wholly paid up within three years from and after the passing of this Act.”

**Read 2d time, and adopted.** The said Amendments being read the second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

**The Bill (as amended) for 3d reading tomorrow.** *Ordered*, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time tomorrow.

**Report of the Select Committee, on Toronto Mechanics’ Institute Bill, presented.** The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the “Mechanics’ Institute of the City of *Toronto*,” 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 3d reading tomorrow.** *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

**Report of the Select Committee on Medical Profession Bill, (L. C.) presented.** The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the “Members of the Medical Profession in *Lower Canada*, and to regulate the study and practice of Physic and Surgery 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 them.

*Ordered*, that the Report be now received, and

**Amendments proposed by them, read 1st time.** The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

**The Amendments.** Press 5, line 7.—After “qualification,” insert Clause A.

**CLAUSE A.**

“Provided always, and be it enacted, That every person who has obtained, or may hereafter obtain, a Medical Degree or Diploma in any University or College in Her Majesty’s Dominions, shall be entitled to such certificate without examination as to his qualification.”

Press 5, line 36.—After “practise,” insert, “Provided always, that such rules shall not be contrary to the provisions of this Act.”

Press 5, line 42.—Leave out from “provided” to “license,” in line 45, both inclusive.

Press 6, line 7.—Leave out “Chairman,” and insert “President.”

Press 6, ult.—Leave out from “or” to “language,” in Press 7, line 1, both inclusive.

Press 7, line 18.—Leave out “Chairman,” and insert “President.”

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House. **Adopted.**

*Ordered*, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time tomorrow. **The Bill, (as amended) for a 3d reading tomorrow.**

**Report of the Select Committee on 2d Lands partition Bill, presented.** 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*,” 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 tomorrow. **Bill for 3d reading tomorrow.**

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 of *Canada*, heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far

**Winter Roads Bill, (as amended,) read 3d time.**

“ as regards the District of *Quebec*, the District of *Gaspé*, and that part of the District of *Three Rivers* which extends from the District of *Quebec* on the South of the River *Saint Lawrence*, to the Parish of *Nicolet*, and on the North of the said River to the Town of *Three Rivers* exclusively,” was (as amended) read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed, and *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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, “ An Act to incorporate the *Woodstock and Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Company*,” was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and *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.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to facilitate the commutation of the tenure of Lands *en roture* in the Queen’s Domain into that of free and common Soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations.”

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Then the following Amendments were made to the said Bill:—

Press 2, line 18.—After “ Act,” insert, “ Provided always that the Seigniorship of *Sorel* shall be expressly excepted from the provisions and operations of this Act.”

Press 2, line 46.—After “ *Quebec*,” insert “ or in.”

Press 2, line 47.—Leave out from “ or” to “ *Henry*,” both inclusive.

Press 3, line 30.—After “ *Quebec*,” insert “ or.”

Press 3, line 30.—Leave out from “ or” to “ *Henry*,” in line 31, both inclusive.

Press 3, line 32.—After “ *Quebec*,” insert “ or.”

Press 3, line 32.—Leave out from “ or” to “ *Henry*,” in line 33, both inclusive.

The question was put whether this Bill (with the Amendments) shall pass? Bill, (as amended,) passed, and

*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 error in the Act of the present Session, imposing Duties of Customs,” was read the third time. Custom Duties Amendment Bill, read 3d 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 amend the tenth Section of the Act to incorporate the Town of *Kingston* as a City,” was read the third time. Kingston Incorporation Bill, read 3d time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative. Passed, and

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. The Assembly acquainted of same.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments reported. Amendments to Guelph and Dundas Road Bill, considered.

ported by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph and Dundas Road Company.*"

Read 1st time. The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

The Amend- Press 1, line 6.—Leave out from "*Waterloo*" ments. to "and," in line 7.

" 1, " 18.—After "that," insert "*James B. Morden, Walter Colcleugh, John Weir, William Miller (of West Flamborough), William McKindlay (of the same place.)*"

Read 2d time, and adopted. The said Amendments being read the second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

The Bill (as amended.) for a 3d reading tomorrow. *Ordered,* that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time tomorrow.

Masters' and Servants' Bill, read 2d time, and Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the duties between Master and Servant, 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 two Members.

*Ordered,* that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks* and *Macaulay*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Rivers' and Rivulets' Bill, read 2d time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend, explain and continue an Act passed in the seventh year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled, 'An Act to prevent obstructions in Rivers and Rivulets in *Upper Canada,*'" was read the second time.

3d reading to-morrow. *Ordered,* that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Prescott Assessment Bill, read 2d time, and Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for an Assessment of Real and Personal Property in the Town of *Prescott*, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes," 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, Pinhey, and Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the British North American Electric Telegraph Association," was read the second time. British North American Telegraph Bill, read 2d 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 *Walker, Neilson, and Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the several Indian Tribes in *Lower Canada,*" was read the second time. Indian Tribes' Incorporation Bill, read 2d 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 *Sullivan, W. Morris, Macaulay, and Knoulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to extend the Provincial Copyright Act to persons resident in the United Kingdom on certain conditions," was read the second time. Provincial Copyright Bill, read 2d time.

*Ordered,* that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow. 3d reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorise the issuing of Debentures to pay the balance due to Claimants for Losses during the Rebellion and Invasion in *Upper Canada,*" was read the second time. Rebellion Losses Bill, (U. C.), read 2d time.

*Ordered,* that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow. 3d reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for regulating the Shipping of Seamen," was read the second time. Seamen's Shipping Bill, read 2d 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



able Messieurs *Walker, Neilson, and Pinhey*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to consolidate and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province which was formerly 'Upper Canada,' was read the second time.

Registry Laws Bill, (U. C.) Read 2d time.

3d reading tomorrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to make provision for the subsistence of the Widow of the late Honorable *Joseph Rémi Vallières de St. Réal*," was read the second time.

Widow Vallières's provision Bill, read 2d time.

3rd reading tomorrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of certain Landholders in the District of *Gaspé*," was read the second time.

Gaspé Landholder's Bill, read 2d time.

3d reading tomorrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Stewart* (of *Bytown*) and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Carillon and Grenville* Railway Company," and also a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Bytown and Britannia* Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Carillon and Grenville Railway Bill, and

Bytown and Britannia Railway Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

2d readings tomorrow.

Ordered, that the said Bills be severally read the second time tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Caley* and others, with 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 seven, and certain other expenses not otherwise provided for," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Supply Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Laurin* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the organization of the Notarial Profession in that part of this Province called *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 Notarial Profession Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Caley* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for granting relief to the Sufferers by the Fires at *Quebec*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Quebec Fires Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Summoning of Jurors in *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Jurors' Bill, (L. C.) brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Duggan* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law of Imprisonment for Debt in *Upper Canada*," and also, a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Port Credit and Hurontario* Plank Road Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Imprisonment for Debt Bill, (U. C.), and

Port Credit Plank Road Bill, brought up.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bills be severally read the second time tomorrow.

2d readings tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* and others, as follows:

A Message from the Assembly.

Legislative Assembly,  
Thursday, 22d July, 1847.

Agreeing to the Address to His Excellency on the Navigation Laws.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, acquainting their Honors that this House hath agreed to the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of the Navigation Laws, in so far as they relate to or affect this Colony.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

WM. B. LINDSAY,  
*Clk. Assy.*

The Joint Addresses ordered to be presented, on the part of this House, by certain Members who are of the Executive Council.

*Ordered*, that the Joint Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the Navigation Laws, in so far as they relate to or affect this Colony; and also the Joint Address to His Excellency the Governor General on the same subject, be presented on the part of this House to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of the Executive Council who are Members of this House.

Same Members appointed to know when the Addresses would be received.

*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 be pleased to appoint to be attended with the said Joint Addresses.

Adjourn.

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

FRIDAY.

Friday, 23d July, 1847.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs      The Honorable Messieurs

*W. Morris,*  
*Fraser,*  
*Crooks,*  
*Macaulay,*  
*Bruneau,*  
*Ferrie,*  
*Knoulton,*  
*Roy,*

*Sherwood,*  
*Walker,*  
*Irving,*  
*Neilson,*  
*Pinhey,*  
*Ferrier,*  
*Matheson,*  
*Boulton.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from *John F. Muncey* and *J. Fontana*, Inhabitants of the *Magdalen Islands*, praying that they may be reimbursed for trouble and expense incurred by them in rescuing and sustaining the Passengers of the Ship *Miracle*, which was Shipwrecked upon their Coast, and also that Light-houses may be erected on the Shores of the said Islands, for the protection of Shipping.

A Petition from John F. Muncey, and J. Fontana, of the Magdalen Islands, 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 to regulate the duties between Master and Servant, and for other purposes 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 Masters' and Servants' Bill, presented.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Bill for 3d reading tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to revive and extend the Act incorporating the *Humber Harbour and Road 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 Committee on Humber Harbour, Bill presented.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Bill for 3d reading tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for an Assessment of Real and Personal Property in the Town of *Prescott*, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes," reported 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 them.

Report of the Select Committee on Prescott Assessment Bill, presented.

*Ordered*, that the Report be now received, and

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Amendments proposed by them, read 1st time.

Press 10, line 35.—Leave out from "establish" to "*Johnstown*," in line

The Amendments.

line 36, both inclusive, and insert, "incorporate the Village of Prescott, and to establish an electric Police therein."

Press 18, line 14.—Leave out "North," and insert "South."

Press 18, line 15.—Leave out "West," and insert "East."

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*, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Members of the Medical Profession in Lower Canada, and to regulate the Study of Physic and Surgery 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons as the Guelph and Dundas Road 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.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Quebec Bank, and to amend, in part, the Act to extend the Charter of the said Bank," 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 these Bills with certain

Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Mechanics' Institute of the City of Toronto," was read the third time.

Toronto Mechanics' Institute Bill, read 3d 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 facilitate the partition of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in certain cases in Lower Canada," was read the third time.

2d Lands partition Bill, read 3d 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 amend, explain, and continue an Act passed in the seventh year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled, 'An Act to prevent obstructions in Rivers and Rivulets in Upper Canada,'" was read the third time.

Rivers and Rivulets' Bill, read 3d 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 extend the Provincial Copyright Act to persons resident in the United Kingdom, on certain conditions," was read the third time.

Provincial Copyright Bill, read 3d 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 issuing of Debentures to pay the balance due to Claimants for Losses during the Rebellion and Invasion in Upper Canada," was read the third time.

Rebellion Losses Bill, read 3d 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,

Read 2d time, and adopted.

The Bill (as amended) for 3d reading tomorrow.

Medical Profession Bill, (as amended,) read 3d time, and

Passed.

Guelph and Dundas Road Bill, (as amended,) read 3d time, and

Passed.

Quebec Bank Stock Bill, (as amended,) read 3d time.

Passed, and

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Registry Laws Bill, (U. C.), read 3d time, and  
intituled, "An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, 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?

Passed. *It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Widow Vallière's provision Bill, read 3d time, and  
Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make provision for the subsistence of the Widow of the late Honorable *Joseph Rémi Vallières de St. Réal*," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed. *It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Gaspé Landholders' Bill, read 3d time.  
Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of certain Landholders in the District of *Gaspé*," was read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and *It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

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.

Carillon and Grenville Railway Bill, read 2d time, and  
Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Carillon* and *Grenville* 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 *Pinhey*, *Ferrier*, and *Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Bytown and Britannia Railway Bill, read 2d time, and  
Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Bytown* and *Britannia* Railway Company," was read the second time.

Referred to the last named Select Committee.  
*Ordered*, that the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee last appointed.

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-seven, and certain other expenses not otherwise provided for;" and also, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for granting relief to the Sufferers by the Fires at *Quebec*," were severally read for the second time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bills be severally read the third time tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to regulate the Summoning of Jurors in *Lower Canada*," 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 *Knoulton*, *Neilson*, and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law of Imprisonment for Debt in *Upper Canada*," was read the second time.

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

*Ordered*, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Sherwood* and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Port Credit* and *Hurontario* Plank Road Company," 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 *Pinhey*, *Ferrier*, and *Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* 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 Joint Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Navigation Laws, in so far as they relate to or affect this Colony; and also, the Joint Address to His Excellency the Governor General

General on the same subject, and that His Excellency had appointed Monday next, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

*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 Monday next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to be attended with the Addresses of both Houses on the last mentioned subject, and that the Legislative Council have ordered that such Members of the Executive Council, who are Members of this House, do attend His Excellency at that time on the part of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act for regulating the Shipping of Seamen," 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 them.

*Ordered*, that the Report be now received, and

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Press 1, line 40.—Leave out "or person."

Press 3, line 6.—Leave out from "whether" to "not," both inclusive, and insert "whatever."

Press 3, line 35.—Leave out "License," and insert "Office."

Press 4, line 40.—Leave out from "not" to "and," in line 41, both inclusive.

Press 4, line 43.—Leave out "and."

Press 7, line 13.—After "repealed," insert Clause A.

**CLAUSE A.**

"And be it enacted, That  
"this Act shall take effect  
"upon, from, and after the  
"first day of January next,  
"and not before."

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*, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Morin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Lower Canada* Agricultural Society," 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 tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate the proof of the Charter and Act of Incorporation of the *British American Land 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 tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Cameron* (of *Lanark*) and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the payment of School Moneys to the Teachers in the *Bathurst* District for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, notwithstanding that there was no Assessment for Schools in that District, in the said year," 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 tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Lyon* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to declare the mode in which the Side Lines of the Lots in the Township of *Osgoode*, in the County of *Carleton*, shall be run," 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 tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative

Bill, (as amended,) for a 3d reading, tomorrow.

Agricultural Society Bill, (L. C.), brought up.

Read 1st time.

2d Reading tomorrow.

British American Land Company's Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time.

2d Reading tomorrow.

Bathurst District School Moneys Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time.

2d reading tomorrow.

Osgoode Side Lines' Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time.

2d reading tomorrow.

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

Report of the Select Committee, on Seamen's Shipping Bill, presented.

Amendments proposed by them, read 1st time.

The Amendments.

Read 2d time, and adopted.

tive Assembly by Mr. *Chauveau* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Ordinance therein mentioned, incorporating the *Quebec Library*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Quebec Library Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Boulton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the incorporation of the Agricultural Association of *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Agricultural Association Bill, (U. C.), brought up.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading tomorrow.

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 of *Canada* 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 extends from the District of *Quebec* on the South of the River *St. Lawrence* to the Parish of *Nicolet*, and on the North of the said River to the Town of *Three Rivers* exclusively," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly hath agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any Amendment.

Amendments to Winter Roads' Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal Cemetery Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Montreal Cemetery Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Colville* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Lake St. Louis* and Province Line Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

St. Louis Railway Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow.

2d reading tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Cameron* (of *Lanark*) and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Burlington Bay Dock and Ship-Building Company*," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly hath agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any Amendment.

Amendments to Burlington Bay Dock Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

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

Adjourn.

Saturday, 24th July, 1847.

SATURDAY.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

*Sullivan,*  
*W. Morris,*  
*Macaulay,*  
*Ferrie,*  
*Knoulton,*  
*Sherwood,*  
*Walker.*

*Irving,*  
*Neilson,*  
*Pinhey,*  
*Ferrier,*  
*Matheson,*  
*Boulton,*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act for regulating the Shipping of Seamen," was (as amended) read the third time.

Seamen's Shipping Bill, (as amended,) read 3d time, and

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 provide for an Assessment of Real and Personal Property in the Town of *Prescott*, according to the annual value or rental thereof," and for other purposes," was (as amended) read the third time.

Prescott Assessment Bill, (as amended,) read 3d time.

The question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed and

*Ordered,*



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.

Masters' and Servants' Bill, read 3d time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the duties between Master and Servant, 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.

Humber Harbour Bill, read 3d time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to revive and extend the Act incorporating the *Humber* Harbour and "Road Company," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Supply Bill, read 3d time, and

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-seven, and certain other expenses not otherwise provided for," was read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Quebec Fires Bill, read 3d time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for granting relief to the Sufferers by the Fires at *Quebec*," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

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.

Petitions from the Nicolet Municipal Council, and

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Nicolet*, praying that the present Municipal Act may be continued without alteration. Also, a

Petition from *Thomas Meagher* and others, Inhabitants of the Parish of *Sainte Magdeleine de Rigaud*, praying for the repeal of the Acts 8 *Vic.* c. 40, 8 *Vic.* c. 41, and 9 *Vic.* c. 27.

From *Sainte Magdeleine de Rigaud* (Thos. Meagher and others,) presented.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Sherwood*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law of Imprisonment for Debt in *Upper Canada*," 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.

Report of the Select Committee on Imprisonment for Debt Bill. (U. C.) presented.

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

The Bill for 3d reading on Monday.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the British "North American Electric Telegraph Association," 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.

Report of the Select Committee on British North American Telegraph Bill, presented.

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

The Bill for a 3d reading on Monday.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Port Credit* "and *Huronario* Plank Road Company," 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.

Report of the Select Committee on Port Credit Plank Road Bill.

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

The Bill for a 3d reading on Monday.

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay*, from the Select Committee appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of altering or amending the Standing orders of this House, and of revising the present collection thereof, for the convenience of Members, reported:

Report of the Select Committee on Rules and Standing Orders presented.

That they have carefully examined the existing Orders—and have come to the conclusion, that it will be advisable to continue them in force, with some trifling alterations, and with some additions, taken principally from the Standing Orders of the House of Lords.

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The Committee have endeavoured to effect also, a better classification of the Orders, relating to distinct subjects, and have thrown together, at the commencement of their collection, all those of a general nature, and which properly come under the head of "Miscellaneous."

Besides these improvements, the Committee recommend, that the Appendix of Forms should be omitted in the new Collection, and that in lieu thereof there should be printed in that part of the compilation, besides the Royal Instructions, those Sections of the Union Act which refer to the Constitution of this House, the Despatch from the Colonial Secretary, signifying Her Majesty's pleasure as to the order of precedence among its Members, and the Prayers with which its Sittings are usually opened.

The Clerk should also be instructed to prepare a revised Index to the whole work, which should then be carefully translated and printed under his Superintendence, during the approaching recess, so as to be ready for distribution to Members at the next meeting of Parliament.

The Committee are of opinion that the English and French copies should be printed separately, and in volumes as small and portable as may be found consistent with the essential requisites of a legible type, and good materials and workmanship; and that one hundred copies in each language would suffice.

*Ordered*, that the said Report be received, and

Read.

The same was then read by the Clerk.

*Ordered*, that the said Report, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

To be committed on Monday.

*Ordered*, that the House be put into a Committee of the Whole upon the said Report on Monday next.

Agricultural Society's Bill, (L. C.) read 2d time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Lower Canada Agricultural Society*," was read the second time.

3d reading on Monday.

*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 facilitate the proof of the Charter and Act of incorporation of the *British American Land Company*," was read the second time.

British American Land Company's Bill, read 2d time.

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

3d reading on Monday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the payment of School Moneys to the Teachers in the *Bathurst District* for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, notwithstanding that there was no Assessment for Schools in that District in the said year," was read the second time.

Bathurst District School Moneys' Bill, read 2d time.

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

3d reading on Monday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to declare the mode in which the Side Lines of the Lots in the *Township of Osgoode*, in the County of *Carleton*, shall be run," was read the second time.

Osgoode Side Lines' Bill, read 2d time.

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

3d reading on Monday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the incorporation of the *Agricultural Association of Upper Canada*," was read the second time.

Agricultural Association Bill, (U. C.) read 2d time.

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

3d reading on Monday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal real Cemetery Company*," was read the second time.

Montreal Cemetery Company's Bill, read 2d 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 *Maccaulay, Walker, Ferrier*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Lake Saint Louis and Province Line Railway Company*," was read the second time.

St. Louis Railway Bill, read 2d 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

able Messieurs *Ferrie, Ferrier, and Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Carillon and Grenville Railway Company*," reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had made an Amendment 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 Amendment 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 upon the said Bill and Report presently.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the Whole House, on the same, accordingly.

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 made an Amendment 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 Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows:

Press 2, line 16.—After "expedient," insert Clause A.

CLAUSE A.

"Provided always, and be it enacted, That the guage upon which the said Rail shall be constructed, and which shall be used in the said Railway, shall be four feet

"eight and a half inches, unless within

month the Governor of this Province in Council shall, by order in Council, determine upon any different guage, and that upon communication to the said Company of any Order in Council establishing any different guage, the guage so established shall be the one used in the said Road, as if the same had been established in and by this Act."

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 blank in the said Amendment be filled up with the words, "one calendar."

*Ordered*, that the said Amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Pinhey*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Bytown and Britannia Railway 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 them.

*Ordered*, that the Report be now received, and

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow:—

Press 2, line 11.—After "Ross," insert Clause A.

CLAUSE A.

"And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor in Council to determine the guage which shall be used in the Railway in this Act mentioned, and such

Report of the Select Committee on Carillon and Grenville Railway Bill, presented.

Read.

Bill and Report ordered to be committed presently.

House in Committee thereon.

An Amendment reported.

Read 1st time.

The Amendment.

Read 2d time, adopted, and

A certain blank left in the Amendment filled up.

The Bill, (as amended,) for a 3d reading on Monday.

Report of the Select Committee on Bytown and Britannia Railway Bill, presented.

Amendments proposed by them, read 1st time.

The Amendments.

“such determination shall be declared by Proclamation in the *Official Gazette*, and shall thereupon be binding upon the said Company.”

Press 28, line 28.—Leave out “five,” and insert “three.”

Read 2d time, and adopted.

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

The Bill (as amended,) for a 3d reading on Monday.

*Ordered*, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time on Monday next.

Report of the Select Committee, on Jurors' Bill, (L. C.,) presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to regulate the Summing of Jurors in *Lower Canada*,” reported 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 them.

*Ordered*, that the Report be now received, and

Read.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk.

The Amendments proposed by them to be considered on Monday.

*Ordered*, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next.

Amendments to Quebec Bank Stock Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the *Quebec Bank*, and to amend, in part, the Act “to extend the Charter of the said Bank;” 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 Guelph and Dundas Road Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Webster* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph and Dundas 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.

A Message was brought from the Legisla-

tive Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “An Act for Amending the “Common School Act of *Upper Canada*,” 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 Common School Bill, (U. C.,) agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to “remove doubts as to the right of suing and “defending causes, *in forma pauperis*, before “the Courts of Law in *Lower Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Suits in forma pauperis Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

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

2d reading on Monday

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the “Members of the Medical Profession in “*Lower Canada*, and to regulate the study “and practice of Physic and Surgery 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 Medical Profession Bill, (L. C.,) Agreed to by the Assembly.

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

Adjourn.

Monday, 26th July, 1847.

MONDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

*Sullivan,*  
*Macaulay,*  
*Ferrie,*  
*Knoulton,*  
*Sherwood,*  
*Walker,*

*Neilson,*  
*Pinhey,*  
*Ferrier,*  
*Matheson,*  
*Boulton.*

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay* presented a Petition from *E. M. Stewart*, Teacher of the Grammar School at *Ancaster*, praying that

Petitions from E. M. Stewart of Ancaster.

the claims of the said School may be favorably considered in any Law which may be introduced on the subject of Common Schools.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Neilson presented a Petition from Thomas Johnson and John Miller, School Trustees, residing in Section Number One of the Township of Chingua-cousy, praying that the School which has been established for the use of a Section of the said Township, may enjoy certain privileges in regard to the administration of the School Funds.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Knoulton presented a Petition from Archibald Gillies and others, Inhabitants of Eaton and Newport, in the County of Sherbrooke, praying that the proposed Bills respecting the University of King's College at Toronto may not be passed into Law.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Walker, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Montreal Cemetery Company," reported 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 them.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Press 2, line 13.—Leave out "Episcopalians," and insert "Members."

Press 4, line 30.—Leave out "Episcopalians," and insert "Members."

Press 4, line 33.—After "subscribed," insert, "such portion to be vested in the Bishop administering the Diocese of Quebec according to the Establishment of the Church of England, or the Bishop administering any other such Diocese

"in which the said Island of Montreal may be included for the time being."

Press 4, line 45.—After "regulations," insert "and all moneys to be received for lots sold in the said portions shall be paid over to the general funds of the Company, and such lots shall be sold at the same rates as lots in other portions of the Cemetery."

Press 6, line ult.—After "persuasion," insert "and may have their own manager for all purposes connected with the burial of their dead, and with the keeping of their Registers, and for all other purposes, saving and excepting the laying out, planting, or ornamenting of the Cemetery; but nothing herein contained shall be held to exempt the members of any such denomination from contributing to all the expenses of the Company for the purposes mentioned in the eighteenth Section, or from the payment of the rates or fees therein 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.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time at the next Sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Carillon and Grenville Railway Bill (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,

From T. Johnson and J. Miller, of Chingua-cousy, and

From Eaton, (A Gillies and others,) presented.

Report of the Select Committee on Montreal Cemetery Bill, presented.

Amendments proposed by them, read 1st time.

The Amendments.

Read 2d time, and adopted.

The Bill, (as amended,) for 3d reading, at the next Sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day for reading Carillon and Grenville Railway Bill the 3d time, discharged, and

*Ordered*, that the House be again put into a Committee of the Whole on the same presently.

The Bill re-committed.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was again put into a Committee of the Whole House upon the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

A further Amendment reported.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan* reported from the said Committee, that they had again taken the said Bill into consideration, and had directed him to report the same with a further Amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

*Ordered*, that the Report be now received, and

Read 1st time.

The said further Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows:—

The further Amendment.

Press 15, line 6.—Leave out from “and” to “notwithstanding,” in line 24, both inclusive.

Read 2d time, and adopted.

The said further Amendment being read the second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

The Bill (as amended,) for a 3d reading at the next Sitting of the House.

*Ordered*, that the said further Amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time at the next Sitting of the House.

Bytown and Britannia Railway Bill, (as amended,) read 3d time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Bytown* and *Britannia* Railway Company,” was (as amended) read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed, and

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

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 certain Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Law of

“Imprisonment for Debt in *Upper Canada*,” was read the third time. Imprisonment for Debt Bill, (U. C.,) read 3d 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 incorporate the British “North American Electric Telegraph Association,” was read the third time.

British North American Telegraph Bill, read 3d 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 incorporate certain “persons under the name of the *Port Credit* and *Huronario* Plank Road Company,” was read the third time.

Port Credit Plank Road Bill, read 3d 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 incorporate the *Lower Canada* Agricultural Society,” was read the third time.

Agricultural Society Bill, (L. C.,) read 3d 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 facilitate the proof of “the Charter and Act of Incorporation of the “British American Land Company,” was read the third time.

British American Land Company's Bill, read 3d 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 authorize the payment of “School Money to the Teachers in the *Bathurst* District for the year one thousand “eight hundred and forty-five, notwithstanding that there was no Assessment for Schools “in that District in the said year,” was read the third time.

Bathurst District School Money's Bill, read 3d time, and

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

*It*



Passed. *It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Osgoode Side Lines' Bill, read 3d time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to declare the mode in which the Side Lines of the Lots in the Township of *Osgoode*, in the County of *Carleton*, shall be run," was read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed. *It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Agricultural Association Bill, (U. C.), read 3d time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for the incorporation of the Agricultural Association of *Upper Canada*," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and *It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

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.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments reported by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Summoning of Jurors in *Lower Canada*."

Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to Jurors' Bill, (L. C.) considered.

The first Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows:—

1st Amendment read 1st time.

The 1st Amendment.

Press 6, line 36.—Leave out from "called" to "case," in line 45, both inclusive, and insert, "written upon Ballots of the same size and form, made of pasteboard, and put into a Box or Urn, and on every trial in which the said Jurors shall be called upon to give a verdict, the Clerk of the Court shall draw out the said Ballots indiscriminately, and one after another, and shall read them aloud, and the first twelve Jurors whose names shall be so read, and who shall be present

"in Court, and shall not be lawfully challenged, shall be sworn for such trial; and the said Clerk shall on every trial begin by replacing in the Box or Urn, the Ballots which shall have been drawn out of it, and shall then shake the same before proceeding to draw therefrom."

The said Amendment being read the second time, and Read 2d time, and

The question of concurrence put thereon,

*The same was Resolved* in the negative. Negatived.

The second Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows: The 2d Amendment read 1st time.

Press 7, line 19.—After "Members," insert "of the Legislative Council and." The 2d Amendment.

The said Amendment being read the second time, and Read 2d time,

The question of concurrence put thereon,

*The same was Resolved* in the affirmative. and adopted.

*Ordered*, that the said Amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time at the next Sitting of the House. The Bill, (as amended,) for a 3d reading, at the next Sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day being read for reading the second time the Bill, intituled, "An Act to remove doubts as to the right of suing and defending causes, *in forma pauperis*, before the Courts of Law in *Lower Canada*," it was Order of the Day read, for reading Suits in forma pauperis Bill, the 2d time.

*Moved*, that the said Bill be "now" read the second time. Motion for reading the same a 2d time instanter.

In Amendment, *it was moved*, to leave out "now," and insert "this day six months." Motion in Amendment to read the Bill in 6 months.

The question of concurrence being put on the said Amendment, Question put and carried.

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

The question of concurrence being put on the Main Motion (as amended), Main Motion, (as amended,) adopted.

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered*,

*Ordered* accordingly.

House in Committee, on the Report of the Select Committee on Rules and Standing Orders.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and was put into a Committee of the Whole upon the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of altering or amending the Standing Orders of this House, and of revising the present collection thereof for the convenience of Members.

After some time the House was resumed, and

Reported.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Report of the Select Committee, and that he had been directed to submit the same for the adoption of the House.

Adopted.

*Ordered*, that the said Report be adopted. (For the Standing Orders, &c., vide Appendix, No. 19.)

Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Lafontaine* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Association*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading at the next Sitting of the House.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time at the next Sitting of the House.

Census Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for taking the Census of this Province, and obtaining Statistical information therein," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading at the next Sitting of the House.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time at the next Sitting of the House.

Etobicoke Road Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Duggan* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Etobicoke and Mono Sixth Line Road Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

2d reading at the next Sitting of the House.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time at the next Sitting of the House.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Cameron* (of *Lanark*) and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees of the Calvinistic Baptist Church, in the Town of *Perth*, to sell and convey certain portions of the Land now holden by them," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Calvinistic Baptist Church Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time at the next Sitting of the House.

2d reading at the next Sitting of the House.

The Speaker declared this House continued until four o'clock this afternoon, the House so decreeing.

Adjourn till 4 o'clock this afternoon.

At Four o'clock in the afternoon.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

*Sullivan,*  
*W. Morris,*  
*Macaulay,*  
*Ferrie,*  
*Knoulton,*  
*Walker,*

*Irving,*  
*Neilson,*  
*Pinhey,*  
*Ferrier,*  
*Matheson,*  
*Boulton.*

Pursuant to Order, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal Cemetery Company*," was (as amended) read the third time.

Montreal Cemetery Bill, (as amended,) read 3d time, and

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass ?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Carillon and Grenville Railway Company*," was (as amended) read the third time.

Carillon and Grenville Railway Bill, (as amended,) read 3d time, and

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass ?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to Order, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Summoning of Jurors in *Lower Canada*," was (as amended) read the third time.

Jurors' Bill, (L. C.) (as amended,) read 3d time,

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass ?

*It*

Passed, and *It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

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.

Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Bill, read 2d time. Pursuant to Order, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Association*," was read the second time.

3d reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Census Bill, read 2d time, and Pursuant to Order, the Bill, intituled, "An Act for taking the Census of this Province, and obtaining statistical information therein," 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 *Sullivan, Macaulay, and Pinhey*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Etobicoke Road Bill, read 2d time. Pursuant to Order, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Etobicoke and Mono Sixth Line Road Company*," was read the second time.

3d reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time tomorrow.

Calvinistic Baptist Church Bill, read 2d time, and Pursuant to Order, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees of the Calvinistic Baptist Church, in the Town of *Perth*, to sell and convey certain portions of the Land now holden by them," 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 *Sullivan, Pinhey, Ferrier, and Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Message from the Assembly. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* and others, in the following words:

Requesting a Conference on the Amendments to Tenure Commutation Bill. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, Monday, 26th July, 1847. *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 facilitate Commutation of the Tenure of Lands, *en roture*, in the Queen's Domain, into that of Free and Common Soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such Commutations."

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* do go to the Legislative Council, and desire the said Conference.

Attest, WM. 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.

*Resolved*, that this House do concur in the Conference desired. Same agreed to, and

*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 on the subject matter of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate Commutation of the Tenure of Lands, *en roture*, in the Queen's Domain, into that of Free and Common Soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such Commutations," and that the Managers on the part of this House are to be the Honorable Messieurs *Sullivan* and *Neilson*, who are to meet the number of Managers, required by Parliamentary usage, presently in the Committee Room of the Legislative Council. The Assembly acquainted thereof.

The House being informed that the Managers for the Legislative Assembly were ready for the Conference upon the subject matter of the Amendments made by their Honors to the said Bill, in the Committee Room of the Legislative Council; This House informed that the Managers for the Assembly were ready for the Conference.

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The names of the Managers for this House called over.

The names of the Managers of this House were called over.

Housed adjourns, and

And the House was adjourned during pleasure, and

Their Honors go to the Conference.

Their Honors went to the Conference.

The House resumes.

Which being ended, the House was resumed, and

Report of the Managers of the Conference on the part of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan* 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 *Badgley* and others, who delivered to their Honors the Bill with the Amendments, and also a Paper containing as follows:

Reasons offered by the Assembly against the Amendments.

*Reasons* to be offered to the Honorable the Legislative Council, at a Conference, for disagreeing to the Amendments made by their Honors to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate Commutation of the Tenure of Lands, *en roture*, in the Queen's Domain, into that of Free and Common Soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such Commutations":—

1st. *Because* all Seigniories in *Lower Canada*, and especially Lands held *en roture* of the Crown, are included within the operation of the Imperial Statute, 3 *Geo.* IV., cap. 119, which was the spontaneous Act of the Imperial Legislature, and to which this Bill is merely supplementary, and under the provisions of which numerous commutations have already been made.

2d. *Because* the exemption of the Seigniority of *Sorel*, held by the Ordnance Department as a branch of Her Majesty's Service, and thereby virtually appertaining to the Crown, would work injustice to the Tenants therein, as compared with those of other Seigniories in the Queen's Domain, by preventing Commutation of the Feudal charges upon their property, and obviously opposed to the spirit and letter of the Imperial Statute, which is applicable to Seigniorial property generally in *Lower Canada*, and would, moreover, have an injurious tendency in delaying the general Commutation of Feudal and Seigniorial Tenure within this Province.

Attest,

WM. B. LINDSAY,  
Clk. Assy.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table.

*Ordered*, that the said Reasons be taken into consideration presently. To be considered presently.

The said Reasons were then read by the Clerk; and the Amendments made by this House, to which the Assembly disagreed, being also read, The reasons and Amendments read.

*It was moved*, "not" to insist on the said Amendments

The question was put, whether this House "shall" insist on the said Amendments. Amendments not insisted on and

*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 "do not" insist on their Amendments to the said Bill, to which the Legislative Assembly disagree. The Assembly informed thereof.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Gowan* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Church Wardens of *St. Peter's Church* at *Brockville*, to sell a certain Lot of Land therein mentioned, and to apply the proceeds towards the erection of a Parsonage House for the Minister of such Church, on a Lot to be hereafter conveyed to the Bishop of *Toronto* for that purpose," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have passed this Bill without any Amendment. Brockville Parsonage House Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal Mining Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Montreal Mining Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time tomorrow. 2d reading tomorrow.

*It was moved*, that when this House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until tomorrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. Motion to adjourn till tomorrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The question of concurrence being put on the said motion, Question put and carried.

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

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The Speaker thereupon declared this House continued until tomorrow, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon:

Tuesday, 27th July, 1847.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

*Sullivan,*  
*W. Morris,*  
*Macaulay,*  
*Ferrie,*  
*Knoulton,*  
*Walker,*

The Honorable Messieurs

*Neilson,*  
*Pinhey,*  
*Ferrier,*  
*Matheson,*  
*Boulton.*

PRAYERS.

*It was moved*, that the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with for the remainder of the present Session.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

DISSENTIENT:

*Because*, the renewed suspension of the said Rule for the remainder of the Session, encourages and promotes that hasty and inconsiderate Legislation which the Journals of this House and the Statute Book prove to have been carried to excess for several years past, and which tends to bring the Laws, the Legislative authority, and the Government into contempt, and is extremely adverse to the peace, welfare, and good government of the Province.

J. NEILSON.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees of the Calvinistic Baptist Church, in the Town of *Perth*, to sell and convey certain portions of the Land now holden by them," 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 at the next Sitting of the House.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris* reported that he had, according to Order, presented the Joint Address of this House, and of the Legislative Assembly, to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to transmit the Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty, on the subject of the Navigation Laws, in so far as they relate to, or affect this Colony, and that His Excellency had been pleased to say that he would transmit the said Address by the earliest opportunity to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that the same may be laid at the Foot of the Throne.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Lake *St. Louis* and Province Line Railway Company," 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 at the next Sitting of the House.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Quebec* and *Lake Superior* Mining Association," was read the third time.

*It was moved* that the said Bill be amended as follows:—

"And be it enacted, that on all Copper and other Ores, Metals, and Minerals, obtained by the Corporation aforesaid, under and in virtue of this Act, there shall be levied and paid by the said Corporation an impost of two and a half per cent. in Provincial Currency on the value thereof; such value to be the average value of such Copper Ores, Metals, and Minerals at the nearest Sea-port for the preceding year, minus the cost of transport thereof; and the said value and impost shall be so ascertained, imposed, and collected

Answer of His Excellency to the Joint Address on the Navigation Laws, reported.

The answer.

Report of the Select Committee on *St. Louis* Railway Bill, presented.

Bill for 3rd reading, at the next Sitting of the House.

Quebec and *Lake Superior* Mining Bill, read 3d time.

Motion for amending the same.

The proposed Amendment.

Adjourn

TUESDAY morning.

Motion for dispensing with the 46th Rule.

Question put and carried.

Protest of the Hon. J. Neilson thereon.

Report of the Select Committee on Calvinistic Baptist Church Bill, presented.

Bill for 3d reading, at the next Sitting of the House.

“lected as the Governor  
 “ General in Council shall  
 “ devise, direct, and make  
 “ known in the Official  
 “ Gazette, and the monies  
 “ so imposed and collected  
 “ shall be paid over to Her  
 “ Majesty’s Receiver Ge-  
 “ neral of this Province,  
 “ and shall form part of the  
 “ Provincial Revenue.”

The question of concurrence being put on the said Amendment,

*It was Resolved* in the negative.

Same Negatived, and

The question being then put whether this Bill shall pass ?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

The Bill passed without Amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Etobicoke* and *Mono* Sixth Line “ Road Company,” was read the third time.

*Etobicoke* Road Bill, read 3d time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed, and

*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.

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to incorporate the *Montreal* Mining Company,” was read the second time.

*Montreal* Mining Bill, read 2d time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time at the next Sitting of the House.

3rd reading at the next Sitting of the House.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to make better provision for “ the establishment of Municipal Authorities “ in *Lower Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Municipal Bill, (L. C.), brought up.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

*It was moved*, that the said Bill be printed for the use of Members.

Motion for printing the same.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

*It was Resolved* in the negative.

Negatived, and

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

The Bill read 2d time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read a third time at the next Sitting of the House.

3d reading at the next Sitting of the House.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to continue, for a limited “ time, the several Acts and Ordinances “ therein mentioned,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Certain Acts and Ordinances continuation Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time at the next Sitting of the House.

2d reading at the next Sitting of the House.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Fournier* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to “ revive and amend a certain Act therein “ mentioned, concerning Surveyors and the “ Measurement of Lands in *Lower Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Land Surveyors Bill, (L. C.) brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Prince* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to incorporate the “ *Lake Huron* Silver and Copper Mining “ Company,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Lake Huron Silver and Copper Mining Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

The said Bill was read the second time accordingly.

Read 2d 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 *Sullivan*, *Macaulay*, *Walker*, *Pinhey*, and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Prince* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to incorporate the “ *British* North American Mining Bill, brought up.

British North American Mining Bill, brought up.



British North American Mining Bill, brought up.

"British North American Mining Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

Read 2d time, and

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

Referred to the last named Select Committee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to the same Select Committee to whom has been referred the above mentioned Mining Bill.

Towns and Villages Incorporation Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Ermatinger* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish Lock-up Houses in the unincorporated Towns and Villages in *Canada West*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Gowan* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Edward Gilman* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein, and also to authorize the Law Society of *Upper Canada* to admit him to practise at the Bar," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have passed this Bill with certain Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Gilman's Attorney Bill, amended by the Assembly.

Their Amendments read 1st time.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly to the Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Edward Gilman* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein; and also to authorize the Law Society of *Upper Canada* to admit him to practise at the Bar."

The Amendments.

Press 1, lines 10 and 11.—Strike out "and also as a Barrister."

Press 1, line 15.—After "Solicitor," strike out to "Courts," in line 18, inclusive.

Press 1, line 38.—Strike out the second clause.

In the Title,

Line 4.—After "therein," strike out the remainder of the Title.

Engrossed Amendments,

WM. B. LINDSAY,  
Clerk. Assy.

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Read 2d time.

Adopted, and

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 Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly to this Bill without any Amendment.

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Boulton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Huron and Saint Mary's* Copper Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Huron and St. Mary's Mining Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

Read 2d time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to the same Select Committee to whom has been referred the various other Mining Bill.

Referred to the Select Committee, to whom certain other Mining Bills are referred.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Smith* (of *Wentworth*) and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Upper Canada* Mining Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Upper Canada Mining Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

Read 2d time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to the same Select Committee to whom has been referred the various other Mining Bills.

Referred to the last named Select Committee.

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A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Leslie* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal Telegraph Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Montreal Telegraph Company's Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

Read 2d time, and The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

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

*Ordered*, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrie* and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Montreal Building Society*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Montreal Building Society's Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

Read 2d time, and The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

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

*Ordered*, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrie* and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act for regulating the *Shipping of Seamen*," 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 Seamen's Shipping Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal Cemetery Company*," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the

Amendments to Montreal Cemetery Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Summing of Jurors 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.

Amendment to Jurors' Bill, (L. C.) agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Duggan* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Philadelphia and Huron Mining Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Philadelphia and Huron Mining Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

Read 2d time, and

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be referred to the same Select Committee to whom has been referred the various other Mining Bills.

Referred to the Select Committee to whom certain other Mining Bills are referred.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Toronto Dry Dock Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Toronto Dry Dock Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

Read 2d 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 *Sullivan*, *Pinhey*, and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Morin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*," and to extend the powers of the said Company,"

Atlantic Railroad Bill, brought up.

“pany,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

Read 2d time, and The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

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 *Knoulton*, *Walker*, and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Vieau's Toll Bridge Bill, brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Lafontaine* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorise *Pierre Vieau* and others to “build a Toll Bridge over the *River des Prairies*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

Read 2d time. The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

3d reading at the next Sitting of the House. Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time at the next Sitting of the House.

Canada Mining 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 incorporate the *Canada Mining Com-* “pany,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

Read 2d time, and The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

Referred to the Select Committee to whom certain other Mining Bills are referred. Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to the same Select Committee to whom has been referred the various other Mining Bills.

Quakers' Seminary Bill, brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Conger* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the “Trustees of the Friends' or Quakers' Seminary, in the Township of *Hallowell*, in the

“District of *Prince Edward*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly. Read 2d time, and

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Macaulay* and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Dickson* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to regulate the “construction of, and protect from injury, “Electro Magnetic Telegraphs throughout “this Province,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Telegraph's Regulation Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read 1st time.

It was moved that the said Bill be read the second time this day Three Months. Motion for a 2d reading of same in three months.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, Question put and

It was Resolved in the affirmative, and Carried.

Ordered accordingly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Drummond* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate “the *Garden River Copper Mining Com-* “pany,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Garden River Copper Mining Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly. Read 2d time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to the same Select Committee to whom has been referred the various other Mining Bills. Referred to the Select Committee to whom certain other Mining Bills are referred.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Drummond* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate “the *British and Canadian Mining Company* “of brought up. British and Canadian Mining Bill, brought up.

"of *Lake Superior*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

Read 2d time, and The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

Referred to the Select Committee to whom certain other Mining Bills are referred. Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to the same Select Committee to whom has been referred the various other Mining Bills.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law for the admission of Attorneys and calling of Barristers in *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.

Attorneys' Admission or (Queen's College Graduates) Bill, amended by the Assembly.

Their Amendment read 1st time. The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows :

Amendment made by the Legislative Assembly to the Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend the law for the admission of Attorneys and calling of Barristers in *Upper Canada*."

After the second clause insert the following clause :—

The Amendment.

"And be it enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Courts of Queen's Bench and Chancery respectively, in their discretion, to admit, as Attorneys or Solicitors of the said Courts respectively, and the said Society aforesaid to admit as Barristers, any person or persons who shall have taken any of the Degrees aforesaid at King's College, Queen's College, or Victoria College in this Province, and shall have been three years under Articles, or standing on the books of the said Society, as the

"case may be, notwithstanding that such person or persons shall have entered into such Articles, or been admitted upon the books of the said Society, before taking any such Degree as aforesaid."

Engrossed Amendment,

W. B. LINDSAY,  
Clerk. Assy.

The said Amendment being read the second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House. Read 2d time Adopted, and

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. The Assembly acquainted thereof.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *DeWitt* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal* and Province Line Junction Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Province Line Junction Railway Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read 1st time.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Jobin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorise *Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle* to erect a Toll Bridge over the *River des Prairies*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Lachapelle's Bridge Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly. Read 2d time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time at the next Sitting of the House. 3d reading at the next Sitting of the House.

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 to incorporate the *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Lachine Railroad Bill, brought up.

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Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.  
*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

Read 2d time. The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.  
*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 *Knoulton*, *Walker*, and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Morin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorise *Edouard Martial Leprohon* and *Joseph Amable Barthelot*, Junior, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquires, to build a Toll Bridge over the River *Jesus*, at the Village of *St. Eustache*, between the Parishes of *St. Eustache* and *Ste. Rose*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.  
*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

Read 2d time. The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

3d reading at the next Sitting of the House. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time at the next Sitting of the House.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Sherwood* (of *Brockville*) and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the issuing of Letters Patent to *Isaac Beecher*, for an improved Bark Mill," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Amendments. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Stuart* (of *Bytown*) and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Carillon* and *Grenville* Railway Company," and also the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Bytown* and *Britannia* Railway Company," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to these Bills, without any Amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legisla-

tive Assembly by Mr. *Jessup* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for an Assessment of Real and Personal Property in the Town of *Prescott*, according to the annual value or rental thereof, 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.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Webster* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph* and *Arthur* Road 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 presently.

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.  
*Ordered*, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of two Members.

*Ordered*, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson* and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *W. Morris*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act relating to Letters Patent, whereby any waste and other Lands of the Crown in *Lower Canada* are granted, and to dispense with certain unnecessary formalities connected therewith, occasioning delay and expense," reported, that the Committee are of opinion, that such material and important changes in the formalities prescribed by Legislative enactment, and sanctioned by long usage, for the custody and proof of titles to Real Property, emanating from the Crown, as are proposed in this Bill, should not be adopted without mature deliberation.

And as they are not aware that any pressing necessity exists for immediate Legislation on the subject, the Committee are not prepared to recommend that this Bill should be further proceeded with at this advanced period of the Session.

*Ordered*, that the Report be received, and The same was then read by the Clerk.  
*Ordered*,

To Prescott Assessment Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

Guelph and Arthur Road Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time.

Read 2d time, and

Referred to a Select Committee.

Report of the Select Committee on Crown Lands Forms Bill, presented.

The same read, and

Leprohon's Bridge Bill, brought up.

Beecher's Bark Mill Bill, brought up.

To Carillon and Grenville Railway Bill.

To Bytown and Britannia Railway Bill, and

Adopted. *Ordered*, that the said Report be adopted.

Return from the Agricultural Society of the District of Dalhousie, presented. The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the Agricultural Society of the District of *Dalhousie*, for the year 1846.

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

*For Return, Vide Sessional Papers, Letter E.*

A Resolution moved for paying J. Bright £40 for the year 1846. *It was moved to Resolve*, that the sum of forty pounds be paid to *John Bright*, a Messenger belonging to the Legislative Council, as an allowance for the year 1846.

Question put and The question of concurrence being put thereon,

Carried. *The same was Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

A Resolution moved for paying £45 to J. Bright, for the year 1847. *It was then moved to Resolve*, that the sum of forty-five pounds be paid to the said *John Bright*, a Messenger as aforesaid, for his services in that capacity during the present year (1847).

Question put and The question of concurrence being put on the latter motion,

Carried. *It was Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Motion for adjourning until 4 o'clock, P. M. *It was moved*, that when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Four o'clock this afternoon.

Question put, and The Question of concurrence being put thereon,

Carried. *The same was resolved* in the affirmative, and

Adjourn. The Speaker declared this House continued until Four o'clock this afternoon, in conformity with the above Order.

**At Four o'clock, P. M.**

The Members convened were :

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker:

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| The Honorable Messieurs | The Honorable Messieurs |
| <i>Sullivan,</i>        | <i>Irving,</i>          |
| <i>W. Morris,</i>       | <i>Neilson,</i>         |
| <i>Macaulay,</i>        | <i>Pinhey,</i>          |
| <i>Bruneau,</i>         | <i>Ferrier,</i>         |
| <i>Ferrie,</i>          | <i>Matheson,</i>        |
| <i>Knoulton,</i>        | <i>Boulton.</i>         |
| <i>Walker,</i>          |                         |

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the " Trustees of the Friends' or Quakers' Seminary, in the Township of *Hallowell*, in the " District of *Prince Edward*," 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 Quakers' Seminary Bill, presented.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly. Bill read 3d time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative. Passed, and

*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. The Assembly acquainted thereof.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Montreal Building Society*," 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 Montreal Building Society's Bill, presented.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly. Bill read 3d time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative. Passed, and

*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. The Assembly acquainted thereof.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph and Arthur Road Company*," 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 Guelph and Arthur Road Bill, presented.

*Ordered*,



Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

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.

The Honorable Mr. Ferrier, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled; "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Montreal and Lachine 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.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Press 2, line 39.—After "provisions," insert "of this Act and to those."

Press 5, line 22.—After "accordingly," insert Clauses A, B, and C.

CLAUSE A.

"And be it enacted, That "all By-laws of the said "Company, and all other "Railroad Companies now "or hereafter incorporated, "as to which the right to "interfere with the Act of "incorporation is reserved "in such Act of incorpora- "tion, regulating the Tolls "to be taken on the said "Road in this Act, and on "the Roads in the said "other Acts of incorpora- "tion mentioned, shall be "subject to the approval "of the Governor in Coun- "cil."

CLAUSE B.

"And be it enacted, That "nothing herein contained "shall be construed to "exempt the Railway in "this Act mentioned from "the provisions of any ge- "neral Act relating to "Railways which may be "passed during the present "or any future Session of "Parliament."

CLAUSE C.

"And be it enacted, That "this Act shall be deemed "and taken to be a Public "Act, and as such shall "be judicially taken notice "of by all Judges, Justices "of the Peace, and others, "without being specially "pleaded."

Preamble, line 10.—After "Act," insert "And "whereas it is also expe- "dient to provide for the "regulation of the Tolls "to be taken under the "authority of the said Act, "and of certain other Acts "incorporating Railway "Companies."

Title, line 3.—After "Company," insert "and for other purposes "therein 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.

Read 2d time, and adopted.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time presently.

The said Bill (as amended) was then read the third time accordingly.

The Bill, (as amended,) read 3d time.

The question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was Resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly,

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

and

Bill read 3d time.

Passed, and

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

Report of the Select Committee on Lachine Rail-Road Bill, presented.

Amendments proposed by them, read 1st time.

The Amend-ments.

and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with certain Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. Knoulton, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company, and to extend the powers of the said 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 Report be now received, and

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows :

Press 6, line 9.—After "Resolutions," insert, "Provided always and be it enacted, that the gauge upon which the said Rail shall be constructed, and which shall be used in the said Railway, shall be four feet eight and a half inches, unless within six calendar months the Governor of this Province, in Council, shall by Order in Council determine upon any different gauge, and that upon communication to the said Company of any Order in Council establishing any different gauge, the gauge so established shall be the one used in the said Road, as if the same had been established in and by this Act."

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, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time presently.

The said Bill (as amended) was then read the third time accordingly.

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 an Amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. Ferris, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Montreal Telegraph 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 Report be now received, and

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows :

Press 5, line 16.—Leave out from "against" to "up," in line 18, both inclusive, and insert, "a return of at least ten per cent. on the expense to which they may be put for establishing and keeping up such Station."

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, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time presently.

The said Bill (as amended) was then read the third time accordingly.

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 an Amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant

The Bill, (as amended,) read 3d time.

Passed, and Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Report of the Select Committee on Montreal Telegraph Company's Bill, presented.

Amendment proposed by them, read 1st time. The Amendment.

Read 2d time, and adopted.

The Bill, (as amended,) read 3d time.

Passed, and

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Report of the Select Committee on Atlantic Railroad Bill, presented.

Amendment proposed by them, read 1st time.

The Amendment.

Read 2d time, and adopted.

Calvinistic Baptist Church Bill, read 3d time, and

Pursuant to Order, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees of the Calvinistic Baptist Church, in the Town of Perth, to sell and convey certain portions of the Land now holden by them," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

St. Louis Railway Bill, read 3d time, and

Pursuant to Order, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Lake St. Louis and Province Line Railway Company," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Montreal Mining Bill, read 3d time.

Pursuant to Order, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Montreal Mining Company," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

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.

Order of the Day read for reading Municipal Bill, (L.C.), the 3d time.

The Order of the Day being read, for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make better provision for the establishment of Municipal Authorities in Lower Canada."

Certain Amendments proposed thereto.

The following Amendments were proposed to be made to the said Bill :

The Amendments.

Press 12, line 2.—Leave out from "but" to "Seigniors," both inclusive, in the fifth line.

Press 12, line 2.—Leave out the Marginal Note.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

Same Negatived.

*It was Resolved* in the negative.

A further Amendment proposed.

Then *it was moved*, that the said Bill be amended as follows :

Press 30, line 43.—After "Act," insert the following clause, (viz.): "And be it enacted, that this Act shall continue and be in force for and during the period of one year; and from thence to the end of the then next ensuing Session of the Provincial Legislature, and no longer."

The Amendment.

The question of concurrence being put on the latter motion,

*It was Resolved* in the negative.

Same Negatived.

Then *it was moved*, that the said Bill be "now" read the third time.

Motion for reading the Bill the 3d time instanter.

In Amendment, *it was moved*, to leave out "now," and insert "this day three months."

Motion in Amendment thereto.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

*It was Resolved* in the negative.

Same Negatived.

The question being then put on the Main Motion,

Main Motion put, and

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative, and

Carried.

The said Bill was read the third time accordingly.

Bill read 3d time, and

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed without Amendment.

*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.

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

DISSENTIENT :

*Because*, the said Bill, which was introduced in the Legislative Assembly as a Government Measure on the 18th June last, was sent up to this House within the last two days, with thirty-five other Bills; the said Bill containing Eighty-three Clauses, so altered from the printed copy that this House cannot know its contents: and that it has been refused to be printed for the use of the Members, or referred; and in fact, has been passed without a knowledge of its provisions by a majority in both Houses of the Legislature, unconnected

Protest of the Hon. J. Neilson thereon.

and

and unacquainted with the great body of the people of *Lower Canada*; and, there is every reason to believe, contrary to their wishes and interests.

*Because*, the failure in the execution of similar Laws passed by the Legislature since the Re-union of the Provinces, and the discontent, discord, losses, expenses, and burthens thereby occasioned, and the state of anarchy which has been introduced into the Country parts of *Lower Canada*, has been generally prejudicial to the Inhabitants, and ought to render this House extremely cautious in passing Laws affecting them, and particularly of a character which it is acknowledged by this Bill to have been a failure.

J. NEILSON.

Pursuant to Order, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue, for a limited time, the several Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned," was read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Order, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorise *Pierre Vieau* and others to build a Toll Bridge over the *River des Prairies*," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Order, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorise *Paschal Persillier dit La-chapelle* to erect a Toll Bridge over the *River des Prairies*," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Order, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorise *Edouard Martial Leprohon*, and *Joseph Amable Berthelot*, Junior, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquires, to build a Toll Bridge over the *River Jesus*, at the Village of *St. Eustache*, between the Parishes of *St. Eustache* and *Ste. Rose*," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed, and

*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.

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Lake Huron Silver and Copper Mining Company*," 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 Lake Huron Silver and Copper Mining Bill, presented.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

Bill read 3d time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed, and

*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.

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Upper Canada Mining Company*," 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 Upper Canada Mining Bill, presented.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

Bill read 3d time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed, and

*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.

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

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Acts and Ordinances' continuation Bill, read 3d time, and

Passed.

Vieau's Bridge Bill, read 3d time, and

Passed.

Lachapelle's Bridge Bill, read 3d time, and

Passed.

Leprohon's Bridge Bill, read 3d time.

The Honorable Mr. Sullivan, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the "Philadelphia and Huron Mining Company," 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 presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

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.

The Honorable Mr. Sullivan, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the "Garden River Copper Mining Company," 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 presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

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.

The Honorable Mr. Sullivan, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the "British North American Mining Company," 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 Philadelphia and Huron Mining Bill, presented.

Bill read 3d time.

Passed, and

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

Report of the Select Committee on Garden River Copper Mining Company's Bill, presented.

Bill read 3d time.

Passed, and

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

Report of the Select Committee on British North American Mining Bill, presented.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

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.

The Honorable Mr. Sullivan, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the "British and Canadian Mining Company of "Lake Superior," 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 35.—After "individuals," insert, "or from the Crown."

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, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time presently.

The said Bill (as amended) was then read the third time accordingly.

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 an Amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

Bill read 3d time.

Passed, and

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

Report of the Select Committee on British and Canadian Mining Company's Bill, presented.

Amendment proposed by them, read 1st time.

The Amendment.

Read 2d time, and adopted.

Bill, (as amended,) read 3d time.

Passed, and

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Report of the Select Committee on Canada Mining Bill, presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the "Canada Mining 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 Report be now received, and

Amendment proposed by them, read 1st time.

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows :

The Amendment.

Press 2, line 26.—After "individuals," insert "or from the Crown."

Read 2d time and adopted.

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, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time presently.

Bill, (as amended,) read 3d 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, and

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

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 an Amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

Report of the Select Committee on Huron and St. Mary's Mining Bill, presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the "Huron and St. Mary's Copper 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 Report be now received, and

Amendment proposed by them, read 1st time.

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows :—

The Amendment.

Press 3, line 8.—After "individuals," insert "or from the Crown."

The said Amendment being read the second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House. Read 2d time, and adopted.

*Ordered*, that the said Amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time presently.

The said Bill (as amended) was then read the third time accordingly. Bill, (as amended,) read 3d time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass ?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative. Passed, and

*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. Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the "Toronto Dry Dock 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. Report of the Select Committee, on Toronto Dry Dock Bill, presented.

*Ordered*, that the Report be now received, and

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :— Amendments proposed by them, read 1st time.

Press 2, line 22.—Leave out from "or" to "mentioned" in line 24, both inclusive. The Amendments.

Press 2, line ult.—Leave out "either."

Press 3, line 3.—Leave out "they," and insert "such owners or "occupiers."

Press 3, line 8.—Leave out from "and" to "provided," in line 43, both inclusive.

The said Amendments being read the second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House. Read 2d time, and adopted.

*Ordered*, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time presently.

The



The Bill (as amended,) read 3d 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, and

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

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.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Wilson* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the "Act of incorporation of the Town of *London*, and to establish a Town Council "therein in lieu of a Board of Police, and for "other purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

London Town Council Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

Read 2d time, and

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

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 *Sullivan, Macaulay, and Walker*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Smith* (of *Wentworth*) and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to "incorporate the Town of *Brantford*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Brantford incorporation Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

Read 2d time, and

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

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 *Sullivan, Macaulay, and Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Munro* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate "the *Scarborough* and *Markham* Plank Road "Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Scarborough Plank Road Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

Read 2d 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 *Sullivan, Macaulay, and Ferrer*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Charveau* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate "the District Bank of *Quebec*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Quebec District Bank Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

Read 2d 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 *Walker, Neilson, and Ferrer*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Stuart* (of *Bytown*) and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to "incorporate the *Canada, New Brunswick,* "and *Nova Scotia* Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

New Brunswick Railway Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

Read 2d 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 *Ferrie, Neilson, and Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal and Lachine* Railroad Company," and to acquaint this House that they had agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any Amendment.

Amendments to Lachine Railroad Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

*It was moved*, that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish Lock-up Houses in the unincorporated Towns and Villages of *Canada West*," be now read the second time.

Motion for a 2d reading of Lock-up Houses Bill, instanter.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

Question put and

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative, and

Carried.

The said Bill was read the second time accordingly.

The Bill read 3d time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time presently.

Same read 3d time.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and

*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.

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

*It was moved*, that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the issuing of Letters Patent to *Isaac Beecher*, for an improved "Bark Mill," be "now" read the second time.

Motion for a 2d reading of Beecher's Bark Mill Bill, instanter.

In Amendment, *it was moved* to leave out "now," and insert "this day three months."

Motion in Amendment for reading the same a 2d time in 3 months.

The question of concurrence being put on the said Amendment,

Question put and

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative, and

Carried.

Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Neilson*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the "District Bank of *Quebec*," 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 District Bank Bill, presented.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

Bill read 3d time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed, and

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.

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the "Scarborough and *Markham* Plank Road Company," 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 Scarborough Plank Road Bill, presented.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

Bill, read 3d time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed, and

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.

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act of Incorporation of the Town of *London*, and "to establish a Town Council therein, in lieu "of a Board of Police, and for other purposes "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 London Town Council Bill, presented.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

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.

It was moved, that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Montreal and Province Line Junction Railway Company," be now read the second time.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

It was Resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was read the second time accordingly.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs Ferrie and Matheson, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. Sullivan, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of Brantford," 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 presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

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.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Duggan and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for incorporating the Toronto and Goderich Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Goderich Railway Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

The said Bill was read the second time accordingly.

Read 2d 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 Sullivan, Macaulay, and Boulton, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The House was adjourned during pleasure,

House adjourns.

After some time the House was resumed.

Same resumes.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Moffatt and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Canada Mining Company," and to acquaint this House that they had agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to this Bill without any Amendment.

Amendment to Canada Mining 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 Huron and St. Mary's Copper Company," and to acquaint this House that they had agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to this Bill without any Amendment.

Amendment to Huron and St. Mary's Copper Mining Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Drummond and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the British and Canadian Mining Company of Lake Superior," and to acquaint this House that they had agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to this Bill without any Amendment.

Amendment to British and Canadian Mining Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Webster and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Montreal Telegraph Company," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative

Amendment to Montreal Telegraph Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

Bill read 3d time.

Passed, and

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

Motion for a 2d reading of Province Line Junction Railway Bill, instanter.

Question put and

Carried.

The Bill read 2d time, and

Referred to a Select Committee.

Report of the Select Committee on Brantford incorporation Bill, presented.

Bill read 3d time.

Passed, and

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

lative Council to this Bill without any Amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Toronto Dry Dock Company*," and to acquaint this House that they had agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill without any Amendment.

Amendments to Toronto Dry Dock Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act for incorporating the *Toronto and Goderich Railway Company*," 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 Goderich Railway Bill, presented.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time presently.

Bill read 3d time.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

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.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia Railway Company*," 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 New Brunswick Railway Bill, presented.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time presently.

Bill read 3d time.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

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.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal and Province Line Junction Railway Company*," 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 Province Line Junction Railway Bill presented.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

Bill read 3d time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed, and

*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.

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

*It was moved*, that when this House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until tomorrow at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Motion for adjourning until tomorrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

Question put and

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative, and

Carried.

The Speaker declared this House continued until tomorrow, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, accordingly.

Adjourn.

Wednesday, 28th July, 1847.

WEDNESDAY.

The Members convened were:

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

*Sullivan,*

*Walker,*

*W. Morris,*

*Neilson,*

*Macaulay,*

*Pinhey,*

*Bruneau,*

*Ferrie,*

*Ferrie,*

*Matheson,*

*Knoulton,*

*Boulton.*

PRAYERS.

The

Petition from London, (R. S. Murray and others,) presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from *R. S. Murray* and others, Inhabitants of the Town of *London*, praying that no measure may be passed having for its object the partitioning of the Endowment of the University of *King's College* amongst the leading Religious Denominations of this Province, but that the said Endowment may be exclusively applied towards the support and maintenance of a University or College of Literature, Science, and Art.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act explanatory of 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.

Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

Read 2d time. The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time presently.

Read 3d time. The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and It was Resolved in the affirmative.

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.

Towns and Villages Corporate powers Bill, brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Ermatinger* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to confer limited Corporate powers on the Towns and Villages of *Canada West*, not specially incorporated," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly. Read 2d time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly. Read 3d time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the affirmative. Passed, and

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. The Assembly acquainted thereof.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Boulton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Cobourg* and *Grafton* Road Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Cobourg and Grafton Road Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time. Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly. Read 2d time and

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Boulton* and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Stuart* (of *Bytown*) and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Managers of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Funds of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada* in connexion with the Church of *Scotland*," and to acquaint this House, that the Legislative Assembly have passed this Bill without any Amendment. Presbyterian Widows' Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Drummond* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Echo Lake* Mining Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Echo Lake Mining Bill, brought up.

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Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

Read 2d time, and The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrie* and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Morin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for erecting a Bridge over the River *Saint Lawrence*, from any point at and between the lower entrance of the *Lachine* Canal, and the foot of the *Lachine* Rapids," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

St. Lawrence Bridge Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

Read 2d time, and The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

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 *Sullivan*, *Macaulay*, *Bruneau*, *Knoulton*, and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Duggan* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Streetsville* Plank Road Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Streetsville Plank Road Bill, brought up.

Read 1st time. The said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

Read 2d time, and The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messrs. *Ferrie* and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Laurin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to remove all doubts as to the validity of certain Instruments and Documents executed before the Notaries in Lower Canada, to which they desire the concurrence of this House."

Notarial Instruments Validity Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

Read 2d time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

Read 3d time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

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.

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Boulton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Cobourg* and *Port Hope* Road Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Cobourg and Port Hope Road Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time presently.

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

Read 2d time, and

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

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messrs. *Ferrie* and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Cobourg* and *Port Hope* Road Company," reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the

Their Report presented.

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the same to the House without any Amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

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.

The Honorable Mr. Boulton, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the "Cobourg and Grafton Road Company," 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 presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

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.

The Honorable Mr. Ferrier, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Echo "Lake Mining Company," 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 presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

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.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. Sullivan, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act for erecting a Bridge "over the River Saint Lawrence, from any "point at and between the lower entrance of "the Lachine Canal and the foot of the Lachine "Rapids," reported:

That they have examined the said Bill, and find that it is a measure by which the free passage of the River for Vessels descending from Upper Canada to the Ports of Montreal and Quebec, and to the Ocean, may be materially affected; and there not being time at this period of the Session to enable the Committee to make inquiries, and take evidence which would satisfy them in reporting the said Bill for the concurrence of the House, or to frame Amendments which would make the measure unobjectionable, the Committee feel bound to recommend to the House that the Bill be not further proceeded in during the present Session.

Ordered, that the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. Boulton, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain "persons under the name of the Streetsville "Plank Road Company," 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 presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered,

The Bill read 3d time.

Passed, and

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

Report of the Select Committee on Cobourg and Grafton Road Bill, presented.

The Bill read 3d time.

Passed, and

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

Report of the Select Committee on Echo Lake Mining Bill, presented.

The Bill read 3d time.

Passed, and

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

House adjourns.

Same resumes.

Report of the Select Committee on St. Lawrence Bridge Bill, presented.

The Report.

Same adopted.

Report of the Select Committee on Streetsville Plank Road Bill, presented.

The Bill read 3d time.

Passed, 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.

Sorel Incorporation Bill, brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Morin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Sorel*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Amendment to Atlantic Railroad Bill, agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Morin* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*, and to extend the powers of the said Company," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to this Bill without any Amendment.

2d Report of the Select Committee on the Contingent Accounts, presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the Select Committee appointed to consider and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House during the present Session, reported (as their second Report) :

The Report.

That the Committee have received a Petition from *Michael Keating*, the Head Messenger of the House, praying that his Salary may be increased to one hundred and fifty pounds per Annum; and, having taken the same into consideration, have come to the conclusion that it deserves the favorable consideration of your Honorable House, and accordingly recommend that it should be granted.

*Ordered*, that it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Same adopted.

*Ordered*, that the said Report be adopted.

Motion for adjourning until 1/2 past 3 o'clock, P. M.

*It was moved*, that when this House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until half-past three o'clock this afternoon.

Question put, and

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

Carried.

*The same was resolved* in the affirmative, and

Adjournment.

The Speaker declared this House continued until this afternoon at half-past three o'clock, in conformity with the above Order.

At half-past Three o'clock, P.M. AFTERNOON.

The Members convened were,—

The Honorable *Peter McGill*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

*Sullivan*,  
*W. Morris*,  
*Macaulay*,  
*Bruneau*,  
*Ferrie*,  
*Knoulton*,  
*Walker*,

*Irving*,  
*Neilson*,  
*Pinhey*,  
*Ferrier*,  
*Matheson*,  
*Boulton*.

The Honorable Mr. *Sullivan*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act for taking the Census of this Province, and obtaining statistical information 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.

Report of the Select Committee on Census Bill, presented.

*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

The Bill read 3d time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

*It was Resolved* in the affirmative.

Passed, and

*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.

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

House adjourns.

After some time the House was resumed.

Same resumes.

His Excellency the Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, 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"—

His Excellency the Governor General comes to the House and commands the attendance of the Assembly.

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 :

They attend accordingly.

"An Act to define the limits of the Town of *Bytown*"

Bytown Town Council Bill.

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"of *Bytown*, to establish a Town Council therein, and for other purposes."

Marriage Bill, (U. C.)

"An Act to extend the provisions of the Marriage Act of *Upper Canada* to Ministers of all Denominations of Christians."

Industry Village Railroad Bill.

"An Act to incorporate the *St. Lawrence* and *Industry Village Railroad Company*."

Brockville Assessment Bill.

"An Act to provide for an Assessment of Real and Personal Property in the Town of *Brockville*, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes."

Toronto Telegraph Bill.

"An Act to incorporate the *Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara, and Saint Catherine's*, Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Company."

Cobourg and Rice Lake Plank Road Bill.

"An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Cobourg and Rice Lake Plank Road and Ferry Company*."

Gilkison's Attorney Bill.

"An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Archibald Gilkison* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein."

Crown Property Tax exemption Bill.

"An Act to exempt the Property of the Crown from Local Rates and Taxes in *Lower Canada*."

Dundas and Waterloo Road Bill.

"An Act to authorize the Commissioners for the *Dundas and Waterloo Macadamized Road* to borrow money to enable them to complete the said Road, and for other purposes."

La Banque du Peuple Bill.

"An Act to amend the Act incorporating *La Banque du Peuple*."

Bellechasse Registry Office Bill.

"An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *Bellechasse*, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *Saint Michel*."

Toronto Hospital Bill.

"An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the *Toronto Hospital*."

Special Constables Bill.

"An Act to amend the Laws relative to the appointment of Special Constables, and for the better preservation of the Peace."

Niagara District Courts Bill.

"An Act to authorize the Courts of Assize and Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, and the District and Quarter Sessions Courts for the District of *Niagara*, to be holden in the Court House in the Town of *Niagara*, built by the President and Board of Police of the said Town."

"An Act for the better protection of Merchants and others, who may hereafter receive

Merchants' Protection Bill.

assignments, and enter into contracts and agreements in relation to Goods and Merchandize entrusted to Agents."

"An Act to amend the Act to authorize the *Quebec Trinity House* to license, as Pilots, a certain class of persons therein mentioned."

Quebec Trinity House Pilots' Bill.

"An Act to incorporate the *New City Gas Company of Montreal*."

Montreal New City Gas Bill.

"An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the Limitation of Actions in *Lower Canada*."

Actions Limitation Bill (L. C.)

"An Act for repealing and consolidating the present Duties of Customs in this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

1st Customs Duties Bill.

"An Act to amend the Act, intituled, 'An Act to amend the Law constituting the Board of Works.'"

Board of Works Bill.

"An Act to amend a certain Act passed to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and for other purposes."

Montreal Harbour Bill.

"An Act to authorize *Augustin Norbert Morin* to build a Toll Bridge over the *River du Nord*, in the Parish of *Saint Jérôme*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide Regulations for the same."

Morin's Bridge Bill.

"An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws, and to repeal certain Acts relating to the crime of Forgery."

Forgery Bill.

"An Act to amend the Act of incorporation of the *Montreal Gas Light Company*."

Montreal Gas Company's Bill.

"An Act to incorporate the Town of *Dundas*."

Dundas Incorporation Bill.

"An Act to amend an error in the Act of the present Session imposing Duties of Customs."

2d Duties of Customs Bill.

"An Act to amend the Tenth Section of the Act to incorporate the Town of *Kingston* as a City."

Kingston Incorporation Bill.

"An Act to suspend for a time two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to Winter Roads in that part of the Province of *Canada* heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far

Winter Roads Bill, (L. C.)

	<p>“far as regards the District of <i>Quebec</i>, the District of <i>Gaspé</i>, and that part of the District of <i>Three Rivers</i> which extends from the District of <i>Quebec</i>, on the South of the River <i>Saint Lawrence</i>, to the Parish of <i>Nicolet</i>, and on the North of the said River to the Town of <i>Three Rivers</i> exclusively.”</p>	<p>“An Act for regulating the Shipping of Scamens’ Shipping Bill. “Scamen.”</p>
Notarial Profession Bill, (L. C.)	<p>“An Act for the Organization of the Notarial Profession in that part of this Province called <i>Lower Canada</i>.”</p>	<p>“An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty’s Reign, intituled, ‘An Act to consolidate and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province which was formerly <i>Upper Canada</i>.’”</p>
Common School Bill, (U. C.)	<p>“An Act for amending the Common School Act of <i>Upper Canada</i>.”</p>	<p>“An Act to make provision for the subsistence of the Widow of the late Honorable <i>Joseph Rémi Vallières de St. Réal</i>.”</p>
Burlington Bay Dock Bill.	<p>“An Act to incorporate certain Persons under the name of the <i>Burlington Bay Dock and Ship Building Company</i>.”</p>	<p>“An Act for the relief of certain Landholders in the District of <i>Gaspé</i>.”</p>
Guelph and Dundas Road Bill.	<p>“An Act to incorporate certain Persons as the <i>Guelph and Dundas Road Company</i>.”</p>	<p>“An Act to amend the Act for granting Relief to the Sufferers by the Fires at <i>Quebec</i>.”</p>
Medical Profession Bill, (L. C.)	<p>“An Act to incorporate the Members of the Medical Profession in <i>Lower Canada</i>, and to regulate the study and practice of Physic and Surgery therein.”</p>	<p>“An Act to amend the Law of Imprisonment for Debt in <i>Upper Canada</i>.”</p>
Humber Harbour Bill.	<p>“An Act to revive and extend the Act incorporating the <i>Humber Harbour and Road Company</i>.”</p>	<p>“An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the <i>Port Credit and Hurontario Plank Road Company</i>.”</p>
Toronto Mechanics’ Institute Bill.	<p>“An Act to incorporate the Mechanics’ Institute of the City of <i>Toronto</i>.”</p>	<p>“An Act to incorporate the <i>Lower Canada Agricultural Society</i>.”</p>
Lands Partition Bill, (L. C.)	<p>“An Act to facilitate the partition of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments in certain cases in <i>Lower Canada</i>.”</p>	<p>“An Act to facilitate the proof of the Charter and Act of incorporation of the <i>British American Land Company</i>.”</p>
Masters’ and Servants’ Bill.	<p>“An Act to regulate the duties between Master and Servant, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”</p>	<p>“An Act to authorize the payment of School Money to the Teachers in the <i>Bathurst District</i>, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, notwithstanding that there was no Assessment for Schools in that District in the said year.”</p>
Rivers’ and Rivulets’ Bill, (U. C.)	<p>“An Act to amend, explain, and continue an Act passed in the seventh year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled, ‘An Act to prevent obstructions in Rivers and Rivulets in <i>Upper Canada</i>.’”</p>	<p>“An Act to declare the mode in which the Side Lines of the Lots in the Township of <i>Osgoode</i>, in the County of <i>Carleton</i>, shall be run.”</p>
British North American Telegraph Bill.	<p>“An Act to incorporate the <i>British North American Electric Telegraph Association</i>.”</p>	<p>“An Act for the incorporation of the <i>Agricultural Association of Upper Canada</i>.”</p>
Provincial Copyright Bill.	<p>“An Act to extend the Provincial Copyright Act to Persons resident in the United Kingdom on certain conditions.”</p>	<p>“An Act to provide for an Assessment of Real and Personal Property in the Town of <i>Prescott</i>, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes.”</p>
Rebellion Losses Bill, (U. C.)	<p>“An Act to authorize the issuing of Debentures to pay the balance due to Claimants for Losses during the Rebellion and Invasion in <i>Upper Canada</i>.”</p>	<p>“An Act to regulate the Summoning of Jurors in <i>Lower Canada</i>.”</p>
		<p>“An Act to incorporate the <i>Montreal Cemetery Company</i>.”</p>



Brockville Parsonage Bill	"An Act to enable the Church Wardens of <i>St. Peter's</i> Church, at <i>Brockville</i> , to sell a certain Lot of Land therein mentioned, and to apply the proceeds towards the erection of a Parsonage House for the Minister of such Church, on a Lot to be hereafter conveyed to the Bishop of <i>Toronto</i> for that purpose."	"An Act to incorporate the <i>Toronto Dry Dock Company</i> ."	Toronto Dry Dock Bill.
Gilman's Attorney Bill.	"An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit <i>Edward Gilman</i> to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein."	"An Act to authorize <i>Pierre Vieau</i> and others to build a Toll Bridge over the <i>River des Prairies</i> ."	Vieau's Bridge Bill.
Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Bill.	"An Act to incorporate the <i>Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Association</i> ."	"An Act to incorporate the <i>Canada Mining Company</i> ."	Canada Mining Bill.
Etobicoke and Mono Road Bill.	"An Act to amend the Act incorporating the <i>Etobicoke and Mono Sixth Line Road Company</i> ."	"An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Friends' or Quakers' Seminary in the Township of <i>Hallowell</i> , in the District of <i>Prince Edward</i> ."	Quakers' Seminary Bill.
Perth Calvinistic Baptist Church Bill.	"An Act to enable the Trustees of the Calvinistic Baptist Church in the Town of <i>Perth</i> , to sell and convey certain portions of the Land now holden by them."	"An Act to incorporate the <i>Garden River Copper Mining Company</i> ."	Garden River Copper Mining Bill.
Montreal Mining Bill.	"An Act to incorporate the <i>Montreal Mining Company</i> ."	"An Act to incorporate the British and Canadian Mining Company of <i>Lake Superior</i> ."	British and Canadian Mining Bill.
Municipal Bill (L. C.)	"An Act to make better provision for the establishment of Municipal Authorities in <i>Lower Canada</i> ."	"An Act to authorize <i>Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle</i> to erect a Toll Bridge over the <i>River des Prairies</i> ."	Lachapelle's Bridge Bill.
Expiring Laws Bill.	"An Act to continue for a limited time the several Acts and ordinances therein mentioned."	"An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the <i>Montreal and Lachine Railroad Company</i> , and for other purposes therein mentioned."	Montreal and Lachine Railroad Bill.
Lake Huron Silver and Copper Mining Bill.	"An Act to incorporate the <i>Lake Huron Silver and Copper Mining Company</i> ."	"An Act to incorporate certain Persons as the <i>Guelph and Arthur Road Company</i> ."	Guelph and Arthur Road Bill.
British North American Mining Bill.	"An Act to incorporate the <i>British North American Mining Company</i> ."	"An Act to authorize <i>Edouard Martial Leprohon</i> and <i>Joseph Amable Berthelot</i> , junior, of the City of <i>Montreal</i> , Esquires, to build a Toll Bridge over the <i>River Jesus</i> , at the Village of <i>St. Eustache</i> , between the Parishes of <i>St. Eustache</i> and <i>St. Rose</i> ."	Leprohon's Bridge Bill.
Lock-up Houses Bill (U. C.)	"An Act to establish Lock-up Houses in the unincorporated Towns and Villages of <i>Canada West</i> ."	"An Act to repeal the Act of Incorporation of the Town of <i>London</i> , and to establish a Town Council therein in lieu of a Board of Police, and for other purposes therein mentioned."	London Town Council Bill.
Huron and St. Mary's Mining Bill.	"An Act to incorporate the <i>Huron and Saint Mary's Copper Company</i> ."	"An Act to incorporate the Town of <i>Brantford</i> ."	Brantford Incorporation Bill.
Upper Canada Mining Bill.	"An Act to incorporate the <i>Upper Canada Mining Company</i> ."	"An Act to incorporate the <i>Scarborough and Markham Plank Road Company</i> ."	Scarborough and Markham Road Bill.
Montreal Telegraph Bill.	"An Act to incorporate the <i>Montreal Telegraph Company</i> ."	"An Act to remove all doubts as to the validity of certain Instruments and Documents executed before the Notaries in <i>Lower Canada</i> ."	Notarial Instruments Validity Bill (L. C.)
Montreal Building Society's Bill.	"An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the <i>Montreal Building Society</i> ."	"An Act to incorporate the <i>Cobourg and Grafton Road Company</i> ."	Cobourg and Grafton Road Bill.
Philadelphia and Huron Mining Bill.	"An Act to incorporate the <i>Philadelphia and Huron Mining Company</i> ."	"An	

Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Bill.

“ An Act explanatory of 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.’ ”

Echo Lake Mining Bill.

“ An Act to incorporate the *Echo Lake* Mining Company.”

Cobourg and Port Hope Road Bill.

“ An Act to incorporate the *Cobourg* and *Port Hope* Road Company.”

Towns and Villages Corporate Powers Bill (U.C.).

“ An Act to confer limited Corporate Powers on the Towns and Villages of *Canada West* not specially incorporated.”

Presbyterian Widows’ Bill.

“ An Act to incorporate the Managers of the Ministers’ Widows’ and Orphans’ Fund of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada* in connection with the Church of *Scotland*.”

Atlantic Railroad Bill.

“ An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Saint Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company, and to extend the powers of the said Company.”

Streetsville Road Bill.

“ An Act to incorporate certain Persons under the name of the *Streetsville* Plank Road Company.”

Barristers’ and Attorneys’ Bill (U. C.), and

“ An Act to amend the Law for the admission of Attorneys and calling of Barristers in *Upper Canada*.”

Census Bill.

“ An Act for taking the Census of this Province, and obtaining Statistical information therein.”

To these Bills the Royal Assent was severally pronounced by the Clerk of 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.”

Then the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the titles of thirteen Bills to be passed as follow :

Alien Bill.

“ An Act to extend the time for taking the Oath and making the Declaration required of persons Naturalized in this Province.”

Montreal Bank Bill.

“ An Act to enable the Bank of *Montreal* to increase their Capital Stock.”

“ An Act to enable the City Bank to increase its Capital Stock.” City Bank Bill

“ An Act to incorporate the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company.” Woodstock Railway Bill.

“ An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the *Quebec* Bank, and to amend, in part, the Act to extend the Charter of the said Bank.” Quebec Bank Bill.

“ An Act to facilitate Commutation of the Tenure of Lands, *en roture*, in the Queen’s Domain, into that of Free and Common Soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such Commutations.” Tenure Commutation Bill.

“ An Act to incorporate the *Bytown* and *Britannia* Railway Company.” Bytown and Britannia Railway Bill.

“ An Act to incorporate the *Carillon* and *Grenville* Railway Company.” Carillon and Grenville Railway Bill.

“ An Act to incorporate the *Lake St. Louis* and Province Line Railway Company.” St. Louis Railway Bill.

“ An Act to incorporate the District Bank of *Quebec*.” Quebec District Bank Bill.

“ An Act to incorporate the *Montreal* and Province Line Junction Railway Company.” Montreal and Province Line Railway Bill.

“ An Act to incorporate the *Canada, New Brunswick*, and *Nova Scotia* Railway Company.” New Brunswick Railway Bill, and

“ An Act for incorporating the *Toronto* and *Goderich* Railway Company.” Goderich Railway Bill.

Then to each of these Bills the Clerk of 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 the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Addressed His Excellency as follows :

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

We, Her Majesty’s dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, approach Your Excellency with profound respect, and humbly beg leave to assure Your Excellency that in no period

Address of the Speaker of the Assembly on presenting the Supply Bill, and



period of our history have the Commons of *Canada* applied themselves more assiduously to the arduous duties which have devolved upon them, as the Representatives of Her Majesty's Loyal and affectionate People, than during the present Session, while it has been their earnest endeavour to support the honour and dignity of the Crown, upon which depend the greatness and prosperity of the Country.

The Session now about to close has been characterized by the introduction of many important measures well calculated to develop private enterprize, in extending the Railway communications of the Province, and facilitating the Mining operations on the shores of *Lake Superior*.

We trust that much benefit will arise from the facilities thus promised to be afforded to our internal Trade and Commerce, and from the development of the Mineral Treasures and resources of the Province, and we have devoted much time and labor to the Legislation requisite to promote and encourage these important objects.

To meet the altered state of our Commercial relations with the Mother Country, we have found it indispensable to pass a new Bill materially altering the existing regulation of the Customs in this Province. In making these changes, while due regard has been paid to the protection of the Revenue, our best attention has been given to the adopting such modifications of the Customs Tariff and Regulations, as we hope will ensure great benefit to the trader and consumer, by the removal of unequal pressure, and a vexatious enforcement of the Law; and to give, where it was possible, fresh stimulus to individual enterprize and industry.

It has been my duty, thus briefly to state to Your Excellency some of the most important measures of the Session. We believe them to be well calculated to increase the prosperity of the Country, and to promote the happiness and welfare of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects in this valuable and important portion of Her vast Dominions.

The Bill, which it is now my duty to present to Your Excellency, is 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-seven, and certain

"other expenses not otherwise provided for," to which, with all humility, we pray Your Excellency to give the Royal Assent.

The Speaker then delivered a certain Money Bill to the Clerk of this House, who brought it to the Table, when the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the Title of the same—to be passed as follows:

"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-seven, and certain other expenses not otherwise provided for."

To this Bill, the Clerk of this House, by His Excellency's command, did thereupon say:

"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 His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to deliver the following Speech.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly—*

In relieving you for the present from attendance in this place, I have to thank you for the zeal and assiduity in the discharge of your important duties which have enabled you, during the course of a Session of comparatively short duration, to consider and perfect many measures which promise to be of great advantage to the Community.

I sincerely trust that the alterations which you have made in the Provincial Tariff, and the additional facilities afforded to Trade by the extension of Bonding and Warehousing Privileges, will be productive of benefit to the Colony, and tend to the promotion of its Commercial and Agricultural interests.

I have observed with satisfaction the attention which you have bestowed on the several projects which have been brought before you for developing the Mineral resources of the Province, and improving its means of internal communication.

I trust that the measures which you have passed for the amendment of certain provisions

The same assented to in Her Majesty's name.

His Excellency's Speech at the Prorogation.

of the Criminal Code, for the protection of Mercantile interests, for rendering the Common School Act of *Upper Canada* more effective, and for placing the Municipal Institutions of *Lower Canada* on an improved footing, will be attended with beneficial results.

The prevalence of disease among the Immigrants who have arrived from *Europe* this season, has occasioned me much concern. I have not failed to bring this subject under the consideration of Her Majesty's Secretary of State, and to represent the necessity of adopting measures to place Emigration to this Colony under more efficient regulations: Meanwhile, my warmest acknowledgments are due to you for the liberal provision which you have made for relieving the indigent and preventing disease from spreading in the Province. The charitable exertions of the Clergy—of the Ladies attached to the Religious Communities—and of Benevolent Individuals among the Laity—who have, at the hazard of their lives, ministered to the necessities of the sick, are beyond any praise which it is in my power to offer; but I cannot refrain on this occasion from paying a tribute to their devotedness and Christian zeal.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,*

I thank you, in the name of Her Majesty, for the readiness with which you have voted the Supplies necessary for the Public Service and for maintaining the credit of the Province.

*Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen,*

The several Addresses to the Queen, which you have transmitted through me, have been duly forwarded, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

By exercising the influence which you possess in your respective Districts to carry out local improvements, and give full effect to the wise and salutary Enactments of the Legislature, you may render services to the Community hardly less important than those which you discharge while you are assembled here. I am confident that these duties will engage your attention on your return to your homes, and I earnestly pray that our exertions for the advancement of the various interests of this noble Province, and for the benefit of all classes of the Inhabitants, may be attended with the Divine Blessing.

The Speaker of this House then said :

“*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.*”

Parliament  
Prorogued to  
the 6th Sep-  
tember, 1847.

It is His Excellency the Governor General's will and pleasure, that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued until Monday, the sixth day of September next, to be here held; and this Provincial Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Monday, the sixth day of September next.”

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TO THE

SIXTH VOLUME

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OF THE

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# A P P E N D I X .

## A P P E N D I X No. 1.

(*Vide Journal, page 22.*)

Law Clerk's Office,  
Legislative Council,  
2d June, 1847.

*To the Honorable the Legislative Council of  
the Province of Canada, in Parliament  
assembled.*

In obedience to the order of Your Honorable House, of the 13th September, 1841, which makes it the duty of Your Law Clerk to prepare, at the commencement of each Session, for the information of the Committee on Expiring Laws, a List of such Acts as are about to expire, the undersigned has the honor to submit the accompanying List.

It embraces, as will be seen, all Acts and Ordinances now in force in this Province, which will expire on or before the 1st May, 1850, unless renewed or continued by the Provincial Legislature, distinguishing the Acts of *Canada* from the Acts and Ordinances of *Lower Canada*, and the Acts of *Upper Canada* respectively, and recapitulating, under separate heads, such of the two former as will expire at the end of the present Session. There are no Acts of *Upper Canada* whose duration has been limited in this manner.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. L. MONTIZAMBERT,  
*Law Clerk.*

## A P P E N D I X No. 2.

(*Vide Journal, page 25.*)

Library, Legislative Council,  
June, 1847.

In accordance with the order of Your Honorable House, the Librarian has the honor to lay before Your Honors his Report on the state of the Library.

Your Librarian has received, in good order, the French Works ordered by the Honorable

Mr. *Caron* from the house of *J. O. Cremagie*, of *Quebec*.

Your Librarian has also received most of the English Works, also ordered by the Honorable Mr. *Caron*, and is in daily hopes of receiving the remainder.

Your Librarian has received from the Office of the Civil Secretary, *Montreal*, the Public General

General Statutes of the 9th and 10th *Victoria*, and the Journals of the House of Lords for 1843 and '44, and the Journals of the House of Commons for 1844.

At the commencement of last Session, there were 6,798 volumes in the Library; which, with 302 volumes since added, make 7,100 volumes in possession of Your Honorable House.

Your Librarian cannot close this, his Report, without suggesting the necessity there is for having the books covered during the Summer months, as they suffer serious injury from the inevitable accumulation of dust upon them when they are left unprotected.

The whole, nevertheless, humbly submitted,

W. AGAR ADAMSON,  
*Librarian.*

A P P E N D I X No. 3.

(*Vide Journal, page 27.*)

Champlain &  
St. Lawrence  
Railroad Re-  
turn.

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 1846, as required by the 49th Section of the Act 2d *Will. IV.*, cap. 58.

PERIOD.	No. of Passengers.	No. of Tons Freight.	Total Receipts.	Total Expenditure.
For the Year 1846,	52,477	17,969	£20,700	£24,427 17 4
Total Cost of Railroad and Appurtenances,				£62,060 4 0

Railroad Office,  
*Montreal*, 7th June, 1847.

I, *Wm. D. Lindsay*, do make oath that the present Statement is just and true in every particular, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WM. D. LINDSAY, *Comr.*

Sworn before me, this 9th June, 1847.

W. HALL, J. P.



## APPENDIX No. 4.

(Vide Journal, page 30.)

Montreal General Hospital  
Return.STATEMENT of Money received in aid of the Funds of the *Montreal* General Hospital, from  
1st May, 1846, to 1st May, 1847.

Collected from Members of the Corporation and others .....	£ 473	7	0
Donations from sundry individuals and from Petty Juries .....	29	13	9
Rents .....	104	7	8
Legacy from the late Miss McCord.....	15	0	0
Students' Tickets.....	68	6	8
Pay Patients .....	38	2	3
From the Poor Box, and sundry small items .....	17	15	9
Annual Subscription of the <i>Montreal</i> Gas Company .....	10	0	0
Four Life Governorships a £25 .....	100	0	0
Grants from the Legislature, .....	£1000		
" Proportion of Tonnage dues .....	127	11s 3d	1127 11 3
Amount received from <i>S. Gerrard</i> , Esquire.....	249	6	1
Total.....	£2233	10	5
Balance in hands of the Treasurer, 1st May, 1846.....	138	12	0
	£2372	2	5
Disbursements as per Statement annexed, being from 1st May, 1846, to May 1st, 1847.....	£2323	6	10
Balance in the Treasurer's hands, 1st May, 1847 .....	£48	15	7

STATEMENT of the Money disbursed by the Society of the *Montreal* General Hospital, from  
1st May, 1846, to 1st May, 1847.

Salaries and wages .....	£457	15	7
Drugs and Medicines.....	174	3	2
Wines and Spirits.....	56	17	4
Vinegar and Molasses.....	1	11	3
Lard.....	10	17	11
Caoutchion Cloth, Chamois Skin, and Splints.....	5	1	3
Repairing Instruments .....	2	3	1
For the Medical Department.....	£708	9	7
Butchers and other Meats.....	169	7	4
Bread, Flour, and Biscuit .....	199	11	1
Tea and Coffee.....	101	14	7
Sugar.....	56	13	5
Oatmeal.....	39	19	1
Barley and Rice .....	19	16	2
Butter and Cheese.....	48	16	11
Fruit and Vegetables .....	17	14	10
Eggs and Poultry.....	34	16	2
Beer, Bran, and Salt.....	24	16	0
Arrow Root and Pease.....	3	11	6
Potatoes .....	57	17	4
Milk .....	100	1	2
Soap .....	38	10	8
			Gas

Gas Light and Candles.....	64	13	8
Water and Ice.....	18	0	0
Hay and Straw.....	29	6	2
Coals and Firewood.....	135	8	0
Brooms, Brushes, and Baskets.....	8	5	11
Crockery Ware.....	2	15	3
Hardware and Ironmongery.....	43	10	1
Blacksmith's Account.....	5	11	1
Whitesmith's Do.....	19	3	7
Plumber's Do.....	18	14	0
Glazier's Do.....	9	0	8
Stationer's Do.....	8	13	6
Printer's Do.....	6	16	6
Carpenter's Do.....	42	17	6
Coffins and Funeral expenses.....	14	3	0
Patients' Slippers.....	8	15	4
Repairs to out door buildings.....	31	8	8
Whitewashing the Hospital.....	26	0	0
Labor (extra), Cartage, and Porterage.....	19	0	0
Linen, Sheeting, and Towelling.....	52	19	0
Small Wares.....	2	12	7
Blankets.....	37	10	0
Counterpanes.....	41	5	0
Carpeting.....	4	0	0
Assessment.....	9	1	6
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			£2281 6 10
Purchase of four Cows.....	£34		
“ one Straw Cutter.....	8		
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Grand Total.....	£2323	6	10

STATEMENT of the Patients admitted into the *Montreal* General Hospital from 1st May, 1846, to 1st May, 1847.

	Protestants.	Catholics.	Indoor Patients.	Outdoor Patients.	Total.
Indoor Patients, . . . . .	663	868	1531	—	
Outdoor Patients, . . . . .	957	1684	—	2641	
	1620	2552	—	—	4172

Discharged from 1st May, 1846, to 1st May, 1847—

“ Cured, .....	1355
“ Died, .....	66
“ for irregular conduct, .....	16
Remaining in Hospital, .....	94
	<hr/>
	1531

Of Immigrants who have been less than 12 months in the Country, there have been—

Indoor Patients, .....	499
Outdoor do., .....	423
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Total Immigrants, .....	922

Expense

Expense to the Institution of 1531 Indoor Patients at 28s. 6½d. ....	£2191	5	10
“ “ of 2641 Outdoor do. at 1s. ....	132	1	0
<b>Total Amount of Expenditure, as per preceding Statement .....</b>	<b>£2323</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>

Expense to the Institution regarding Immigrants—

499 Indoor Patients, at 28s. 6½d. ....	£712	2	3
423 Outdoor do. at 1s. ....	21	3	0
	<b>£733</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>

Extracted from the Records of the *Montreal* General Hospital,  
*Montreal*, 10th June, 1847.

FR. ANT. LA ROCQUE,  
 Secretary.

A P P E N D I X No. 5.

(Vide Journal, page 32.)

RETURN of immoveable Property held by the Corporation of the “Canada Baptist Missionary Society.”

	ESTIMATED					
	Value.			Rental.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
I. A Lot of Land situate between Guy Street and Charles Street, St. Antoine Suburbs, containing two acres and three perches, more or less, with a Stone Building and Cottage,	7000	0	0	None.		
II. A Lot of Land measuring 115 feet by 92 feet, with a Stone House and Out-Buildings, situate at the corner of St. Antoine Street and Richmond Square,	1200	0	0	120	0	0
III. A Lot of Land measuring 95 feet by 47 feet 6 inches, with a Brick Building used as a School-house, situate in Ann Street, Griffintown,	500	0	0	30	0	0
IV. A piece of Land in Roxton Township, Canada East, containing 10 acres, more or less, with a Dwelling House, School-house, and Out-Buildings,	200	0	0	None.		

JAMES HEARLE,  
 Treasurer, Can. Bap. Missy. Society.

The Honorable Legislative Council,  
*Montreal*, June 14, 1847.

## APPENDIX No. 6.

*Vide Journal, page 35.*Report of  
Invalids and  
Foundlings in  
the District of  
Quebec.REPORT of the Commissioners for the relief  
of Invalid Persons and Foundlings in the  
District of *Quebec*.

The Commissioners have the honor to Report, that there are now under their charge the following Persons and Foundlings, viz. :

At the General Hospital, 28 Invalids; at the Hotel Dieu, 46 Foundlings; for whose support, during the year to commence on the 1st July next, the following sums will be required, viz. :

For 28 Invalids, at 1s per diem.	£511	0	0
“ clothing for the same . . . . .	100	0	0
“ 46 Foundlings, at 5d per diem . . . . .	349	12	10
“ 2 Guardians, 6 months, 1s 3d.	22	17	6
Carried forward . . .	£983	13	4

Brought forward . .	£983	13	4
For attending Indigent Sick . . .	200	0	0
	£1183	13	4

There will be due, on the 1st July next, 6 months expenditure, amounting to . . . . . 563 11 9

The whole forming a sum of £1747 5 1

For which the Commissioners respectfully pray that an appropriation be made by the Legislature.

The whole humbly submitted.

CHS. F. BAILLARGEON, Ptre.  
E. W. SEWELL, Clk.  
JOS. MORRIN.  
L. MASSUE.

Quebec, 8th June, 1847.

## APPENDIX No. 7.

*(Vide Journal, page 42.)*

Despatches.

## SCHEDULE of Despatches accompanying Message of the 18th June, 1847.

No.	DATE.	SUBJECT.
79	1846. 2d June, .	In reply to the Address of the Legislative Council respecting Mr. Ryland.
103	3d July, .	In reply to the Joint Address respecting the New Brunswick Boundary.

Relating to G.  
H. Ryland,  
Esq.;(Copy.)  
No. 79.

Downing Street,  
2d June, 1846.

MY LORD,

I have received Your Despatch, No. 57,

of the 13th May, enclosing an Address to the Queen from the Legislative Council of Canada, praying for a favourable consideration of the claims of Mr. G. H. Ryland, late Clerk of the Executive Council of the Lower Province.

Your

Your Lordship will make known to the Members of the Legislative Council the views which are stated in my Despatch No. 60, of the 1st May, and will apprise them, that, for the reasons there given, Her Majesty has not been advised to entertain the prayer of the Address.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. E. GLADSTONE.

Governor

Lieutenant General

The Earl *Cathcart*, K. C. B.,

&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 103.

*Downing Street,*  
3d July, 1846.

My LORD,

I have the honor to acknowledge the re-

ceipt of Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 64, of 29th May, in which you transmit Addresses to the Queen from the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, relative to the Disputed Boundary Line between that Province and *New Brunswick*, and I have to instruct Your Lordship to acquaint the two Houses of the Legislature of *Canada*, that Her Majesty has been pleased Graciously to receive their Address. My Despatch, No. 99, of the 2d instant, which you will receive by the present opportunity, will place Your Lordship in possession of the measures adopted by Her Majesty's Government for the adjustment of the question in dispute between the two Provinces.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. E. GLADSTONE

Lieutenant General,

The Earl *Cathcart*, K. C. B.

&c. &c. &c.

## APPENDIX No. 8.

(*Vide Journal, page 42.*)

Despatches. SCHEDULE of Despatches accompanying the Governor General's Message of the 18th June, 1847.

FROM	No.	DATE.	SUBJECT.
Earl Grey . . .	49	1846 5th Novemb	Copyright—Explains the Intentions of H. M. Govt.
Do. . . . .	10	31st December	Post Office, Railway, and Trade of British North America.
Sir John Harvey .	—	1847 17th March	Inter-Colonial Trade—Transmits a Copy of an Act passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia.
Do. . . . .	—	11th May	Do. —With Copies of Despatches from the Governors of New Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island, and Newfoundland.

(Copy.)

(Copy.)

No. 49.

Downing Street,  
5th November, 1846.

MY LORD,

Relating to the  
subject of  
Copy-right.

Her Majesty's Government having had under their consideration the representations which have been received from the Governors of some of the British *North American* Provinces, complaining of the effect in those Colonies of the Imperial Copyright Law, have decided on proposing measures to Parliament in the ensuing Session, which, if sanctioned by the Legislature, will, they hope, tend to remove the dissatisfaction which has been expressed on this subject, and place the literature of this Country within the reach of the Colonies on easier terms than it is at present. With this view, relying upon the disposition of the Colonies to protect the authors of this Country from the fraudulent appropriation of the fruits of labours upon which they are often entirely dependent, Her Majesty's Government propose to leave to the Local Legislatures the duty and responsibility of passing such enactments as they may deem proper, for securing both the rights of authors and the interests of the public. Her Majesty's Government will accordingly submit to Parliament, a Bill authorizing the Queen in Council to confirm and finally enact any Colonial Law or Ordinance respecting Copyright, notwithstanding any repugnancy of any such Law or Ordinance to the Copyright Law of this Country; it being provided by the proposed Act of Parliament, that no such Law or Ordinance shall be of any force or effect until so confirmed and finally enacted by the Queen in Council, but that, from the confirmation and final enactment thereof, the Copyright Law of this Country shall cease to be of any force or effect within the Colony in which any such Colonial Law or Ordinance has been made, in so far as it may be repugnant to, or inconsistent with, the operation of any such Colonial Law or Ordinance.

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed) GREY.

Governor General,

Earl Cathcart, K. C. B.,

&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 10.

Downing Street,  
31st December, 1846.

MY LORD,

Relating to the  
Post Office,  
Railway, and  
Trade.

Your Lordship is about to assume the Government of British *North America* at a time when a change of policy is in progress, which is of no ordinary importance to the interests of every part of the British Empire, and perhaps of none more than of that large portion of the Queen's Dominions in which Her Majesty has been pleased to select you to act as Her Representative. I need scarcely say that I refer to those Commercial changes which, in the last Session, after long and anxious deliberation received the sanction of Parliament. By the Acts then passed, it has been provided that, with respect to some of the chief articles of National consumption, there should be a considerable immediate reduction, and an eventual abolition of those Duties upon Imports from Foreign Countries which have hitherto been imposed, not for the purpose of raising revenue, but with the avowed object of giving an advantage in the markets of this Country, to the Domestic or Colonial producer, over his Foreign competitor. It has been enacted, that after a brief interval, the Canadian, in common with the British farmer (and in common also with the Sugar Planters of the British Colonies) must encounter in the sale of his produce in this country, the unrestricted competition of the Foreign grower. The same relief from the burthen of Differential Duties which has thus been granted to the British consumer, one of the statutes to which I have alluded (the 8 and 9 *Victoria*, c. 94) has enabled their respective Legislatures to extend to the British Colonies, by empowering them to repeal the Differential Duties in favor of British produce imposed in these Colonies by former Imperial Acts.

This is not an occasion upon which I could, with propriety, enter into any discussion of the grounds upon which this change of policy has been adopted; but, without doing so, I may express my firm conviction that, eventually, the welfare of the Colonies, even more than that of the Mother Country, will be promoted by the abandonment of a system of artificial restrictions upon trade.

Looking to the great natural advantages possessed



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possessed by the British Colonies, and especially by the fine Provinces of *North America*, I cannot doubt that, adopting a policy of which the object is to render industry productive, by leaving it to follow its natural channels of employment, and by affording every possible facility to Commerce, must lead to their rapid advancement in wealth and prosperity. But with a view to this result, it is of the utmost importance that the Provincial Legislatures should strenuously co-operate with the Imperial Parliament. So far as the repeal of the Differential Duties hitherto imposed upon Imports into the Colonies from Foreign Countries, for the purpose of favoring the British producer, I can have no doubt that the Colonial Legislatures will gladly avail themselves of the power conferred upon them, by at once putting an end to these Duties; indeed, so obvious does it appear, that this measure ought to be the consequence of repealing Differential Duties imposed in this Country to favor the importation of Colonial produce, that Parliament, instead of merely enabling the Colonial Legislatures to abolish the Duties alluded to, would probably have at once proceeded to do so by its own authority, had it not been for the late period of the Session at which alone it was possible that the subject should be considered, and the difficulty of determining, without more information, than could at the time be procured, how far the simple repeal of these Duties, unaccompanied by any precautions, might have affected the Finances of some of the Colonies.

I assume, therefore, that these Duties will be speedily put an end to; but it does not appear to me, that this is, by any means, the whole of what is required in order to give to the Commerce of *British America* all the facilities it ought to enjoy. At present each of these Colonies has its distinct Scale of Custom House Duties, and its distinct establishment of Officers for levying them, the Trade between one Province and another being burthened by Duties like that between Countries entirely unconnected with each other. From their geographical position, relatively to each other, *Canada*, *New Brunswick*, and *Nova Scotia* being divided only by arbitrary, and in some points still unsettled, lines of boundary, and *Prince Edward Island* being separated from them only by a narrow Strait, it is obvious that this state of things must be attended with very great inconvenience. While different rates of Duty are levied upon the same arti-

cles in Provinces thus bordering upon, and closely connected with each other; and while one Province imposes Duties upon the produce of another, it is obvious that a considerable expense must be incurred in maintaining inter-Colonial Lines of Custom Houses, that much encouragement must be given to smuggling; and, what is of still more importance, that great difficulties must be thrown in the way of the mutual intercourse of Provinces so well fitted by nature for carrying on with each other an active and beneficial Commerce. The Correspondence recorded in this Office proves this to be not merely a speculative inconvenience, but one which has been practically, and very seriously felt; nor can any reasonable doubt be entertained, that if the Duties levied in the different Provinces of *British America* could be assimilated, if the establishments for collecting them could be consolidated, and the net produce of the Duties, after defraying the cost of collection, then divided upon some equitable principle, and placed at the disposal of the several Legislatures, the result would be in the highest degree advantageous to these Colonies, and materially contribute to enable them successfully to meet the difficulties which, for a time, are not unlikely to arise from the removal of Commercial restrictions hitherto maintained in this Country for their supposed advantage. Your Lordship will not fail to perceive that the original idea of the policy I have now suggested is derived from the German Customs Union, or Zoll-Verein. It is true that in many very important particulars the circumstances of the German States, which formed this Union, were altogether unlike those of the *British North American* Provinces; and that, therefore, what was done in the one case forms no precedent for the other: but still the example of *Germany* proves that there is no insuperable difficulty in effecting an arrangement by which not merely different Provinces of the same Empire, but a large number of Independent States may combine together for the purpose of establishing a common system of Custom House Duties, and dividing the Revenue which these Duties produce. And further, this example also proves, that in spite of no inconsiderable faults in the mode of effecting such an arrangement, and above all, the great one of having adopted a scale of Duties far higher than is consistent with sound Commercial and Financial views, this Union is admitted to have exercised a highly beneficial influence upon the Trade and industry

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industry of the States, which belong to it. Information with respect to this remarkable institution will not, therefore, be without its value to Your Lordship, and I have accordingly the honor of transmitting to you, with this Despatch, a copy of a Report upon the subject, which was a few years ago laid before Parliament by Her Majesty's command.

I do not anticipate that the intelligent inhabitants of British *America* will differ from me as to the advantages which would arise from the adoption of such a measure.

They will readily perceive that by moderate Duties upon Imports thus levied, the Revenue required for the Public Service in the several Provinces, might be raised at a less cost for collection, and with infinitely less of obstruction to Commercial Enterprize, than by the existing system: and I am convinced that they will fully appreciate the importance, at this particular time, of giving such a stimulus to industry and to Trade. But though the importance of the object to be effected will no doubt be universally recognized, I fear that there will be much practical difficulty in accomplishing it.

Such a change can only be carried into operation by the authority of the Provincial Legislatures, since that of the Imperial Parliament could not be made use of for this purpose, without an amount of interference with matters of purely internal concern in the several Provinces, which would be utterly inconsistent with the principles upon which they are now governed. But to obtain the concurrence of four separate Legislatures in passing a Law involving the arrangement of many details, upon which, no doubt, great diversities of opinion will arise, and upon which a complete agreement of these different authorities would be indispensable for the success of the measure, seems hardly to be looked for. Even though persons should be appointed by each Province to meet and consider the arrangement it would be proper to make, and should agree upon a Report containing a draft of a Bill, which should be recommended to the several Legislatures, it seems to me rather to be hoped than expected that they would all concur in passing such a Bill without Amendment; and unless they did so, the whole labor which had been incurred would be fruitless.

In considering how this difficulty may be

surmounted, it has occurred to me that the best course which could be adopted would be for the different Legislatures to pass Acts recognizing the principle of consolidating their Custom House Establishments, but which, instead of entering into detail as to the arrangements to be for that purpose adopted, should give, by anticipation, the force of Law to such arrangements as might be agreed upon by persons empowered to act for them in that behalf.

I purposely avoid expressing any opinion as to the manner in which the persons empowered to represent and act for the different Provinces should be appointed—whether they should be Committees from the two branches of the several Legislatures, or Commissioners named in the Acts which would require to be passed, since these are questions upon which, if the suggestion I have made should be entertained by the Legislatures, they are more able to form a judgment than myself; but I think it right to point out that in whatever manner they may be appointed, the Representatives of the several Provinces should meet together at *Montreal*, where their deliberations could be conducted with the benefit of Your Lordship's advice and assistance, and that it would be indispensable to provide in the Acts from which they would derive their authority, that no arrangements to which they might agree should come into force without the previous confirmation of Her Majesty in Council.

In what manner this important subject should be brought under the consideration of the different Provincial Legislatures, and how it would be expedient to submit to them the question of delegating to some central authority a portion of their Constitutional powers, I must leave it to Your Lordship's judgment to determine upon the spot. I may, however, remark, that should such an authority be created, its functions need not be confined to the single subject to which I have already referred. There are two other subjects at this moment requiring attention, and with regard to which the co-operation with each other of the different Provinces is highly desirable. Of these the first is that relating to the service of the Post Office in the North American Provinces.

From the various Despatches and other Documents enumerated in

Sir W. Colebrooke, 26th

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the margin; Your Lordship will learn how extreme and in fact insuperable is the difficulty of placing the affairs of the Post Office in the British portion of that Continent, on any secure and convenient footing without the aid of some central body competent to arbitrate between the various Provinces, and to establish Regulations extending over, and throughout them all. I especially refer to the Report of the Post Master General to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, dated on the 18th of August last, and to the letter which, on the 10th of September last, communicated to this Department the views of their Lordships on that Report.

You will thence perceive how willing Her Majesty's Government are to abdicate the powers of the Post Master General in British *North America* in favor of any competent local authority, to be legally constituted for the purpose. But Your Lordship will also perceive that the creation of any such authority by the separate Act of any one Province, or by separate and unconnected Acts of the several Provinces, is virtually impossible. We have no solicitude to retain any control over the details and management of this service, but the reverse. A body of the kind I have already described, representing and acting for all the Provinces, might make an arrangement for the future, which would relieve the Post Master General of this inappropriate function. Without such aid I do not see how he could be exempted from the duty, to which, from inevitable and insuperable causes, his Department must always be unequal.

The other subject to which I have referred as requiring the co-operation of the different Provinces, is that of the formation of a great Line of Railway communication from the Seat of the Government of *Canada* to the *Atlantic*.

The execution of such a work would, I am persuaded, be of the greatest advantage to the whole of *British America*; but the difficulties to be surmounted in so vast an undertaking are of no ordinary kind, and are only likely, I think, to be overcome by the united and energetic exertions of all the Provinces.

Should the delegation of authority by the different Legislatures to some central body representing them all, be assented to, I should consider it highly desirable that advantage should be taken of this to arrange the mode in which the Provinces should co-operate with each other, and with Her Majesty's Government, in promoting the construction of the proposed Railway.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GREY.

The Right Honorable  
The Earl of *Elgin*,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)  
No. 27.

*Fredericton, N. B.*

26th April, 1845.

MY LORD,

I have the honor to enclose a joint Address to the Queen, from the Legislative Council and Assembly, together with a Report of a Select Committee of the House of Assembly on the subject of the Post Office Establishment in this Province. I regret that the Houses, in the prosecution of their enquiries, did not avail themselves of the practical information which the Surveyor, Mr. *Lang*, would have been able to furnish on the subject, if required to do so. I am of opinion that an uniform and low rate of Postage, would afford great relief to the People, and be productive in time to the Revenue; and that it is very desirable to facilitate Post Office communications throughout the Province, without which the People in remote Districts are cut off from all regular communication with the Government, and even with the Seats of Magistracy.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.

The Right Honorable  
Lord *Stanley*,  
&c. &c. &c.

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*New Brunswick,*  
House of Assembly,  
11th April, 1845.

*Resolved,* That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with a Copy of the Report of the Select Committee on the Post Office Establishment, and of the Resolution adopting the same, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to forward them to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the information of Her Majesty's Government.

(Signed) CHAS. P. WATMORE,  
*Clerk.*

(Copy.)

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## POST OFFICE ESTABLISHMENT.

The Committee, to whom were referred all matters relating to the Post Office within the Province, submit the following Report:—

We have had the Returns from the Post Office, and, by comparing them with the Returns of last year, we are enabled to make the following Statements to the House:—

The amount of Salaries received by the Post Masters throughout the Province was,

In the year ending 5th January,	
1842, . . . . .	£1211 15 7
Do. do 5th January,	
1843, . . . . .	1289 1 6
Do. do 5th January,	
1845, as follows:—	

Salaries, . . . . .	£1952 16 5½
Surveyors' Travelling Expenses, . . . . .	220 17 2½

Compensation for loss of Commission on the Collection of

Carry forward, £2173 13 9

Brought forward, £2173 13 9

*United States*

Postage:—

To the Postmaster at St. Andrews, . . . . .	248 0 0
Do. Woodstock, . . . . .	60 0 0
Allowance to eleven Deputy Postmasters in lieu of Franking Privileges, . . . . .	78 0 0
Allowance to eleven Way Office Keepers for Franking Privileges, . . . . .	21 0 0

£2580 13 8

From which it appears that under the new system introduced in July, 1843, the expenses of conducting the Department have been more than doubled.

The amounts paid for Riding Work during the above mentioned years, were,—

In the year ending 5th January,	
1842, . . . . .	£2294 4 9
Do. do 5th January,	
1843, . . . . .	2588 9 4
Do. do 5th January,	
1845, . . . . .	2004 12 6

The Return for the last year appears to be very imperfect. It contains no charge for the Courier from *Bathurst* to *Dalhousie*, for the half year ending 5th July, nor for the Couriers between *Fredericton* and the *Canada Line* during the year. We have ascertained that the expense from *Fredericton* to *Woodstock* is £250, and from *Woodstock* to the *Grand Falls* £600.

Allowing from <i>Bathurst</i> to <i>Dalhousie</i> , . . . . .	£105 0 0
<i>Fredericton</i> to the <i>Grand Falls</i> , . . . . .	850 0 0
And the amount included in the Return, . . . . .	2004 12 6

The whole charge for Riding Work during the past year, exclusive of the expense between the *Grand Falls* and *Canada Line*, will be, . . . . . £2959 12 6

Under the present Contracts, the expense of

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of transmitting the Mails on the principal Lines is as follows:—

<i>Saint John to Saint Andrews,</i>	67 miles,	£200	0	0
Do. to <i>Amherst,</i>	136 miles,	818	10	8
Do. to <i>Fredericton,</i>	65 miles,	120	0	0
<i>Fredericton to Grand Falls,</i>	136 miles,	850	0	0
<i>Petitcodiac to Campbelton,</i>	218 miles,	360	0	0

The Inhabitants of the Eastern Counties of the Province complain that their interests have received so little attention from the Post Office Authorities.

While two regular Mails have been forwarded weekly from *Halifax* to *Saint John*, and thence to *Fredericton*, with the additional advantage of having the English Mails sent on by Express, the Eastern Counties, containing several Sea-ports (among which is *Miramichi*, the second in importance in the Province), and carrying on an extensive Trade with the Mother Country, have had only one Mail weekly: consequently, the English Mail frequently reaches *Saint John* six days before it arrives at *Richibucto*, while *Miramichi* and places further North are still later in receiving it, and the Inhabitants of these Counties are obliged to dispatch their letters for *Britain* from ten to twelve days before the Steamer sails from *Halifax*. Several alterations in the time of despatching the Mails have taken place within the last eighteen months; but we are persuaded that no change will be satisfactory until two Mails weekly are established.

The Courier has been entirely withdrawn from the Road between *Fredericton* and the *Finger Board*. This was one of the first established Mail Lines in the Province, and passes through an important and thickly settled Country; the Inhabitants of which have just cause to complain that they are deprived of the privileges they so long enjoyed, while other parts of the Province are favored with three Mails weekly.

The same remarks will apply to the Line from *Fredericton* to *Saint Andrews*, from which likewise the Courier has been withdrawn; and in consequence a great number

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of the Inhabitants on that Road are above thirty miles from a Post Office.

It is stated that the reason why the Couriers have been withdrawn from these Roads, and no further Mail accommodation can be extended to the Eastern Section of the Province, is the want of funds to defray the expense. We, however, are of opinion, that under the new arrangement, a great amount of the income is unnecessarily absorbed in the management of the Department.

The following is a statement of the expense of the *Saint John* Post Office during the past year:

Deputy Post Master General's			
Salary	£600	0	0
Surveyor's Salary	180	0	0
Three Clerks	336	0	0
Travelling Expenses, &c., of			
Surveyor	220	17	2½
	£1336	17	2½

We have no returns to show the expense of this Office previous to the present arrangement; but from the Report of a Select Committee of the House of Assembly of *Nova Scotia*, presented last Session, it appears that previous to the time when the Steamers commenced running, and when this Province and *Nova Scotia* were both under one Deputy Post Master General, (the late Mr. *Howe*), the expense of his office at *Halifax* was only £670. That gentleman, without the aid of a Surveyor, superintended the Post Office affairs of both Provinces, as efficiently, and as much to the satisfaction of the Inhabitants, as they are now conducted in this Province by two Officers.

We are of opinion that the office of Surveyor is altogether unnecessary, and that it might be abolished without affecting the efficiency of the Department. We also think that the affairs of the Post Office at *Saint John* might be conducted by a Deputy Postmaster General, at a salary not exceeding £500, and two Clerks, £250. By this arrangement, a saving would be effected of not less than £500, a sum sufficient to give an additional mail to the Eastern Counties, and to defray the expense of Couriers between *Fredericton* and *Saint Andrews*, *Fredericton* and the *Finger Board*, and in several other parts of the Province where the establishment



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ment of Post Offices is much required by the Inhabitants.

By the accounts for the two and a half years ending 5th July, 1843, we observe that a surplus Revenue of £4856 was left after paying all the Provincial Salaries, and for Riding Work, &c., and we submit that the House should be informed as to the application of such surplus. If it has been and still is absorbed, as is supposed, for the forwarding of the *Canada* mails to and from *Halifax*, we conceive it to be unjust and unreasonable that we should be taxed for such a purpose. It would certainly be no more than fair that this Province should receive from the *Nova Scotia* and *Canadian* Departments a *pro rata* amount of the Postages incurred for the transit of their letters through this Province, which would contribute largely towards the expenses of forwarding, and leave our surplus Revenue for the establishment of additional Couriers within the Province.

We would call the attention of the House to the amount of Postages deducted in 1841 and 1842, for "returned, refused, missent, and forward letters."

In the former year they amounted to £4490, out of a gross Revenue of £10,435; and in the latter year to £3,460, out of a gross Revenue of £9,774.

This state of things we attribute principally to two causes: first, the high rates of Postage; and secondly, the paucity of Couriers throughout many populous Districts of the Province.

From what has taken place in the Province within the last two years, we have unquestionable proof that Officers and Salaries, with the patronage they confer upon the Department, have been much more regarded than the Public accommodation, and that while the expenses of management have been doubled since 1843, the facilities for inter-Provincial communication have decreased in an inverse ratio.

The present high rates of Letter Postage, and the unjust tax upon Printed Papers, are considered so vexatious and burdensome, that every opportunity for private conveyance is availed of; and thus the law is habitually and universally violated, and that with impunity.

The Legislative control which is exercised by the Imperial Parliament over the Post Office Departments of the Colonies, has, we conceive, been at all times intended more for the accommodation and security of the Public than for the purposes of Revenue, and it is, therefore, a subject of regret, that such intention has not been more satisfactorily effectuated.

We would suggest, for the consideration of the House, the propriety of submitting a proposition to the Home Government, to receive all the Revenues, and to defray all the expenses of the Department within the Province; and in the event of such a proposal being accepted, we would recommend a reduction of at least fifty per cent on the present rates, which, in our opinion, would, in a short time, produce double the amount of the present Revenue.

The facilities for Post communication have a direct bearing upon the Educational status and general intelligence of every civilized Country, and are also of incalculable importance in a moral and political point of view.

Regarding our population as members of the same great British family which has encircled the world, we should ever appreciate and foster their desire for information upon all those important subjects which from time to time, are brought before the Public and which give an impress and character to the passing history of the age.

Privileged with a Representative form of Government, it is of the last importance that the Provincial People should be well informed on the political questions of the day. An intelligent Constituency will always make a watchful Representative; while the faithful labors of a Representative can only be duly appreciated by the intelligent Constituent.

We are therefore of opinion, that every effort should be made to open up facilities for the diffusion of knowledge by Post communications through every inhabited District of the Province; and we would impress this as a duty no less obligatory upon the Imperial than upon the Provincial Government.

We regret exceedingly to learn, since the meeting of the Legislature, that a contract has been entered into between Her Majesty's Government and that of the *United States*, for the

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the transmission of the *Anglo-Canada Mails* from *Boston to Montreal*, and that the *Steam Packets* will therefore be allowed to run direct from *Liverpool to Boston*.

Such an arrangement will prove highly injurious to the interests of the Lower Provinces, and calls for a decided and respectful remonstrance from the House.

After full consideration, we recommend that the House should bring the whole subject of our Post Office Department under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government, where we may confidently expect our grievances will be redressed, and ample justice done to the People of this Province.

In the meantime, we have turned our attention to the several Petitions referred to us, praying for grants for the support of Couriers and Packets, and we recommend that the sum of £545 be granted for this service, to be distributed as follows:—

- £80 for a Courier between *Fredericton* and *Saint Andrews*.
- £50 " " " *Fredericton* and *Finger Board*.
- £100 " " " *Petitcodiac* and *Miramichi*.
- £20 " " " *Madawaska* and *Saint Francis*.
- £25 " " " *Mouth of Necessis* and *Head of Long Reach*.
- £30 " " " *Saint John* and *Quaco*.
- £15 " " " *Washademoac* and *Sussex Vale*.
- £25 " " " *Gagetown* and *Salmon River*.
- £30 " " " *Bathurst* and *Pollemouche* by *Shippegan*.
- £30 " " " *Miramichi* and *Pollemouche* by *Tabiointac* and *Tracadie*.
- £100 for a Packet between *Saint Andrews*, *West Isles*, *Campo Bello*, and *Grand Manan*.
- £20 " " " *Baie Verte* and *Prince Edward Island*.
- £20 " " " *Skediac* and *Prince Edward Island*.

We have had under consideration the Petition of *Alexander McBeath* and others, containing charges against the Post Office Authorities of a grave character, into which we do not think the House is called upon to enquire, but the Petitioners should prefer their complaints to the Head of the Department.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) DAVID WACK.  
L. A. WILMOT.  
WILLIAM END.

Committee Room,  
29th March, 1845.

(Copy)

*House of Assembly*,  
9th April, 1845.

The House in Committee of the Whole on the Report from the Select Committee upon the subject of the Post Office Establishment, passed the following Resolution, which was adopted by the House:—

“Resolved unanimously, as the opinion of this Committee, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Post Office Establishment in this Province, submitted on the twenty-ninth day of March last, should be approved of and adopted by the House.”

(Signed) CHAS. P. WATMORE,  
Clerk.

(Copy.)

*Downing Street*,  
30th May, 1845.

SIR,

I am directed by Lord *Stanley* to transmit to you herewith, for the consideration of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant Governor of *New Brunswick*, enclosing a Joint Address to the Queen from the Legislative Council and Assembly of that Province, together with a Report of the Select Committee of the House of Assembly on the subject of the

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the Post Office Establishment in *New Brunswick*; and I am to request that you would move their Lordships to signify to Lord *Stanley*, as soon as may be practicable, their opinion as to the terms in which this Address to Her Majesty would be most properly answered.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. STEPHEN.

C. E. Trevelyan, Esquire,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)  
No. 336.

Downing Street,  
1st October, 1845.

SIR,

I have received your Despatch of the 26th April, No. 27, enclosing a Joint Address from the Legislative Council and Assembly of *New Brunswick*, together with a Report of a Select Committee of the later House, on the subject of the Post Office in that Province.

I have laid this Address before the Queen, and I have received Her Majesty's Commands to instruct you to return the following Answer to the two Houses of the Local Legislature, on the subject to which that Address refers.

It appears from the inquiries which have been instituted into the allegations contained in the Address, that some misapprehension exists in regard to the high Rates of Postage established by the Treasury Warrant of October, 1843, the fact being, that, with the exception of the introduction of the system of Weight instead of Enclosures, and of those cases in which a *reduction* of charge has been effected, the rates are the same as those previously existing in *British North America*.

I am informed by the Post Master General, that there is also some mistake respecting the expense of Managing the Provincial Post Office, the increase for that service since January, 1842, not being by any means so great as the Address represents. I enclose herewith an extract from a Report made to

the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury by the Post Master General, which will explain, with exactness, the instances in which there has been an increase in the Salaries of the Department, together with the grounds for the same.

The Address in the next place complains of diminished accommodation afforded by the Post Office Department, and that owing to the recent abandonment of some of the Lines, many of the oldest and most cultivated Districts of the Province are now left without any Post Office accommodation. Upon this point the Post Master General has made observations which I could not abridge with advantage. I therefore transmit a copy of them to you, in order that they may be communicated to the two Houses of the Legislature.

The Address concludes with certain proposals for the reduction of the Rates of Postage, the remission of Postage on Printed Votes and Newspapers, and for the establishment of additional Lines of Communication. Upon these points I am to state, first, that I learn from the Post Master General that the principal objection to a reduction of the Postage Rates in *New Brunswick* arises from the fear that the Revenue of the Department would not be sufficient to meet the expenditure. But at the same time his Lordship has observed, that the offer made by the Legislature of guaranteeing, *for a term of years*, such additional sum as might be required to defray the current charges of the Department, would meet this objection, and appears to be a fair and reasonable proposition. There would, however, be considerable inconvenience in the establishment of a totally different scale of Postage in *New Brunswick* from those prevailing in *Nova Scotia* and *Canada*.

Her Majesty's Government cannot consent to the abolition of the Postage on Printed Votes and Newspapers, as prayed for in the Address, considering that the Newspapers in *New Brunswick* are not liable to Stamp Duty, and that the cost of Mail Conveyance is exceedingly heavy in that Province; but the establishment of such additional Lines of Post communication as may be suggested by the Provincial Legislature will be authorized by the Post Master General when the necessary funds are provided: it being understood that those Posts shall be set up by the Post Master General

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General in order that the Rates of Postage may be levied according to Law; and that they shall be subject to His Lordship's control, and to the General Official Regulations adopted throughout the Empire.

There will be no objection whatever to a detailed Return of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Post Office Department being annually submitted to you by the Deputy Post Master General, for the purpose of being laid before the Provincial Legislature; and Her Majesty's Government will be ready to sanction any appropriation of the surplus Revenue of the Post Office in *New Brunswick*, either for the extension of the Posts, and Postal communication, or to the Public Service of the Province, in any manner that may be consistent with the provisions of the Law.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) STANLEY.

Lieutenant Governor,  
Sir *W. M. G. Colebrooke*.  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)  
No. 33.

*Fredericton, N. B.*  
27th April, 1846.

SIR,

I do myself the honor of enclosing to you the copy of a Despatch which I have recently addressed to Lord *Cathcart*, in pursuance of an Address to me from the House of Assembly, requesting that I would transmit to the Canadian Government, with the view of obtaining, through their co-operation, some improvement in the Post Office Regulations of these Provinces, which have been the subject of so much complaint. Considerable sums have been voted in the last Session to defray the expenses of Couriers for the current year, but it is generally felt that a reform of the existing system is required, in order to obtain due facilities for Post communications throughout the Province, and I conceive that after receiving a pledge from the Provincial Legislatures to guarantee any loss to the Revenues from this source, the reduced Rates in the United Kingdom, with the system of

prepayment by Stamps, ought to be introduced without delay. I am further of opinion that the Copyright, as well as the Post Office Acts ought to be amended, and that English Copyright ought not to extend to these Provinces except in virtue of Provincial Acts by which the high charges on English publications would be abated, which are so much beyond the means of the people, and so disproportioned to those in the *United States*, even where Copyrights are taken out for English Works. I beg leave to refer to my Despatches on these subjects, No. 70, and No. 121, of the 20th July, 1843, and 29th December, 1843, and No. 69, of July 28th, 1845.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) *W. M. G. COLEBROOKE*.

The Right Honorable  
*W. E. Gladstone*,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)  
No. 70.

*Government House*,  
*Montreal*, 8th June, 1846.

SIR,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in order that it may be laid at the Foot of the Throne, a Joint Address to the Queen from the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of this Province, praying that measures may be adopted for the transmission of Mails from the United Kingdom to the Colony twice a month during the whole year, and for a reduction in the Rates of Inland Postage.

The attainment of both these objects would, no doubt, prove of considerable advantage to the Inhabitants of this Province; and as they are dependent upon the Imperial Government for the means of accomplishing them, I beg leave to recommend the subject to your favorable consideration,

I am apprehensive, from the reply of the Post Master General to the Memorials of the Boards of Trade in *Montreal* and *Toronto*, communicated in Lord *Stanley's* Despatch, No. 405, of the 31st July last, to my Predecessor

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cessor, that the state of the Revenue arising from Postages may present an obstacle to any reduction in the Rates, which, however, it must be admitted, are very high, compared with those levied in the United Kingdom and in the neighboring Republic. The people here naturally contrast their position with that of those in the Countries referred to; and if it be practicable, I conceive that it would be both politic and desirable, that some effort should be made towards complying with their wishes, and reducing, to some extent at least, the present high Rates of Inland Postage.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) CATHCART.

The Right Honorable  
W. E. Gladstone,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)  
No. 39.

Downing Street,  
23d June, 1846.

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 33, of the 27th April, on the subject of the Post Office Regulations in *New Brunswick* and the adjoining Provinces, and relating also to the existing Law of Copyright as it is applicable to British *North America*.

I have transmitted an Extract of your Despatch on the question of the Post Office to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and I will communicate their Lordships' observations, if they should make any on that subject, to you at some future opportunity. In the meanwhile, I have to request you will inform me whether my predecessor's Despatch of the 1st of October last, respecting the Post Office affairs of *New Brunswick*, has been communicated to the two Branches of the Legislature, in answer to their Joint Address to the Queen on that subject. I should have assumed that such a Communication had been made, but for your present Despatch, which leaves me in considerable doubt upon the subject. You will therefore be pleased to report to me

what have been your actual proceedings in respect to it, and the grounds, if it should not have been laid before the Houses, why you declined to take that course. If, on the other hand, the Despatch has been communicated to the Legislature, I should wish to be informed what notice has been taken of it.

With regard to your remarks on the operation of the Law of Copyright, I have to acquaint you that I am at present in communication with another Department of Her Majesty's Government on this subject, and that I shall be careful to apprise you of the result. I cannot, however, lead you to anticipate that this Correspondence will enable Her Majesty's Government to announce to you their intention to propose an alteration in the Statute, and I must take this opportunity of explaining to you that the present stringent provisions of the Law did not proceed originally from any proposal from Her Majesty's Government, but were adopted by Parliament on the suggestion of an individual Member of the House of Commons, in deference to a strong public sentiment, and to the arguments by which it was sustained.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. E. GLADSTONE.

Lieutenant Governor,  
Sir W. M. G. Colebrooke,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Downing Street,  
3d July, 1846.

SIR,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Gladstone, to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a Despatch, No. 70, of the 8th of June, from the Governor of *Canada*, enclosing a Joint Address to the Queen from the two Houses of the Legislature of that Province, praying that measures may be adopted for the transmission of the Mails from this Country to *Canada* twice a month during the whole year; and for a reduction in the Rates of Inland Postage; and I am to request that you will lay this Address before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury,

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Treasury, and express Mr. *Gladstone's* opinion that it would be highly conducive to the interests of *Canada* to comply with the application for a reduction in the Rates of Postage on Letters in that Province.

Measures having been adopted for the more frequent transmission of Mails from this Country to *Canada* during the whole year, Mr. *Gladstone* has no observations to make on that point.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. STEPHEN.

C. E. Trevelyan, Esquire,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Downing Street,  
27th June, 1846.

SIR,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary *Gladstone* to transmit to you, for the consideration of the Lords' Commissioners of the Treasury, the copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant Governor of *New Brunswick*, No. 33, of the 27th of April last, enclosing the copy of a Letter to the Governor of *Canada*, in which suggestions are made for improving the Post Office arrangements in British *North America*; and I am to request that you will communicate to me the opinion which their Lordships may be induced to form upon these views of Sir *Wm. Colebrooke*. I am to add, that a Despatch was addressed to this Officer on the 1st of October last, in pursuance of the Letter from the Treasury of the 10th of the preceding month, respecting the Post Office affairs of *New Brunswick*, but that, as some doubt prevails whether the Legislature of the Colony has been made acquainted with the views of Her Majesty's Government, as explained in that Despatch, the Lieutenant Governor has been directed to report what proceedings, if any, he has taken on the subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. STEPHEN.

C. E. Trevelyan, Esquire,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Treasury Chambers,

10th September, 1846.

SIR,

With reference to your letters of the 27th June, and 23d July, and to the previous Correspondence relating to the Postal arrangements in the *North American* Colonies, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a Communication from the Post Master General, dated, the 18th ultimo, upon that subject, and I am to request that you will lay the same before Earl *Grey*, and observe to His Lordship, that with the view of facilitating arrangements for a compliance with the wishes urged, at various times, for a reduction of Colonial Postage, the Post Master General proposes to abandon the central control of this Country over the Establishments in the various Provinces of British *North America*; and it is needless to point out to Lord *Grey* the important considerations involved in this proposition.

You will state to His Lordship, that before My Lords entertain this project, they would wish to be favored with the opinion which he may form upon it, after such Communication as he may deem necessary with the different Colonies which would be affected by the proposed arrangement.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

James Stephen, Esquire,  
&c. &c. &c.

To the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

MY LORDS,

I have the honor to acknowledge the various Communications from *Canada* and *New Brunswick*, which were forwarded to this Office on the 3d, 14th, and 31st ultimo, respectively.

During the last two or three years, propositions of a similar nature, from the *North American*

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*American* Provinces for reduction of Postage, have reached this Country, and have been referred to this Department; but my predecessors, from an apprehension that any considerable diminution in the Rates of Postage must occasion such a loss of Revenue as would leave an amount insufficient to cover the Expenditure of the Department, have not felt themselves justified in recommending the adoption of any of the measures suggested. That there were reasonable grounds for this apprehension I have little doubt, especially as the Commissioners of Post Office Enquiry in *British North America*, in the Report which they made in December, 1841, unequivocally expressed the opinion, that a great reduction in the existing Rates "must necessarily bring the Receipts far below the Expenditure of the Department."

Looking, however, to the anxiety which is so generally felt throughout the *North American* Colonies for a reduction in the present Rates of Postage chargeable upon Inland Letters, I do not think it advisable longer to withhold the measures so strongly urged by the several Legislatures, especially as the Colonists express a disposition to make up the deficiency of the Post Office Revenue from the general Taxation of the Provinces.

Whether the higher Rates mentioned in the Address from the Canadian Legislature, or such as are at present in force in the United Kingdom, and which Sir *William Colebrooke* thinks ought to be extended to *New Brunswick*, shall be adopted, in either case the reduction will be very large; and as it must inevitably occasion a serious deficiency in the Postage Revenue, I deem it my duty to point out to Your Lordships the conclusion at which I have arrived, that under the existence of such a deficiency, the attempt to retain by this Department the control of the Post Office in the *North American* Provinces would be productive of much inconvenience, and of irritation, and that it would be preferable to place the management of the Postal arrangements at once in the hands of the Local Governments.

It is true that in one case the Provincial Legislature has offered to guarantee the payment of the sum required to meet the Expenditure of the Department, and it is not improbable that a similar undertaking might be obtained from the other Provinces. But however

excellent and sincere may be the disposition of the Colonial Assemblies to carry such guarantees into execution, I cannot shut my eyes to the probable consequences of a dependence upon them by this Office.

In a Department like the Post Office, differences of opinion must necessarily arise between the Colonies and the Authorities at Home, as to the Regulations upon which it should be conducted, the extent of accommodation to be given, the amount of the salaries to be paid, and above all, (in a new Country in which the Post Office is expected to afford the means of extending civilization, instead of as at Home following in its train,) as to the principle upon which new and frequently expensive Posts should be established. There is no more fertile source of contention in the *North American* Assemblies than the establishment of new Posts; and if the means of extending such Posts throughout the Colonies were provided by funds not of the Post Office, but granted from the general Colonial Revenue, however well administered the Department might be, I fear it would constantly be subjected to accusations of favoritism and of undue influences.

Even now the disposition to call in question every arrangement made by the Post Office in the *North American* Provinces is so strong, that virulent terms of abuse are employed against the Deputy Post Masters General for carrying out measures which have been expressly authorized by this Department; but with a deficiency of Revenue, this feeling would be much strengthened. It would be only reasonable to expect that the Legislative Assemblies would endeavour to ascertain, whether by a re-arrangement of the Posts, and other alterations in the administration, the deficiency could not be diminished, and whether greater economy could not be introduced with respect to Salaries. Under the influence of the same feeling, the emoluments of one Postmaster might be raised, those of another diminished, and the whole administration of the Post Office would practically be made dependent on the annual scrutiny and vote of Assemblies jealous of the powers of a Department nominally exempted from their control. Nor should it be overlooked that each Member would have the strongest local interest as regarded the extension of the Post in his own County or Township, as well as the amounts to be expended for

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for Post Office purposes in his own section of the Province.

I entertain, therefore, the conviction, that any measure producing a deficiency in the Post Office Revenue as would need to be provided for by a Vote in a Colonial Legislature, would be tantamount to a surrender of the administration of the Department by the Post Master General; and as I think that a large reduction of Rates ought to be granted, I am of opinion that it is better that the Post Master General should resign his control over the Post Offices in those Colonies at once. I deem it, however, practicable, and very expedient, to accompany this surrender by certain conditions, and by a demand that the Colonial Post Offices shall be conducted on such principles as will still retain, in effect, a great portion of the advantages of a Central Government.

I beg leave to suggest, that the *North American* Post Offices should be administered on the following principles, and that no Bills of the Provincial Legislature which are not conformable with them receive the Assent of the Imperial Government:

First, That no Transit Postage shall be chargeable on Letters forwarded between any of the *North American* Provinces, for the cost of conveyance through any one of those Provinces.

Secondly, That the uniform internal Colonial rate of two pence the half ounce shall still remain in operation as regards Letters transmitted in the British Mails between the United Kingdom and the *North American* Provinces, and that the same uniform Rate shall be extended to the Correspondence of those Countries with which we have Postal Conventions, in case such Countries should establish Packets of their own, and Her Majesty's Government should demand in their favor concession of such a privilege. Of course, in the event of an uniform internal Rate of less amount than two pence being adopted for Provincial Letters, the benefit should be given to the Correspondence of the United Kingdom and the Foreign Countries alluded to. This Rate should be collected according to the British scale.

Thirdly, That the pre-payment, or payment on delivery of Postage, shall still remain

optional with respect to the Correspondence transmitted between each of the Provinces respectively, but that each Province shall keep, as now, the amount it collects, in order to avoid complicated Accounts and heavy expenses for Exchanging Offices, for the purposes, of ascertaining the actual Revenue to which each is entitled for the *unpaid* Letters which it transmits to either of the other Provinces, and for the *paid* Letters received from those Provinces for delivery. With respect to the Correspondence transmitted between the *North American* Provinces and the United Kingdom, and that forwarded through the United Kingdom, a similar optional payment shall still remain wherever it is practicable, but the existing modes of account shall be retained both with respect to the British Packet Postage, and the uniform Internal Colonial Rate of two pence.

These three are, in my opinion, the main conditions which should be insisted upon, if the control of the Mother Country over the *North American* Post Offices is surrendered. I take leave also to suggest, that the maintenance of an uniform system and Rate of Postage throughout the *North American* Provinces is highly desirable. Under the present arrangements, this great advantage is enjoyed in those Colonies, and great inconvenience may result from the introduction of different systems, although upon this point we can hardly expect unanimity on the part of the different Provinces. As regards the Rates, it is obvious that an uniform Rate throughout the four Provinces must be the most equitable, and by far the most convenient that could be adopted.

It will be for Her Majesty's Government to determine whether these questions shall be decided at Home, and at once, or shall be left to the discretion of the Colonial Governments. I hope, however, that the British principle of weight, and the scale by which additional Rates are calculated, will in no case be abandoned.

Under the arrangements which I have proposed, the Packet Postage belonging to the United Kingdom, and which in the Lower Provinces has been applied towards the General Expenditure of the Department will, of course, be remitted home to the Mother Country, and it will become necessary to settle with *Canada*, the principle upon which the transit Postage due to the *United States* for the conveyance

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veyance of the British Mails through that Territory, should be defrayed, although it seems to me the most eligible course would be, that it should be paid in equal proportions by *Canada* and by the United Kingdom, as I am not prepared to recommend that an additional Rate should be levied upon the Correspondence to cover the charge for transit.

Arguments may be adduced to show that the administration of the Colonial Post Offices by the Department at Home, is that best calculated for the interests of the Colonies, and for those of the Mother Country ; but for the reasons I have ventured to state to Your Lordships, I am of opinion that, with a large deficiency of Revenue, it would be difficult to continue the control of the Post Offices of the North American Provinces in the hands of the Post Master General of the United Kingdom, and I take leave to recommend the subject to the consideration of Her Majesty's Government as being of very great importance.

(Signed) CLANRICARDE.

General Post Office,  
18th August, 1846.

(Copy.)

*Government House,*  
*Halifax, 17th March, 1847.*

MY LORD,

I hasten to transmit to Your Excellency a copy of an Act to which I have this day given my Assent, relating to the Trade between the British North American Possessions, and to express my hope that the Legislature of *Canada* will concur with us in the opinion that the freest Commercial intercourse between the several Colonies would be attended with common benefit, and will consequently lose no time in providing by Law for the removal of all Restrictions on Inter-Colonial Trade in this part of Her Majesty's Dominions.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. HARVEY.

His Excellency  
The Right Honorable  
The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,  
Governor General,  
&c. &c. &c.

P. S.—In connection with the subject of this Despatch, I have also the honor to enclose three printed copies of some Resolutions of the House of Assembly, passed on the 12th instant.

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PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

An Act in relation to the Trade between the British North American Possessions, passed 17th March, 1847.

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the Trade between the British North American Provinces of *Canada*, *New Brunswick*, *Prince Edward Island*, *Newfoundland*, and *Nova Scotia*, should be conducted in the most free and unrestricted manner: Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, that whenever, from time to time, the Importation into any other of the British North American Provinces hereinbefore mentioned of all Articles, the growth, production, or manufacture of this Province, (excepting Spirituous Liquors) shall by law be permitted free from Duty, the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall forthwith cause a Proclamation to be inserted in the Royal Gazette, fixing a short day thereafter on which the duty on all Articles (excepting Spirituous Liquors) being the growth, production, or manufacture of any such Province as aforesaid, into which the Importation of all Articles, the growth, produce, or manufacture of this Province (excepting Spirituous Liquors) shall be so permitted free from duty, shall cease and determine ; and from and after the day so limited and appointed, all such articles, the growth, produce or manufacture of any such Province in such Proclamation to be named (excepting Spirituous Liquors) shall be admitted into this Province duty free, upon such proof of origin and character as may from time to time be required in and by any Order of the Governor in Council.

And be it enacted, that this Act shall continue and be in force until the thirty-first day of March, which will be in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and no longer.

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DUTIES.

Finally agreed to by the House of Assembly,  
in Committee on Ways and Means,  
Friday, 12th March, 1847.

1<sup>o</sup>. Resolved, That on, from, and after, the 31st day of March, instant, the Colonial Impost Duties now levied and raised by virtue of the Provincial Acts now in force, shall continue to be levied, collected, and raised, as they now are, until the fifth day of July, ensuing, and thence until the 31st day of March, 1848, or until the Royal Assent shall be given to an Act for repealing the Duties of Customs imposed upon goods imported into this Province, by the Imperial Act of 1845, 8 and 9 Victoriae, chapter 93.

2<sup>o</sup>. Resolved, That all Duties of Customs, imposed by said Imperial Acts, shall be wholly repealed, in pursuance of the Imperial Act passed on the 28th day of August, 1846, by an Act of this Legislature, to take effect from the 5th day of July now next, or from such time thereafter as the Royal Assent shall be duly signified thereto.

3<sup>o</sup>. Resolved, That on, from, and after, the fifth day of July now next, if the Act for repealing such Duties shall have been previously assented to, and Proclamation thereof made in the Royal Gazette, or otherwise, from and after the day when such Proclamation shall have been duly made, there shall be levied, raised, and collected, the several and respective Colonial Duties set opposite to the several Articles in the column of Duties to the following Table affixed, payable in Sterling Money of Great Britain:

TABLE OF DUTIES.

Articles.	Duties in Stg. Momes.
Apples, fresh or dried, per barrel,	£0 4 0
Bacon, per cwt.,	0 9 0
Beef, salted, per cwt.,	0 6 0
“ fresh, per cwt.,	0 5 0
Biscuit or bread, per cwt.,	0 1 8
“ Fine, called Crackers or Cakes, per cwt.,	0 3 4
Butter, per cwt.,	0 8 0

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Candles, Wax, Spermaceti, or Composition, per lb.,	0 0 3
“ Tallow, per lb.,	0 0 1
Cattle, viz.: Horses, Mares, or Geldings, each	2 0 0
Neat Cattle, viz.: Oxen or other Neat Cattle, three years old, or upwards, each,	1 10 0
Cows and Cattle, under three years old,	0 10 0
Sheep, each,	0 3 0
Hogs, over 100 lbs. weight, each,	1 0 0
“ of 100 lbs. weight, and under, each	0 2 0
Cheese, per cwt.,	0 5 0
Chocolate, or Cocoa Paste, per lb	0 0 1
Coffee, Green, per lb.	0 0 1
“ Roasted, Burned, or Ground, per lb.,	0 0 2
Clocks, on all Clocks costing un- der 20s	0 5 0
“ On all others	0 10 0
Hams, smoked or dried, per cwt.	0 9 0
Lard, per cwt.,	0 8 0
Leather, Sole Leather, including Hides and Skins, partially dressed therefor, per lb.,	0 0 1
“ Upper Leather of all Sorts, including Hides and Skins, partially dressed therefor, per lb.,	0 0 2
Molasses, per gallon,	0 0 2
Onions, per cwt.,	0 2 6
Pears, Fresh or dried, per barrel,	0 4 0
Pork, salted, per cwt.,	0 6 0
“ Fresh, per cwt.,	0 4 0
Raisins, in Boxes, per lb.,	0 0 0½
“ In other Packages, per lb.	0 0 0¼
Spirits, viz.—Brandy, Gin, Rum or other Spirituous Li- quors (save and ex- cept Rum or Spir- its Distilled from Molasses, Grain, or Fruit,) which by any way or method whatsoever, shall be manufactured, compounded, or ex-	

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tracted, distilled, or made within this Province, not exceeding the strength of Proof by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of Proof, per gallon, . . . . .	0	1	4	kay, and other Green Teas, per lb. . . . .	0	0	3
Rum, or Spirits, distilled in this Province, from Molasses, Grain or Fruit, not exceeding the strength of Proof by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of Proof, per gallon, . . . . .	0	1	0	Tobacco, manufactured (except Snuff and Cigars,) per lb. . . . .	0	0	1½
Brandy, Whisky, Gin, Cordials, and other Spirits, except Rum, not exceeding the strength of Proof by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of Proof, per gallon, . . . . .	0	2	8	Tongues of Cattle, dried or pickled, per cwt. . . . .	0	9	0
Rum, not exceeding the strength of Proof by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in proportion for any greater strength than the strength of Proof, per gallon, . . . . .	0	1	6	Wines, viz.:—Hock, Constantia, Malmsey, Tokay, Champagne, Burgundy, Hermitage, Claret, called Lafitte, Latour, Margeau, or Hautbrian, per gallon, . . . . .	0	3	0
Shrub, or Santee, per gallon, . . . . .	0	1	4	Madeira and Port, per gallon, . . . . .	0	2	6
Sugar, Refined, per cwt., . . . . .	0	14	0	Sherry Wine, of which the first cost is £20 per pipe or upwards, per gallon, . . . . .	0	2	6
“ Crushed, and Bastard Facings, per cwt., . . . . .	0	10	0	Other Claret Wines, Barsac, Sauterne, Vin de Grave, Moselle, and other French Wines, and Lisbon and German Wines, per gallon, . . . . .	0	1	3
“ Brown or Muscovado, not refined, per cwt., . . . . .	0	7	0	All other Sherry Wines, Teneriffe, Marsala, Sicilian, Malaga, Fayal, and all other Wines, per gallon, . . . . .	0	1	3
Tea, viz.:—Souchong, Congo, Pekoe, Bohea, Pouchong, and all other Black Teas, per lb. . . . .	0	0	1½	Clocks, viz.:—All Wheels, Machinery and Materials for manufacturing Clocks, . . . . .	20	0	0
Gunpowder, Hyson, Young Hyson, Twan-				Hay and Straw for every £100 of the value, . . . . .			
				Cigars and Snuff, Currants and Figs, Leather, viz.:—Boots, Shoes, and Leather Manufactures of all sorts, . . . . .	10	0	0
				Meat, Fresh, Poultry of all sorts, dead, For every £100 of the value, . . . . .			
				All other Goods, Wares, and Merchandize, not otherwise charged with duty, and not enumerated in the Table of Exemptions, for every £100 of the value, . . . . .	5	0	0

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Asses and Mules.

Baggage and Apparel of Passengers, not intended for Sale.

Barilla and Soda Ash.

Beans.

Books not prohibited to be imported into the United Kingdom.

Bullion, Gold or Silver.

Burr Stones.

Cables, of Hemp or other Vegetable substance, and of Iron.

Coal.

Cocoa.

Coin, Gold and Silver Coins, and British Copper Coins.

Copper, viz:—Copper Ore, or in Pigs or Bricks.

In Plates, Sheets, Bars, or Bolts, for Ship Building.

Wrought or Cast, for Machinery, Pure, or without other metal.

Copper Castings, of every description, for Machinery, for Mills, or Steam Boats, Copper and Composition Nails and Spikes, for Ship Building.

Old or worn, or fit only to be remanufactured.

Cordage, Tarred or Untarred, and whether fitted for Rigging or otherwise.

Corkwood.

Corn, viz:—Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Barley, Oats, Rice, and Buckwheat, unground; Wheat Flour, Barley Meal, Rye Meal, Oat Meal, Indian Meal, Buckwheat Meal, Peas, Beans, and Calavances.

Fish, viz:—Fresh, Salted, Dried, or Pickled.

Fish Hooks.

Fish Oil, viz:—Train Oil, Spermaceti Oil, Head Matter and Blubber.

Fins and Skins, the produce of Fish or Creatures living in the sea.

Flax.

Furniture that has actually been in use, Working Tools and Implements, the Property of Emigrants or Persons coming to reside in this Province, and not intended for Sale.

Hemp.

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Hides, or pieces of Hides, raw, not tanned, curried, or dressed.

Horns.

Horses and Carriages of Travellers, and Horses, Cattle, Carriages, and other Vehicles, when employed in carrying Merchandise, together with the necessary Harness and Tackle, so long as the same are *bona fide* in use for that purpose.

Iron, viz:—In Bars or Pigs, Unwrought, or Pig Iron.

Ores of Iron of all kinds.

Castings, for Mills or Steam Engines, and Cast or Wrought Pipes and Tubes.

Sheet Iron.

Iron Rails, for Railroads; Boilers, Plates, and Plough Moulds.

Lentils.

Lime and Limestone.

Lines, for the Fisheries, of all kinds.

Machinery, or parts of Machinery, for Steam Engines or Carding Machines.

Manures of all kinds.

Maps and Charts.

Nets—Fishing Nets and Seines, of all kinds.

Oakum.

Ores, of all kinds.

Paintings.

Palm Oil.

Pitch.

Plants, Shrubs, and Trees.

Plate, of Gold and Silver, old, and fit only to be remanufactured.

Potatoes.

Rags, viz:—Old Rags, Old Rope, Junk, and Old Fishing Nets.

Rosin.

Sail Cloth of all kinds, Canvas included.

Sails or Rigging, saved from Vessels wrecked on the Coast of this Province.

Salt.

Seeds, of all kinds.

Skins, Furs, Pelts, or Tails, undressed.

Stone, unmanufactured.

Sugar, of the Maple.

Tallow.

Tar.

Twines and Lines, used in the Fisheries.

Tobacco, unmanufactured.

Tar.

Turpentine.

Whale Fin or Bone.

Wood, viz:—Boards, Planks, Staves, Square Timber, and Firewood.

40. Resolved, That when any of the British North

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North American Colonies shall allow the Importation from *Nova Scotia* of Articles the growth, produce, or manufacture of *Nova Scotia* free from Duty, all Articles the growth, produce, or manufacture of such Colony shall be Imported from such Colony into *Nova Scotia* free from Duty—and it shall be lawful in every such case for the Governor, with the advice of Council, by Proclamation in the Royal Gazette, to give immediate effect to an Act to be passed for that purpose.

5<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, that the several Duties imposed upon Licenses for Public Houses and Shops for the Sale of Liquors, and on Sales by Auction in *Halifax* and throughout the Province, be continued in the same manner, and at the same rates, as during the past year.

6<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the Act concerning the support and Regulation of Light Houses be continued in force for the year ending the 31st March, 1848.

(Copy.)

*Government House,  
Halifax, 11th May, 1847.*

MY LORD,

On the 17th March last, I had the honor to address a Letter to Your Lordship, in reference to the Act then just passed by the Legislature of this Province, relating to the Trade between the British North American Provinces, and having on the same day made similar communications to the Lieutenant Governors of *New Brunswick*, *Prince Edward Island*, and *Newfoundland*, I now beg leave to transmit to Your Lordship, copies of the Replies I have received from their Excellencies, as it may be agreeable to Your Lordship to be made acquainted with the proceedings that have been adopted in those Colonies on that important subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. HARVEY.

The Right Honorable  
The Earl of *Elgin and Kincardine*,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.) *Government House,  
Prince Edward Island,  
4th May 1847.*

SIR,

I took the earliest opportunity of submitting to the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of this Island, copies of Your Excellency's Despatch of the 17th March last, and of the Act relating to the Trade between the British North American Possessions, passed by the Legislature of *Nova Scotia*, which accompanied it.

I have now the honor to transmit to Your Excellency a copy of the Resolution passed in the House of Assembly, upon that important question.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. V. HUNTLEY.

His Excellency

Lieutenant General

Sir J. Harvey, K.C.B. and K.C.H.

&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

[A TRUE EXTRACT.]

*Prince Edward Island,  
In the House of Assembly,  
3d April, 1847.*

*Resolved*, That this House will, in its next Session, take into consideration the expediency of allowing Articles, the growth, produce, or manufacture of any of the British North American Colonies, to be imported, Duty free, into this Island, when such Colonies shall allow articles, the growth, produce, or manufacture of this Island, to be imported, free of Duty, into any such British North American Colonies.

(Signed) WILL. CULLEN,  
Clerk, H. A.

(Copy.) *Frederickton,  
16th April, 1847.*

SIR,

In reference to Your Excellency's Communication of 17th ult. I have the satisfaction to inform you, that the Legislature of this Province has passed an Act for the removal

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of



of restrictions upon the Trade between the Provinces, and which will come into operation on receiving Her Majesty's confirmation:

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) W. M. G. COLEBROOKE.  
His Excellency  
Lt. General Sir J. Harvey, K. C. B. & K. C. H., &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)  
Government House,  
St. Johns, Newfoundland,  
26th March, 1847.

SIR,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Letter of the 17th inst., transmitting a Copy of an Act passed by the Legislature of *Nova Scotia*, relating to the Trade between the British North American Possessions, and to assure Your Excellency that the subject to which it refers shall be brought under the consideration of the Legislature of this Colony when again in Session.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) ROBERT LAW.  
His Excellency  
Lt. General Sir J. Harvey,  
K.C.B. and K.C.H.  
Lieutenant Governor of *Nova Scotia*,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)  
To the Queen's Most Excellent 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 feelings of the most devoted attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Government.

The object of this our humble and dutiful Address is to bring under Your Majesty's Most Gracious consideration the present inef-

ficient and unsatisfactory state of the Post Office Department in this Province, with a view to obtain such improvements as may be practicable in its future arrangement.

We regret to inform Your Majesty, that very general dissatisfaction exists throughout the Province with regard to this Department, as well on account of the high Rates of Postage established by the Treasury Warrant of October, 1843, as from the recent increase of the expenses of management and the diminished accommodation latterly afforded to the people of the Province.

By the Accounts of Income and Expenditure laid before the Assembly in 1844, it appears that the amount of Salaries for the two years ending 5th January, 1843, was as follows:

For the year ending 5th January, 1842,	£1211 15 7
For the year ending 5th January, 1843,	1289 1 6

And by the Return laid before the Assembly at the present Session, it is shown, that the amount of Salaries for the year ending 5th January last, was £2580 13s 8d; from which it will manifestly appear to Your Majesty, that, under the system introduced in July, 1843, the Salaries and allowances to Officers have more than doubled. And when we inform Your Majesty that the number of Mails has, during the same time, been materially reduced, and the Postages, in several instances, increased, Your Majesty will, we humbly conceive, Graciously admit, that we have abundant cause to complain of the present management of the Department in this Province.

By the recent abandonment of some of the Lines, many of the oldest and most cultivated Districts of the Province are now left without any Post Office accommodation; and for the purpose of affording partial relief to those and other Districts, we have, during the present Session, appropriated upwards of six hundred pounds towards the support of sixteen additional Couriers and Packets in various parts of the Province for the present year.

Whether any Surplus Revenue has been collected since the half year ending the 5th July, 1843, we are not informed; but by the Returns laid before the Assembly at the last Session

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Session, it appeared that there was a Surplus in the two and a half years ending July, 1843, of £4856; and we humbly submit to Your Majesty, that such Surplus as may from time to time accrue, should not be expended out of the Province, but applied towards the establishment of additional Lines of Post Communication.

The present high Rates of Letter Postage, and the Tax upon Printed Papers, are considered so onerous, that not only is a large amount of Correspondence altogether prevented, but every opportunity by private conveyance is resorted to, and thus is the Law habitually and generally violated, and that with impunity! And we are, therefore, unanimously of opinion, that if the charge on Printed Papers were abolished, and the Letter Postage reduced one-half, the Income of the Department would, in a short time, be much larger than at present.

The Provincial Legislature, during the last ten years, have expended over one hundred and forty-five thousand pounds on the great Roads of Communication within the Province, which has contributed very materially to reduce the Rates of Contract for Mail Carriage; and it is, therefore, the more unsatisfactory to the Provincial Public, that less accommodation should be now afforded by the Department than in former years; and the general dissatisfaction is much increased by the fact, that the reduction of Public accommodation has been accompanied by a concurrent increase of Salaries. And we humbly represent to Your Majesty, that a much larger amount of Revenue is absorbed by the Salaries of the present Officers than is required for the efficient management of the Department.

The policy of Your Majesty's Government in reducing the Rates of Postage in the Mother Country, has recently been adopted in the *United States*. By an Enactment of Congress, the Rates of Postage in that Country have been reduced, on Single Letters not exceeding half an ounce, to five and ten cents, as the distance may be, under or over 300 miles, to take effect from the first day of July next; and as we are deeply impressed with the importance of extending the advantages of Post communication throughout the remotest Settlements of this Province, we respectfully submit that a very considerable reduction of

Rates, and the Establishment of additional Lines, are absolutely necessary for the beneficial attainment of this desirable end.

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Admitting the absolute necessity of preserving the Metropolitan Control of the Department, we do not venture to ask for a transfer of such control to the Provincial Government; but we humbly and earnestly submit the following propositions for Your Majesty's Most Gracious consideration:

First, That the Rates of Provincial Postage be reduced on Letters not exceeding half an ounce to a Maximum of Sixpence, and a Minimum of Twopence, according to the distance.

Second, That the Postage on Printed Votes and Newspapers be abolished.

Third, That the Deputy Post Master General of the Province shall, from time to time under the direction of the Post Master General, establish such additional Lines of Communication as may be suggested by the Provincial Legislature.

Fourth, That a full and particular account of Income and Expenditure be Annually laid before the Legislature by the Deputy Post Master General.

Fifth, That any Surplus Revenue collected within the Province, after appropriating such sums as may be required to keep up those proportions of the great Lines of Communication between *Nova Scotia* and *Canada*, and between *Nova Scotia* and the *United States*, which lie within this Province, and to maintain an efficient establishment here, may be applied in extending the facilities of Inter Provincial Communication.

Sixth, That in consideration of the foregoing propositions being acceded to by Your Majesty, the Legislature of this Province should guarantee, by Legislative Enactment, for a term of years, such additional sum of money as may, from time to time, be required to defray the current charges of the Department.

We, therefore, on behalf of Your Majesty's Loyal Subjects, the Inhabitants of this Province, confidently submit this our humble and dutiful Address to Your Majesty's Gracious consideration, and we earnestly and respectfully pray Your Majesty to grant such relief

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in the premises as the exigency of the case may require, and as to Your Majesty may seem meet.

And, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed) WILLIAM BLACK,  
*Prest. of Legislative Council.*

J. W. WELDON.  
*Speaker of the Assembly.*

(Copy.)

*Fredericton, N. B.,  
20th April, 1846.*

MY LORD,

I do myself the honor of enclosing to Your Lordship, copy of an Address to me from the House of Assembly of this Province, with a Joint Address from the Legislative Council and Assembly to the Queen, on the subject of the Post Office Department, and which I have been requested to transmit with the view of inviting the support and co-operation of the Canadian Legislature in obtaining, through Her Majesty's Government, increased facilities in the Post Communications of the Provinces, a Reduction of the Postage, and the introduction of an uniform Rate.

I enclose, also, copies of Despatches addressed by me to the Secretary of State on the subject of the Post Office and Copyhold Acts, and if the system established in the United Kingdom could be introduced, with a reduction of Rates on Prepayment, and the use of Stamps, the Assemblies guaranteeing any deficiency in the actual expenses of the Department; and also a relaxation of the Copy-

right Acts, as affecting these Provinces, I should consider that a signal benefit would be conferred upon them, and one which it would be impolitic to withhold, when the like facilities are so extensively enjoyed in the neighbouring States of the Union.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) WM. G. COLEBROOKE.

His Excellency,  
Lieut. General  
The Right Honble.  
The Earl of Cathcart,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

*New Brunswick,  
House of Assembly,  
13th April, 1846.*

*Resolved*—That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, together with a copy of the Joint Address of the two Houses, of last Session, to Her Majesty, on the subject of the Post Office Department, and praying His Excellency to transmit the same to His Lordship the Governor General, in order that the same may be brought under the consideration of the Canadian Legislature.

*Ordered*,—That Mr. *Wark*, Mr. *Partelow*, and Mr. *Brown*, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency with the Address.

(Signed) CHARLES P. WATMORE,  
*Clerk.*

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APPENDIX No. 9.

(Vide Journal, page 43.)

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*, from the 1st of June, 1845, to the 30th November, 1846, inclusive.

St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Return.

1846.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	1846.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nov 30	To cash received at Montreal, from the 13th June, 1845, to 30th November, 1846, on the first instalment,	6257	0	0				Nov 30	By amount expended by Mr. Galt, in England, being for Printing, Engraving, Traveling, Advertizing, Postage, &c.				963	14	5
do do	To cash received at the Agency of the City Bank, at Sherbrooke, on the first instalment,	4446	12	0				do do	By Advertising,				152	18	5
								do do	By Contingencies,				81	10	6
do do	Total amount received in Canada on the first instalment,				10,703	12	0	do do	By Discount by Bank of British North America.				0	1	2
do do	To amount received in London, being the first instalment on 2,633 Shares subscribed in Great Britain, £10,532 a 8 per cent., equal to				12,638	8	0	do do	By Engineer Department, including the sum of £39 17s. 1d. paid W. P. Crocker, Esq., on account of Preliminary Survey & Payment on Land Agency.				3089	14	7
								do do	By Office Expenses, Furniture, &c.				179	4	8½
								do do	By Professional services,				20	0	0
								do do	By Salaries,				506	13	4
								do do	By Bank of British North America, postage,				0	1	6
								do do	By Balance in Bank of B. N. A. in Montreal, this date,	2202	16	0			
									By Balance in City Bank, Sherbrooke,	3506	14	11			
									In Treasurer's hands,	0	2	5½			
								do do	Balance disposable in Canada,				5709	13	4½
									In England—						
									By Expenditure of London Committee £773 17s. 1d. stg., at 8 per cent., equal to				928	12	5
								do do	Invested in England—						
									£8204 stg., at 8 per cent., equal to				9844	16	0
									In the Company's Banker's hands, in London, £1554 2s. 11d. stg., at 8 per cent., equal to				1864	19	7
													£ 23,342	0	0
													£ 23,342	0	0

THOMAS STEERS, *Treasurer.*

Office of the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*,  
Montreal, June 17th, 1847.

I, *Thomas Steers*, Treasurer of the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*, swear that the foregoing Account of Receipts and Disbursements on the part of the said Company, is just and true in all its particulars, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

THOMAS STEERS,  
*Secy. and Treasurer.*

Sworn before me at *Montreal*,  
this 16th June, 1847.  
J. BELLE, J. P.

A P P E N D I X No. 10.

(Vide Journal, page 54.)

Return of the  
Montreal Me-  
chanics' Insti-  
tute.

Hall of the Mechanics' Institute,  
June 26th, 1847.

To the Honorable the Members of Her  
Majesty's Legislative Council for United  
Canada.

Honorable Sirs,

In accordance with the 12th Section of an  
Act of Incorporation passed by the Provincial  
Parliament, 8th Victoria, Cap. 93, entitled,  
"An Act to incorporate the Mechanics' Insti-  
tute of Montreal," I have the honor to most

respectfully transmit, for the information of  
Your Honorable House, the value of the  
Real and Personal Estate of the Institute at  
this time.

Library Apparatus, . . . . .	} £520 0 0 Currency.
Pictures, . . . . .	
Furniture, . . . . .	

I have the honor to be, Honble. Sirs, Your  
devoted and humble Servt.

WM. FOOTNER, Archt.  
Correspg. Secy. of the M. I., M.

A P P E N D I X No. 11.

(Vide Journal, page 54.)

Return of  
Bankrupts.  
(Not Printed.)

Note.—This Return, although referred to in the Appendix, is omitted (by Order)  
on account of the vast extent of matter embraced therein.

A P P E N D I X No. 12.

(Vide Journal, page 55.)

Despatch from  
Sir J. Harvey,  
transmitting  
Copies of

(Copy.)

Government House,  
Halifax, 15th June, 1847.

MY LORD,

In compliance with an Address of the  
House of Assembly of this Province, I have  
the honor to request that Your Excellency  
will invite the attention of the Legislature of  
Canada to the enclosed copies of Resolutions

passed by the House in the last Session, on  
the subject of the Post Office.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. HARVEY.

His Excellency  
The Right Honorable  
The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine,  
&c. &c. &c., Montreal.

(Copy.)

Resolutions of  
the House of  
Assembly of  
Nova Scotia,  
on the subject  
of the Post  
Office Depart-  
ment.

(Copy.)

*In the House of Assembly,  
29th March, 1847.*

1<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this House, that the extravagant charges for Postage within this Colony, and throughout the Provinces of *Canada*, *New Brunswick*, and *Prince Edward Island*, operate injuriously to the social and Commercial interests of the people.

2<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House, the interests of this Province, in common with those of the other Colonies above mentioned, would be materially advanced by the introduction of one uniform Rate of Colonial and inter-Colonial Postage, reduced in amount below the lowest Rate in the existing scale.

3<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the substitution of such reduced and uniform Rate for the scale of Rates which are now established—when once its practical operation were fairly tested by experience, and the immediate repression which might be its first result, were succeeded by the elasticity that would be the effect of improved and cheaper means of communication by Mail—would, in the opinion of this House, sustain, if indeed it would not increase, the Revenue derived from the Department in question.

4<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That this House, deeply impressed with a sense of the advantage which might be anticipated for this Province, from the greater facilities of intercourse, moral, intellectual, Commercial, and social, that one uniform low Rate of Postage charges would confer, even if for some years those advantages should be counterbalanced by a deficiency of Revenue, and a consequent increased charge upon the general funds of the Province, for maintenance of the Provincial Post Office, is of opinion that an uniform rate of three pence, Currency, should be established for Postage

throughout this Province, and that the House will be prepared to provide, by grant, for any deficiency of Post Office Revenue, to meet the necessary expenditure for Internal Communications, should such happen to exist.

5<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to have the concurrence of the Legislatures of *Canada*, *New Brunswick* and *Prince Edward Island*, with that of this Province, in views and measures, directed to the attainment of an improved system of management of the Post Office Department as far as respects these Colonies, and to the accomplishment of the proposed uniform Rate of Postage, founded on the recognition of common principles, and of the necessity of an independent authority placed in some one of the Colonies referred to, and constituted for purposes of central organization and direction of the Department under consideration, within certain limits to be prescribed and defined with the concurrent sanction of the Legislatures of *Canada*, and of the Lower Colonies.

6<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this House, that such consentaneous views and measures would result in the establishment of an uniform and harmonious system of management of inter-Colonial Post Office affairs, that would not present the possibility of any collision of the Colonial or inter-Colonial authorities with the Imperial Functionaries charged with the management of the General Post Office, nor interfere with the interests of the Empire in connection with that Department, whilst it would leave the net Post Office Revenue of each Colony, if such should exist, after deducting the expenses of management and communication within its limits, under the control of that particular Province.

Copies from the Journal.

(Signed) J. WHIDDEN,  
Clerk of Assembly.



## APPENDIX No. 13.

(Vide Journal, page 58.)

Despatches. SCHEDULE of Despatches accompanying the Governor General's Message of the 30th June, 1847.

No.	DATE.	SUBJECT.
	1846.	
70	26th May, . . .	Respecting the Magdalen Islands.
Circular,	30th May, . . .	With Revised Regulations to be observed in Incorporating Banking Companies in the Colonies.
46	2d November,	Objections pointed out to the Discriminating Duty imposed by the Customs Act of last Session, on Leather Articles.
51	12th Novr.,	Respecting the Act of last Session amending the Registry Laws of Upper Canada.
55	19th Novr.,	Points out some Provisions omitted in the Niagara Suspension Bridge Act, and in the several Railway Acts of last Session, and desires that they may be supplied.
2	3d December,	With Letter from Treasury pointing out Objections to the Reserved Bill of last Session to incorporate La Banque des Marchands.
	1847.	
23	1st February,	Points out Amendments required in the Acts of last Session relative to the Great Western Railroad, and the Montreal and Lachine Railroad.

Despatch on the subject of the Magdalen Islands.

(Copy.)

No. 70.

Downing Street,  
26th May, 1846.

MY LORD,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch of the 24th of last April, No. 36, in which you transmit Copies of a Joint Address presented to Your Lordship by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of *Canada*, and of the reply you returned to that Address, upon the subject of the annexation of the *Magdalen Islands* to the Government of *Prince Edward Island*.

I request Your Lordship to acquaint the two Houses of the Legislature, on the first convenient opportunity, that measures having been taken by the Executive Government in

*Canada*, to improve the Administration of Justice, and to protect the rights of Property within the *Magdalen Islands*, Her Majesty's Government do not consider it requisite at present to entertain further the question which has been raised with regard to the Annexation of that Dependency to the Government of *Prince Edward Island*, trusting to the efficacy of the measures in question to restore the Islands to a state of tranquillity and good order. The expediency of any further proceedings will, therefore, depend upon the experience which time will supply of the effect of the measures already adopted; and Your Lordship is authorized to convey to the two Houses of the Legislature the assurance that no measure will in any event be taken, with reference to this subject, without a due consideration of the feelings which may be entertained in regard to it by the Inhabitants of the Islands.

In the meantime, it will devolve on Your Lordship

Lordship to observe carefully the operation of the measures to which I have referred, and to report to me upon their results.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. E. GLADSTONE.

Governor,  
Lieutenant General  
The Earl Cathcart, K. C. B.  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Circular.

Downing Street,  
30th May, 1840.

MY LORD,

On the 4th May, 1840, Lord *John Russell* transmitted to you a copy of certain Regulations, the observance of which, in all Charters or Legislative Enactments relating to the Incorporation of Banking Companies in the Colonies, Her Majesty's Government then considered of much importance.

The Correspondence which has since taken place on subjects of this nature, and the arrangements, adopted by Parliament in regard to Banks of Issue in the United Kingdom, appear to Her Majesty's Government to have rendered necessary some modification of those Regulations, with a view to bring them into exact accordance with the principles on these subjects established in this Country. I accordingly transmit to you herewith, a series of Regulations, revised with that object, to be substituted for those of May, 1840.

These Regulations are forwarded to you, not, of course, as inflexible Rules, to be in all cases insisted on, but as embodying the general principles to be observed in the preparation of Colonial Acts for the Incorporation of Banking Companies; and Her Majesty's Government consider a compliance with all the more material conditions and restrictions as of much importance to the security of the Communities in which such Banks may be established, and more especially to the poorer classes of such Communities. I must, therefore, impress on you the necessity of using all

your legitimate influence to procure their introduction into any Bills which may be brought into the Legislature of the Colony under Your Government, for the Incorporation of Banking Companies; and with this view, it might be well that you should communicate with the Promoters of any such Bills, in which these conditions may be omitted, and point out to them that the instructions which you have received from Her Majesty's Government would place you under considerable difficulty in assenting to any such Bill, should it pass the Legislature in its actual form. I can hardly doubt that such a Communication, aided by an explanation of the grounds on which Her Majesty's Government have proceeded in drawing up these Regulations, would have the desired effect; but if not, and you should nevertheless feel it your duty to assent to the Act, it would be necessary, in transmitting that Act for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, that you should accompany it by a full report of the grounds on which you have proceeded.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) W. E. GLADSTONE.

Lieutenant General,  
The Earl Cathcart, K. C. B.  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

*Regulations and Conditions for the observance of which provision should be made in Charters or Legislative Enactments relating to the Incorporation of Banking Companies in the Colonies.*

1st, The amount of the Capital of the Company and number of Shares to be determined; and the whole of such determined amount to be subscribed for within a limited period, not exceeding eighteen months from the date of the Charter or Act of Incorporation.

2d, Shareholders to be declared a Body Corporate, with Common Seal and Perpetual Succession, and other usual Corporate Powers; and with any requisite Proviso that judgment against the Corporation shall attach to all additional liability of the Shareholders, as well as to paid up Capital and other Property of the Company.

3d,

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3d, Provision to be made, either by recital and confirmation of any Deed of Settlement in these respects or otherwise, for the due management of the Company's affairs by appointment of Directors, and so forth, so far as shall seem necessary for the security of the Public.

4th, No By-Law of the Company to be repugnant to the conditions of the Charter or Act of Incorporation, or to the Laws of any Colony in which the Company's Establishments may be placed.

5th, The Corporate Body thus constituted to be specially empowered, subject to the conditions hereafter mentioned, to carry on for, and during a limited term of years (not to exceed twenty-one years unless under particular circumstances), and within the Colony or Colonies specified in the Charter or Act of Incorporation, but not elsewhere, the business of Banker; and for and during the like term to issue and circulate within the said Colony or Colonies, but in such manner only as shall not be at variance with any general Law of the Colony, Promissory Notes payable in specie on demand.

6th, Such Banking Business or Issue of Notes not to commence or take place until the whole of the fixed Capital of the Company has been subscribed for, and a moiety at least of the subscription paid up.

7th, The remaining moiety of the Capital to be paid up within a given period from the date of the Charter or Act of Incorporation, such period not in general to exceed two years.

8th, in all cases in which Shares in the Company's Stock are transferred between the period of the grant of the Charter or Act of Incorporation and the actual commencing of business by the Bank, the responsibility of the original holder of the transferred Shares to continue for six months at least after the date of the transfer.

9th, The Company not to advance money on security of Lands, or Houses, or Ships, or on pledge of Merchandise, nor to hold Lands or Houses, except for the transaction of its Business, nor own Ships, or be engaged in Trade, except as dealers in Bullion or Bills of Exchange; but to confine its transactions, to

discounting Commercial Paper and Negotiable Securities, and other legitimate Banking business.

10th, The Company not to hold Shares in its own Stock, nor to make advances on the security of those Shares.

11th, The discounts or advances by the Company, on securities bearing the name of any Director or Officer thereof, as drawer, acceptor, or endorser, not to exceed at any time one third of the total advances and discounts of the Bank.

12th, The Dividends to Shareholders to be made out of profits only, and not out of the subscribed Capital of the Company.

13th, The total amount of the Debts and Liabilities of the Company, whether upon Bonds, Bills, Promissory Notes, or otherwise contracted, over and above the amount of Deposits on Banking Accounts with the Company's Establishments not to exceed at any time three times the amount of the Capital Stock subscribed and actually paid up.

14th, No Promissory or other Notes to be issued for sums under One Pound sterling (or in the North American Colonies £1 Halifax currency), or the equivalent thereof in any other Local currency, and not for fractional portions of such pound or other equivalent amount.

15th, All Promissory Notes of the Company, whether issued from the principal Establishment or from Branch Banks, to bear date at the place of issue, and to be payable on demand in Specie at the place of date.

16th, The total amount of the Promissory Notes payable on demand, issued, and in circulation, not at any time to exceed the amount of the Capital Stock of the Company actually paid up.

17th, In the event of the Assets of the Company being insufficient to meet its engagements, the Shareholders to be responsible to the extent of twice the amount of their subscribed shares (that is, for the amount subscribed, and for a further and additional amount equal thereto.)

18th, Suspension of Specie payments on demand at any of the Company's Banking Establishments;

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Establishments, for a given number of days (not in any case exceeding sixty) within any one year, either consecutively or at intervals, or other breach of the special conditions upon which the Company is empowered to open Banking Establishments or to issue and circulate Promissory Notes, to forfeit those privileges, which shall cease and determine upon such forfeiture, as if the period for which they had been granted had expired.

19th, The Company to make up and publish periodical Statements of its Assets and Liabilities half yearly or yearly; showing, under the heads specified in the annexed form, the average of the amount of its Notes in circulation, and other Liabilities, at the termination of each week or month, during the period to which the Statement refers, and the average amount of Specie or other Assets that were available to meet the same. Copies of these Statements to be submitted to the Government of the Colony within which the

Company may be established; and the Company to be prepared, if called upon, to verify such Statements by the production, as confidential documents, of the weekly or monthly balance sheets from which the same are compiled. And also to be prepared, upon requisition from the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to furnish, in like manner, such further information respecting the state or proceedings of its Banking Establishments as their Lordships may see fit to call for.

20th, The Charter or Act of Incorporation may provide for an addition to the Capital of the Company within specified limits, with the sanction of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury; such additional Capital, and the Shares and Subscriptions that may constitute the same, to be subject in every respect, from and after the date of the signification of such sanction, to conditions and regulations similar to those applying to the original Capital.

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### FORM OF RETURN REFERRED TO IN REGULATION No. 19.

RETURN of the Average Amount of Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of \_\_\_\_\_ during the periods from (1st January) to (30th June) 184 , viz. :—

LIABILITIES.	£	ASSETS.	£
Promissory Notes in Circulation, not bearing Interest,		Coin and Bullion,	
Bills of Exchange in Circulation, not bearing Interest,		Landed or other Property of the Corporation,	
Bills and Notes in Circulation, bearing Interest,		Government Securities,	
Balances due to other Banks,		Promissory Notes or Bills of other Banks,	
Cash Deposits, not bearing Interest,		Balances due from other Banks,	
Cash Deposits, bearing Interest,		Notes and Bills discounted, or other Debts due to the Corporation, not included under the foregoing heads, and exclusive of Debts abandoned as bad,	
To Shareholders for Capital paid up, . . . . . £			
To ditto for Additions declared to shares, (if any),			
To ditto for Dividends remaining unpaid, (if any),			
Total Average Liabilities, £		Total Average of Assets, £	

(Copy.)

Despatch on the subject of the Act of last Session relative to the Duty upon certain Leather Articles.

(Copy.)  
No. 46.

*Downing Street,*  
2d November, 1846.

My Lord,

I have had under my consideration the Act passed by the Legislature of *Canada*, on the 18th of May last, to alter and amend the Laws imposing Provincial Duties of Custom.

Although I have not considered it expedient to advise Her Majesty to withhold Her assent to this Act, I regret to observe that it imposes a discriminating Duty upon certain Leather Articles, imported otherwise than either by sea, or from some British Possession in *North America*.

I am strongly of opinion that the imposition of such Duties by our Colonies, is injudicious as respects the welfare of the Colonists themselves, as it is certainly calculated to embarrass the Imperial Government in its relations with Foreign Powers.

Your Lordship will not fail to represent to the Canadian Legislature, as strongly as possible, the inconveniences attendant on a Duty of this kind; and I trust you will be able to procure its immediate Amendment.

The necessary Order of Her Majesty in Council, leaving this Act to its operation, will be transmitted to Your Lordship by an early opportunity.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) GREY.

Governor,  
Lieutenant General,  
The Earl *Cathcart*, K. C. B.  
&c. &c. &c.

Despatch on the subject of the Act of last Session for Amending the Registry Laws of Upper Canada.

(Copy.)  
No. 51.

*Downing Street,*  
12th November, 1846.

My Lord,

Ninety-three Acts passed by the Legislature of *Canada* in the months of May and

June last, having been referred by the Queen in Council to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, that Committee have reported to Her Majesty in Council their opinion that the said Acts should be left to their operation. I have the honor to transmit to you herewith an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 30th October last, approving that Report.

I think it necessary, however, to notice an oversight which appears to have been committed in framing the Act No. 354, for consolidating and amending the Registry Laws of *Upper Canada*.

The 17th Section of that Act imposes upon persons forging certain Memorials there referred to, the punishment imposed by an Act of the 5th *Eliz.* (C. 14,) upon persons forging Deeds by which the Title to Freehold Lands is affected.

These punishments you will find to be, that the person convicted, besides forfeiting his Real Property to the Crown, and suffering Imprisonment for life, shall be set in the Pillory, and undergo certain kinds of Mutilation there mentioned. Of course it was not the intention of the Canadian Legislature to revive these barbarous forms of punishment, and I am confident that I am only anticipating their desire in requesting you to take such steps as may be necessary to procure the Amendment of this Law. In the meantime, I have not hesitated to advise Her Majesty that this Act should be left to its operation.

I will also draw your attention to an obscurity in the 6th Section of this Act, arising, as I conjecture, from the omission of the word "thereof" after the word "memorial," in the 13th line of that Section, to the apparent substitution of the word "Mortgagee," for the word "Mortgagor," in the 2d line of the 24th Section, and to the converse error in the last line of the same Section. These defects also, if they exist in the record, the Canadian Legislature will probably deem it expedient to remove.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) GREY.

Governor General,  
The Earl *Cathcart*,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Despatch, pointing out some provisions which are omitted in the Niagara Suspension Bridge Act, & the several Railway Acts of last Session, and desiring that the same may be supplied.

(Copy.)

No. 55.

Downing Street,  
19th November, 1846.

MY LORD,

Five Bills, passed by the Council and Assembly of *Canada*, in the month of last, and reserved by you for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, having been referred by the Queen in Council to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, that Committee have reported to Her Majesty in Council, their opinion that the said Bills should be specially confirmed and finally enacted.

I have the honor to transmit to you here-with an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 30th October, approving that Report.

Her Majesty has been advised to confirm these Bills, because Her Majesty's Government have been very unwilling to delay the commencement of Works which the Legislature of *Canada* has pronounced to be of public utility, but in signifying to you Her Majesty's decision I cannot omit the following remarks, which may, I trust, induce the Legislature of *Canada* to revise, and, in certain respects, to amend these Enactments.

It is considered absolutely necessary in this Country, that before the Royal Assent is given to any Railway Bill, the stability of the undertaking shall be proved by the payment of one-tenth of the proposed Capital.

In *Canada*, where so large a proportion of the Territory is still waste, it may not be necessary to exact guarantees against wanton interference with Private Property, as stringent as those which have been thought requisite in this highly cultivated and fully occupied Country. But it can hardly be safe in any Country to dispense wholly with this security, and the omission of any stipulation to that effect in the present Bills, appears to me, therefore a serious objection to the structure of them.

It is, of course, impossible to remedy the omission with regard to the Bills now confirmed, but I draw your attention to it with reference to proceedings which may be here-

after taken upon any similar Acts which may be brought into the Canadian Legislature.

I have next to observe, that these Acts contain no provision for limiting the maximum Rates to be charged upon the conveyance of Passengers and Goods. The practise in this Country has, during the two last years, been to impose such a maximum; the provisions in the older Railway Acts, which merely limited the Tolls to be charged for the use of the Railway, having been found practically useless, from the impossibility of making arrangements to enable other parties as well as the Company to run Trains moved by Steam power on Railways. I am of opinion that the improved Regulation, of which the necessity is ascertained in this Country, must be yet more wanted in *Canada*; because here the existing competition of Roads and Canals, and the probable competition of rival Lines of Railway, must operate powerfully in keeping charges down to a reasonable level, and because in *Canada* the same corrective influence exists, and must be felt, in a much lower degree. But whether the maximum Rates be or be not fixed, I think it essential that provision should be made similar to the 90th Section of the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act of 1845, for compelling the Companies to charge the Tolls equally to all persons under similar circumstances. Such a provision has been found necessary in this Country to prevent differential charges in favor of Persons or Goods using particular Roads or coming by particular modes of conveyance to or from the Railway, a system productive of the greatest injustice and public injury. I observe that a provision for this purpose is contained in the Bill for incorporating the "*Montreal and Kingston*" Company, and I think that care ought to be taken to require its adoption by the other and all future Companies.

The rapid growth of the Railway system in this Country, as you are aware, has been such that a great number of the most important Lines were laid down before the Government had matured any general scheme of superintendence, or regulation, and the Companies had thereby established claims, which, however inconvenient they might prove, could not, consistently with good faith, be altogether set aside. In the year 1844, a plan was introduced and accepted by the Legislature for obtaining a control over future Rail-

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way Companies, by regulating the amount of their profits, and by reserving to Government a right of purchase. This plan was introduced, not for the purpose of defining the course to be hereafter pursued, but for that of reserving to the Government a liberty to pursue that course, should it be found expedient.

I decidedly concur in the opinion expressed by my predecessor, in his Circular Despatch of the January, that it would be highly advantageous to reserve a similar power on the first introduction of the Railway system into any of our Colonies. But the Acts now confirmed do not contain any distinct provisions for this purpose, for I cannot regard as such the general expressions contained in them as to future legislation. I think it very desirable in itself that such provisions should be introduced into these and other Railway Acts; but I leave it to yourself to consider how far it would be wise or practicable to insist upon their insertion.

I observe that the "*Montreal and Kingston*" Company's Bill is the only one which contains any provisions respecting the carriage of Mails, and the conveyance of Troops and Military Stores. I think that it would be desirable that the Acts incorporating the other Companies should contain provisions with regard to the Mails similar to those contained in that Bill, and that those Acts should make some arrangements for securing the conveyance of Troops, at all times, and with the whole resources of the Company if necessary; since, in Military operations, time must often be a matter of great importance. In this respect I doubt whether even the provisions in the "*Montreal and Kingston*" Bill will be found perfectly satisfactory.

The same Company is the only one which makes reference to the subject of Electric Telegraphs. I do not see the objection to a similar provision being made by the other Companies. I draw attention to this point, however, chiefly for the purpose of remarking that I think it of great importance to the public safety, that in case any of these Companies propose to lay down only a single line of Rails, they should be required to establish an Electric Telegraph along the Line at its opening. I do not doubt that this point would be easily arranged.

I am of opinion that the provision which has been made in the Bill of the "*Montreal and Kingston*" Company, with regard to navigable Rivers, ought to be required in the case of the other Companies also. So much of the Trade of *Canada* depends upon its internal water communications, that it seems to be absolutely indispensable that security should be taken against the injury of those Communications by the works of any Railway; and I think the obligation to comply with any requisition of the Governor General on the subject is a proper and unobjectionable one. With respect to Level Crossings, I think it would be conducive to Public safety, if power were given to the Governor General to require, in particular cases, that gates should be placed across a Highway, instead of across the Railway, as at present directed. The rule in this Country is, that the gates should be across the Highway, but the Board of Trade has the power to alter it when it may seem expedient.

I must also observe that the time allowed for the completion of the "*Montreal and Kingston*," the "*Toronto and Lake Huron*," and the "*Peterborough and Port Hope*" Railways, is too long. The time limited for the completion of the other Lines is ten years, for the completion of these it is twenty years. I think it objectionable to allow the extensive powers granted to these Companies to lie dormant for so long a period, and to enable them to revive them at any time they may think fit; and as I consider that ten years is a period quite long enough for the completion of any Railway, I think it ought to be assigned as the limit in the case of the Companies above mentioned.

I have lastly to draw your attention to a discrepancy between the wording of some of these Bills, and the account given of their provisions in the Report transmitted by the Governor General of *Canada*. The capital of the "*Wolfe Island, Kingston, and Toronto*" Company, is £1,000,000, and it is provided in the Bill, that whenever the sum of £250,000 of the Capital Stock shall have been paid up and expended in the construction of some part or parts of the said Railroad, it shall be lawful to borrow, by way of loan, such sum or sums of money not to exceed *the balance of the Stock not paid in*, &c. The Report on this Bill states that the Capital of this Company is one million pounds, with power

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power to borrow a further sum of £250,000. A similar discrepancy occurs between the wording of the "*Peterborough and Port Hope*" Bill, and the Report. By the Bill it seems that the Company may borrow £85,000 when £15,000 is paid up: the Report states that it may borrow £15,000. The "*Kingston and Montreal*" Bill similarly provides that the Company may borrow £750,000 when £250,000 is paid up: the Report on this Bill does not allude to the power of borrowing at all.

If these Companies are really to have the power of borrowing the larger amount in each of these cases, I think those amounts are greatly too large. In this Country the rule is, that when half the Capital has been paid up, the Company may borrow to the amount of one-third of the Capital, and may pay off such debt and borrow again as often as it thinks fit, so that the total debt never exceed that proportion. I do not gather from these Bills that the Companies are to have the power of borrowing again after having once borrowed the full amount allowed, though they may have paid off the whole or part of their debt. Without recommending the enforcement in the Colony of the exact practice of this Country in this respect, I think it right to call your attention to it.

I trust that your endeavours to obtain a revision and amendment of these Acts will be aided by the proof which the Queen has given, in the confirmation of them in their present shape, of Her Majesty's reliance on the wisdom of the Canadian Legislature, and on the good sense and public spirit of the Promoters of these great undertakings.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GREY.

Governor General  
The Right Honorable  
Earl Cathcart, K.C.B.,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)  
No. 2.

Downing Street,  
3d December, 1846.

MY LORD,

I have had under my consideration a Bill passed during the last Session of the Canadian Legislature, and reserved by your predecessor for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, intituled, "An Act to incorporate La Banque des Marchands."

Having referred this Bill to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, I transmit for your information the accompanying copy of a Letter containing their Lordships views on the subject.

Your Lordship will bring this Letter under the consideration of the Executive Council, and will state to them that I entirely concur with the Lords Commissioners as to the objections which exist to this Bill, and that I am strongly of opinion that it should be amended. I shall therefore be glad to learn that the Executive Council are of opinion that a Bill for this purpose could with advantage be introduced into the Assembly; but in the event of their entertaining a contrary opinion, and should Your Lordship report to me the wish of the Provincial Legislature that the Bill, as it now stands, should receive Her Majesty's confirmation, I shall no longer refuse to advise Her Majesty to give Her Assent to it.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) GREY.

The Earl of Elgin,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Treasury Chambers,  
21st November, 1846.

SIR,

With reference to your Letter of the 9th ultimo, and to the Act of the Canadian Legislature "to incorporate La Banque des Marchands"

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chands" in the City of *Montreal*, therein submitted to this Board, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, to request you will observe to Earl *Grey* that the Act appears to My Lords to have been drawn in accordance with the provisions of the Acts referred to in the Governor General's Memorandum for incorporating the City Bank and the Bank of *Montreal*, and that My Lords do not perceive in it any such serious deviations from the Regulations framed by this Board, with the concurrence of the Board of Trade, relating to the incorporation of Banking Companies in the Colonies, as would induce them to hesitate in submitting it to Her Majesty for confirmation, except as regards the Clause which confers on the proposed Bank the power enjoyed by the existing Banks, of issuing 5s Promissory Notes.

I am to state that My Lords, being strongly impressed with the evils of a Note circulation of small denominations, which can only subsist by the exclusion of Specie, and which must expose the Community to risks which it is needless specifically to point out, have felt it incumbent on them to advert more especially to the tendency of the Bill now brought under their notice to extend that system in *Canada*, and to consider what force may still attach to the reasons which induced their Predecessors in 1842, to waive the objections which they (equally with the present Board) entertained to the circulation of 5s Notes in that Province, and to assent to the Acts then submitted for the confirmation of Her Majesty.

My Lords observe that the opinion then expressed by the Board of Treasury had reference to the probable embarrassment which might ensue in the peculiar state of the Province at that time by the disallowance of Acts which appeared to have received the careful consideration of the late Governor General and the Members of the respective Houses of Legislature. Their Lordships at the same time expressed a hope that the Canadian Legislature would avail itself of the power, reserved to it in the Acts incorporating the Banks, of making further Regulations regarding the issue of Promissory Notes, and would revise that part of the Banking System of the Province with the view of giving to the people of *Canada* the advantage of a Metallic Cur-

The Bills in question appear therefore to have been assented to on grounds of temporary expediency, at a time when delay might have been attended with embarrassment.

The reasons which influenced Her Majesty's Government to prompt concession on the former occasion, do not apply with equal force to the Measure now under consideration. After a lapse of four years, the Canadian Government has had ample time for considering the tendency of the present Banking System of the Province, and it might have been expected that a Bill which contemplates the further extension of that System, would have been accompanied by some explanation from the Governor General, of the views both of the Legislative Bodies and of the Executive Council upon the general question. The Governor General may have been of opinion that the fact of a privilege having been conceded to existing Banks, is to be considered in the light of a permanent precedent, to be followed in the formation of any Banking Companies. But My Lords cannot consider that the fact of the existence of a privilege of this nature, affords a sufficient reason for the concession of similar powers to new Establishments. In dealing with the Banking Establishments of this Country, the Imperial Parliament did not recognize any such claim. Existing interests were respected, but several powers enjoyed by Banks established before the passing of recent Acts of Parliament, are withheld from new Establishments formed after a certain date.

My Lords attach the greatest importance to the substitution of a Currency founded upon a sound and Metallic basis for the present unsound system; but there are considerations of a local character which the Legislature of a Province is best qualified to estimate, and which must be taken into account in determining the time when, and the mode in which a change from a system, to which the Community has become habituated, should be brought about; and their Lordships have no wish to force prematurely on the Legislature of *Canada*, the consideration of this question, to which its attention was drawn by the communication of this Board to the Secretary of State of the 14th February, 1842. They are unwilling, therefore, to advise the summary rejection of a Bill which has received the Assent of that Legislature. But in the absence of information regarding the present

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state of the Circulation of *Canada*, and of any assurance that the bearings of this Bill upon that question have received the mature consideration of the Executive Government, their Lordships feel it their duty to pause before they consent to the submission, for the approval of Her Majesty, of a Measure which they consider objectionable in principle.

They would suggest, as the preferable course, that the Bill should be referred back again to the Governor General, with instructions to bring the subject in all its bearings under the considerations of the Executive Council, in order that, if, after consultation with them, he should deem it expedient that the 5s. Note Circulation should not be extended beyond the limits prescribed by the Charter of existing Banks, the necessary steps should be taken for an amendment of the Bill in that respect before it is submitted to Her Majesty. If, on the other hand, the Governor General and Council should be of opinion that, on the whole, the incorporation of the proposed Bank without any limitation of the powers enjoyed by other local Banks regarding the issue of Promissory Notes would be for the Public advantage, My Lords propose that the terms of the reference should leave him the option of returning the Bill in its present shape to the Secretary of State, with a report of his reasons for recommending it for the allowance of Her Majesty.

My Lords consider it very desirable that the attention of the Governor General should be called to the views always entertained by the Board of Treasury of the extreme danger of a Small Note currency, which have been at various times communicated to the Colonial Legislatures.

Their Lordships conceive that the reasons which have induced the Imperial Legislature to abolish One Pound Notes in England apply equally, in principle, to the question of restricting, and ultimately discontinuing, Dollar Notes in *Canada*.

They feel it, however, unnecessary to repeat their views; and in referring the matter to the Governor General, they have only to add that, whatever course His Excellency may determine on recommending, it would be desirable that Her Majesty's Government should be furnished with a clear exposition of the views of the Canadian Government upon the question of the Currency of the Province.

I am further to state, that if Lord Grey concurs in the opinion of this Board as to the expediency of referring this Bill for the further consideration of the Governor General in regard to the clauses authorizing the issue of Promissory Notes, it may be desirable to call the attention of His Excellency, at the same time, to the deviations from the Regulations recommended by Her Majesty's Government in those particulars which relate to periods prescribed for the subscription and payment of Capital, and more especially to the omission of that provision which in case of the transfer of shares in the time intervening between the Act of Incorporation and the commencement of business, continues the responsibility of original Shareholders for a period of six months.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) C. E. TREVELYAN.

James Stephen, Esquire,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)  
No. 23.

Downing Street,  
1st February, 1847.

MY LORD,

With reference to my Despatch, No. 22, of 1st instant, enclosing an Order of Her Majesty in Council, leaving to their operation two Acts passed by the Legislature of *Canada* in the month of June last, I transmit, for Your Lordship's information, the accompanying copies of a Correspondence on the subject of the Act No. 401, amending the Charter of the Great Western Railroad Company of *Canada*, which has passed with the Committee of the Company in this Country, and which will place you in possession of the views of Her Majesty's Government with respect to this Enactment.

As I consider the assurance given by the Committee that the Company would recommend to the Provincial Legislature the adoption of the Amendment specified in the Letter from this Office, of the 20th November; to be satisfactory, I had no difficulty in advising Her Majesty to Assent to the Act in question.

With

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C. O., 26 Novr.  
Mr. Masterman,  
4 Jan'y.  
C. O., 9 Jan'y.

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With reference to the Act 402, incorporating the *Montreal and Lachine* Railroad Company, I have to make the following observations:—

1st. With respect to the power given under the Act to the Directors of making By-laws without any provision being made for their being subject to revision by any higher authority, I conceive that it would be for the Public interest in *Canada*, that a provision should be made requiring the Directors to submit their By-laws to the approval of the Governor General.

2d. I do not find it stated in the Act whether any proportion of the Capital of the Company has been paid up and invested, nor is there any provision requiring that it should be paid up before the commencement of the Works. I think it important to notice this fact, as the pre-payment of part of the Capital is one of the best tests of the *bonâ fide* character of projects of this description.

3d. With respect to the provisions of this Act, relative to the conveyance of Troops, I must repeat the observations I made to Your Lordship's Predecessor in my Despatch, No. 55, of 16th November last, that this, and all similar Enactments, should contain provisions for securing the conveyance of Troops at all times, and with the whole resources of the Company, if necessary.

4th. I am of opinion that the clause making a wilful obstruction of the free use of the Railway a felony, is too severe; in this Country the offence is only punished as a misdemeanor.

5th. I think it right to direct your attention to the omission in this Act of a maximum table of Rates, though the omission appears to me the less objectionable, as there is a provision for the Rates being charged equally to all Persons.

6th. The provision that when the profits of the Company exceed twelve per cent., half of the surplus should be paid into the Colonial Treasury is, in the opinion of Her Majesty's Government, certainly objectionable. If it is the object of the Colonial Government to raise a Revenue from Railway Traffic, they ought to impose a Passenger Tax or some other direct impost upon the Company. If twelve per cent. is thought a reasonable maximum

imum Rate of Profit for the Company, the Government ought to take power to reduce the Fares when that per centage is exceeded. I am aware that a provision similar to this was contained in the Act No. 232, passed by the Canadian Legislature in the Session of 1845, for incorporating the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic* Railroad Company, and as the attention of the Colonial Government has, since that time, been called to the propriety of empowering the Executive to reduce the Tolls when a certain Rate of profit has been attained, and, as the provision in the present Act is directly opposed to that recommendation, I think it right to call your attention to it.

7th, I observe that among the powers taken by this Company for the construction of the intended Line, is one which enables them to turn the course of any Streams or Rivers, and that, although in a subsequent part of the Act it is provided, that no injury is to be done to the Navigation of the *St. Lawrence* in the construction of the Works at *Lachine*, there is no provision for the protection of the Navigation of any other Waters which the Line may cross. I am strongly of opinion, that in a Country so dependent upon Water Communication as *Canada*, especial care ought to be taken that no damage be done to the Canals and Navigable Rivers, and I am of opinion, that it would be very advisable to propose to the Legislature of *Canada* a separate Enactment for the purpose of giving the Executive Government a general control over all Works undertaken by Railway Companies, which might have a tendency to impede the Free Navigation of the Internal Waters of the Province. Such an Act would probably be more effectual, and more convenient, than interference with each Railway Act.

I have to instruct Your Lordship to submit the points to which I have adverted to the consideration of the Canadian Legislature, and I confidently trust that they will not object to the amendments which Her Majesty's Government deem it desirable should be introduced into this Act.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GREY.

Governor,

The Right Honorable

The Earl of *Elgin and Kincardine*,

&c. &c. &c.

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*Downing Street,*  
26th November, 1846.

GENTLEMEN,

Her Majesty's Government having had under their consideration the Act passed by the Legislature of *Canada* for amending the Charter of the Great Western Railway Company, I am directed by Earl *Grey* to acquaint you, that, with respect to the power given under the Act to the Directors of making By-laws without any provision for their being subject, as is the case in this Country, to revision by any higher authority, Her Majesty's Government conceive that it would be for the Public interest in *Canada*, that provision should be made requiring the Directors to submit their By-laws for the approval of the Governor General of the Province. Upon receiving from you an assurance that the Company will concur in recommending to the Provincial Legislature the adoption of the above amendment, Lord *Grey* will be prepared to advise Her Majesty to confirm the Act in question.

I have, &amp;c.,

(Signed) B. HAWES.

Messrs. *Chaplin, Devaux, & Co.*

(Copy.)

*Nicholas Lane,*  
4th January, 1847.

DEAR SIR,

I have the pleasure to enclose the undertaking required by Earl *Grey*, which is signed by all the Members of the Corresponding Committee of the Great Western Railway of *Canada*, Mr. *Moss*, of *Liverpool*, who was named in the Act, having retired.

The circumstance of Her Majesty's Assent not having been given to the last Act of the Legislature for so long a period has operated very prejudicially to the interests of the

Railway, as the former Acts did not recognize English Shareholders or an English Committee, and therefore no Share Register could be opened here nor other facility given to encourage English Capitalists, and any further delay would still more embarrass it.

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May I therefore solicit your kind assistance in procuring for us Her Majesty's Assent as speedily as possible. The Committee will then immediately open the Registry sanctioned by the Act, and do their best to carry out the object of the Company, which they feel is of the first importance to the Colony.

I have, &amp;c.,

(Signed) J. MASTERMAN.

*B. Hawes*, Esquire,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

*London*, 2d January, 1847.

MY LORD,

It having been intimated to us, by Mr. Under Secretary *Hawes*, that Your Lordship has had under consideration the Act passed by the Legislature of *Canada* for amending the Charter of the Great Western Railway Company, and that with respect to the power given under the Act to the Directors to make By-laws without any provision for their being subject to revision by any higher authority, Your Lordship is of opinion that it would be for the Public interest in *Canada*, that provision should be made requiring the Directors to submit their By-laws for the approval of the Governor General of the Province, and that upon receiving from us an assurance that the Company will concur in recommending to the Provincial Legislature the adoption of the above amendment, Your Lordship would be prepared to advise Her Majesty to confirm the Act in question; we, the Corresponding Committee in *England*, beg to assure Your Lordship that we will (on receipt of Her Majesty's approval of the Act) bring before the Provincial Legislature a Bill for



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for carrying into effect the Amendment suggested by Your Lordship.

We have, &c.,

(Signed) W. T. CHAPLIN,  
C. DEVAUX, pro M. UPILLI,  
H. J. ENSHOVEN,  
A. LEWIS GOWER,  
GEO. HUDSON,  
S. LAING,  
J. MASTERMAN,  
THOMAS SMITH,  
M. UGRETH,  
G. S. WALTERS.

(Copy.)

Downing Street,  
9th January 1847.

SIR,

I am directed by Earl Grey to acquaint you, in reply to your Letter of the 4th inst, that the assurance which the Committee of the Great Western Railway of *Canada* have given, that they will recommend to the Provincial Legislature the amendment in the Act for amending the Charter of the Company, specified in my Letter of the 26th November last, is perfectly satisfactory to His Lordship, and that measures will at once be taken for obtaining Her Majesty's confirmation of the Act in question.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) B. HAWES.

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A P P E N D I X No. 14.

(Vide Journal, page 71.)

Copy of a Despatch from His Excellency the Governor General relating to the condition of the Immigrants at the Quarantine Station.

(Copy.)  
No. 87.

Downing Street,  
18th June, 1847.

MY LORD,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch No. 51, of the 28th May, and of its enclosures, reporting the wretched condition of the Emigrants who have arrived at the Quarantine Station in the River *St. Lawrence*, up to the 26th May.

I am extremely concerned to receive this lamentable account of the state of the Passengers on their arrival in *Canada*, and I hasten to instruct Your Lordship to adopt all the measures which may appear to you best calculated to mitigate their sufferings, whether by increasing the number of Medical Attendants at the Quarantine Station, or providing a greater extent of accommodation, even if for that purpose it should unfortunately

be necessary to exceed the amount of the vote which has been obtained from Parliament for these services.

It is very satisfactory to me to learn from the Board of Ordnance, that on Your Lordship's application to the Commander of the Forces in *Canada*, the Ordnance Officers in the Province have already forwarded to the Quarantine Station, Tents capable of containing 10,000 persons, and that a detachment of Troops has also been furnished for the purpose of erecting and taking charge of the Tents.

This proceeding will have afforded prompt and seasonable relief to the Emigrants; and obtains my complete approval.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) GREY.

Right Honorable  
The Earl of *Elgin*, &c. &c. &c.

Copy of a Despatch from His Excellency the Governor General relating to the condition of the Immigrants at the Quarantine Station.

(Copy.)

Copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State relative to the amount subscribed in the Province for the relief of the distress prevailing in Ireland and Scotland. (Copy.)

No. 88.

Downing Street,

18th June, 1847.

MY LORD,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 50, of the 28th of May, in which you report that a very large amount had been subscribed in the Province of *Canada*, for the relief of the distress prevailing in *Ireland* and *Scotland*.

I have perused this statement with a deep sense of the benevolent and liberal feeling which has been evinced by the Inhabitants of *Canada* for their distressed fellow-subjects in the United Kingdom, and it is most gratifying to learn that the Native Tribes have not been backward in taking their part in so laudable a work.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GREY.

The Right Honorable  
The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,  
&c. &c. &c.

A P P E N D I X No. 15.

(Vide Journal, page 79.)

Copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State on the subject of Emigration and Colonization. (Copy.)

No. 47.

Downing Street,

1st April, 1847.

MY LORD,

I have had the honor of receiving Your Lordship's Despatch No. 7, of February 25th, with its enclosures, on the subject of Emigration. The papers furnished to you by Mr. *Draper* and by Mr. *Buchanan* certainly place in a strong light the difficulties of any plan for the systematic settlement of Emigrants which has yet been proposed; difficulties which are greatly increased, or, more properly speaking, are mainly to be traced to the manner in which so large a portion of the Public Lands of *Canada* have already been alienated, and to the fact that, by long usage men's minds are become habituated to the irregular and unsystematic methods of occupying the Territory, which have hitherto prevailed.

I cannot hope that, under these circumstances, it will be practicable, during the present season, to carry into effect any scheme of Colonization in the proper sense of the

word, and I am compelled to come to the conclusion, that all that can be done for the present is to persevere in the use of the same means which have for some years been employed, in order to afford to the very large number of Emigrants who are now flocking to the Ports of Embarkation the assistance they will require when they reach the Colonies.

But though more than this may for the present be impracticable, I confess that even the able papers of Mr. *Draper* and of Mr. *Buchanan*, supported, as I must admit them to be, by the testimony of all the gentlemen of practical experience upon this subject whom I have had the means of consulting, have not been able to satisfy me that, with the co-operation of the Provincial Legislature, it would be impossible to establish some system for the future, by which Colonization might be carried forward upon a more regular plan, and upon a larger scale than has yet been attempted. The persuasion that this might be accomplished is very generally entertained in this Country, and I have the honor of enclosing a Memorial addressed to the First Lord of the Treasury (just published as a pamphlet) which advocates the adoption of such a Measure

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Copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State on the subject of Emigration and Colonization.

sure, and which has been so strongly pressed upon the consideration of Her Majesty's Government, that I am anxious to learn what may be the opinion which, with the extensive means of obtaining accurate information upon the subject within your reach, Your Lordship may form upon it. You will observe that, although the pamphlet is written with talent, and there is much that is striking in all the preliminary observations, in the practical part of the plan which it is intended to advocate, there is considerable vagueness and obscurity, and an absence of those details, in the arrangement of which so much of the difficulty of every scheme of Emigration has been found to consist. So far, however, as details are given, the suggested measure seems to be open to serious objections. I greatly doubt whether the District Councils, upon the co-operation of which so much reliance is placed, are bodies which would be found either able or willing to afford the aid expected from them in carrying on Public Works, with a view of affording employment to Emigrants. I also greatly doubt whether any advantage, at all proportioned to the cost, would arise from the proposal to pay to a great Company the sum of Five Pounds for every Emigrant fairly settled upon the Land. I find from the information collected by the Emigration Commissioners, and published in their last circular, that in the last twenty years, 1,337,000 persons have emigrated to different parts of *North America*, of whom, by far, the majority were of the laboring class. These Emigrants have, for the most part, ultimately established themselves either as Settlers, or as permanent Residents in the Towns, without any cost to the Public, beyond the trifling sums annually expended under the system now in force; but had the plan of the authors of this pamphlet been in operation, the gratuitous assistance offered would have attracted to the British Provinces a large proportion of those who have actually gone to the *United States*, and it is a very moderate estimate to suppose that bounty would have been claimed for the Settlement of 400,000 of these Emigrants, so that the sum of £2,000,000 would have been thus expended. To this must be added the proposed contribution of one third of the cost of the passage to *America*, of the whole body of Emigrants, which, calculated at only £1 for each Emigrant, would have amounted to £1,337,000. Thus, without accomplishing more than has now been accomplished, at

scarcely any expense to the Public, a total expenditure would have been incurred of no less than £3,337,000, and it would only have been the money in excess of this amount so laid out which would have really contributed to increase the stream of Emigration from this Country.

But assuming that Parliament were prepared to grant such a very large sum of money for this purpose, I cannot but believe that more would really be accomplished towards encouraging Emigration by applying it to the construction of great Public Works—such, for instance, as Railways—by which employment would be provided for a large number of Emigrants in the first instance, and a great extent of Land would be rendered far more accessible, and therefore available for Settlement, than it now is. The demand for labor thus created would, I am inclined to think, create a spontaneous Emigration to a larger extent, and of a more healthy character, than the adoption of such a scheme as has been suggested.

So far as I can at present judge of this scheme, it does not, therefore, appear to me to be one calculated to succeed; but as I have already observed, I am not yet convinced that, with the effective co-operation of the Colonial Legislature, a great extension, and, at the same time, a more regular character might not be given to the present tide of Emigration without imposing any considerable, perhaps, even any permanent burthen, upon the British Treasury. We know that, unaided and undirected in their efforts as they now are, numbers of the Emigrants who reach *Canada* with no resource but their labor to trust to, are enabled, in the course of a few years, to realize Property, and even to remit considerable sums of money to the friends and relations they have left behind. It is also notorious that in the present mode of conducting the Settlement of the Territory, there is a great waste of labor, and that far less results are obtained by means of the same amount of exertion than might be looked for, under a system which secured a greater degree of mutual co-operation and assistance amongst those who now trust, in a great measure, to their individual and isolated efforts. It is impossible to read any of the numerous and interesting accounts, published during the last few years, of the life of Settlers in the

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Backwoods of British *America* and of the *United States*, without being struck with the hardships and difficulties endured by them, and with the great waste of labor incurred entirely in consequence of the want of some means of giving increased efficiency to labor by combination and by the division of employments. We hear continually of bread being scarce, where corn is cheap and abundant, because, from the distance of Mills and the badness of the Roads, it takes many days of toilsome labor for men and horses to carry a small quantity of corn to be ground, and to bring it back in the shape of flour. We hear of days wasted in, perhaps, the busiest part of the season in carrying to a distant Forge, to be repaired, some necessary implement of Agriculture, which in *England* would be taken to the Village Shop, and be again ready for use in an hour. I say nothing (important as are such considerations) of the privations which scattered Settlers necessarily undergo, from the want of adequate means of Religious Instruction, of Education for their children, and of Medical Assistance, and of the absence of all the main advantages of a civilized Society. Looking merely to the pecuniary results of the existing mode of Settlement, it seems to me impossible to doubt that it is highly wasteful, and that the same labor better applied and directed, might produce a far larger amount of comfort and advantage to the early Settlers in a new Territory, and exempt them from many of the privations and hardships to which they are now exposed. It is difficult to understand what natural obstacle prevents such a Territory from being occupied, not by Individuals, but by Societies properly organized for mutual support and assistance, carrying with them as they advance all the means and appliances of civilization. For this purpose, what seems to be most required, is to carry further than has yet been done, the principle of making all who obtain Land, pay for it such a price as at once to afford the means of effecting those improvements, by the construction of Roads and Bridges, and by erecting Schools and other Public Buildings, which are necessary for its regular and systematic occupation. If no Public Lands were alienated but at a price sufficient to pay for such improvements, and if the money obtained from their sale was so expended, Land would only be purchased where the improvements were already in progress, while the Settler receiving in

return for the enhanced price he paid for Land, not only the Land but the advantage of those Works by which its profitable occupation is facilitated, would not in reality pay more, perhaps not so much, for the mere Land, as when it is disposed of at a very low and almost nominal price. Where the previous improvident alienation of large quantities of Land presents an obstacle to the adoption of the system of selling Land in this manner, precisely the same results are attainable by the imposition of a moderate Tax upon all Land, whether wild or reclaimed, and applying the proceeds to the same sort of improvements. Such a Tax is not felt as any practical burden upon settled Land, but presents a powerful bar to the acquisition or retention of Land which cannot be turned to some account.

Such are the considerations (as it appears to me the just and important considerations) upon which the policy I have now described has been recommended. I have thought it right thus shortly to recapitulate them to Your Lordship, because the principles on which they rest must be steadily borne in mind in judging of any plan of Colonization. Acting upon these principles, I am of opinion that the mode in which Colonization may with most prospect of success be promoted, is by the application of any money which may be hereafter granted, or advanced by Parliament for this purpose in opening Land for Settlement, by making such improvements as I have described, or by constructing Public Works of a more important character, such as Railways and Canals. In this manner immediate employment might be afforded to the Emigrants, while at the same time they would be trained in those descriptions of labor most required in the Country in which they are ultimately to settle. I agree with Mr. *Draper* in thinking it desirable that Emigrants going out as laborers should not permanently continue as such, but should, as speedily as possible, be converted into small Landowners; but I am of opinion that the only way in which this object can be effected with safety and advantage, is by affording them in the first instance, employment at good wages, by which the provident and industrious amongst them will speedily be enabled to purchase Land, and, by doing so, (supposing the system I have recommended be adopted), they will repay the sums originally advanced to them in wages while

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while employed upon those Works which have opened the Land they have acquired for permanent Settlement. The effect, in short, of the Measures I have thus sketched, rather than described, would be to effect Settlements by means of advances by the State; but with this most important qualification, that these advances would be made in such a manner as to avoid constituting the State the Creditor of a numerous body of small Settlers, thus tempting them to improvidence and discouraging industry; and instead of this the Public money would be invested in the improvement of Land, the property in which would only be transferred when a price sufficient to cover the expense incurred was paid for it. It was upon these views that the plan of forming Villages detailed in my Despatch of December 31st, was founded, and Mr. Draper has misunderstood me in supposing that I meant the laborers established in the proposed Villages to continue in that rank of life. What I contemplated was that they should be encouraged to purchase Farms in the immediate neighbourhood of the Villages in which they were originally established, and to improve by degrees the log-houses at first provided for them, into comfortable dwellings. I thought, and still think, that living together in Villages would be favorable to Civilization and improvement, nor do I see that this would be at all inconsistent with their cultivating the adjoining and surrounding Lands as Proprietors.

I have only to add that Her Majesty's Government share in the strong desire which

has been so generally expressed to promote the adoption of some well considered and systematic plan of Colonization in British America, believing that this would be attended with great benefit both to the Colonies and to the Mother Country. But great as would be the advantages of such a Measure, they would still be less than the evils which might follow from the hasty adoption of an ill-matured and impracticable Scheme, nor do I think it possible to proceed without the hearty co-operation of the Provincial Legislatures. It is for these reasons that I have so fully explained to you my views upon the subject. I confidently leave it to your judgment, after consulting the Lieutenant Governors of the Lower Provinces, and the Members of Your Council, to determine in what manner the co-operation of the different Legislatures may be best invited; assuring you that if you should be able to arrange with them any plan which may appear calculated to prove successful, Her Majesty's Servants will not be slow to propose, nor, judging from the opinions generally expressed, would Parliament be slow to sanction the employment of the pecuniary resources of this Country in furtherance of such an object.

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I have, &c.,

(Signed) GREY.

Governor,  
The Right Honorable  
The Earl of Elgin,

&c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 16.

(Vide Journal, page 82.)

Adjutant General's Office,  
Montreal, 4th December, 1846.

(Copy.)  
Plover Young,  
Col. A. G.  
SIR,

I beg leave to inform you, that it has been Officially reported to this Department, through the Government, that some of Her Majesty's

Arms (Muskets and Bayonets) said to have been in your possession for your late Regiment, the 5th North York, were, on the 4th and 12th July last, used by individuals for the purpose of rejoicing, and by which the Public Peace was endangered; and I am therefore directed by the Adjutant General to request,

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that you will be pleased to take the earliest opportunity of making strict inquiry into this affair, and as to the manner in which Her Majesty's Arms were, as is alleged, so improperly and unlawfully used.

I am further to request, that if you find any Militia Officer to have participated in this affair, that you state the same in the Report that you make to this Office respecting the matter. It is also desirable that you adopt such measures as may prevent a recurrence of so disreputable a proceeding as that alluded to.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) DD. MACDONELL,  
Lt. Col. D. A. Genl.

Lt. Col. Cotter,  
10th Batt. York, Newmarket.

Adjutant General's Office,  
Montreal, 9th July, 1847.

SIR,

Having recently observed that mention had been made in the Legislative Council of a Riot which occurred in the vicinity of *Newmarket*, on the 12th July, 1846, and in which it was supposed Her Majesty's Arms were made use of, I have the honor to state, for the information of His Excellency the Governor General, that it was reported to me, in the early part of December last, that a disturbance, calculated to produce disagreeable results, had taken place in that neighbourhood on the 4th and 12th July, 1846, I consequently had a

Letter, "copy herewith transmitted," written to Lt.-Colonel *Cotter*, of the 10th Battalion of *York*, who had charge of the Arms said to be improperly made use of; and the following is the purport of that Officer's Communication in reply.

The Muskets said to be made use of on the 12th July, had been in possession of a few Individuals who were Members of a Volunteer force for many years. Four of those Muskets, Colonel *Cotter* was informed, were taken without the knowledge of the Persons in whose custody they were on the night of that day, by some Lads under seventeen years of age; and, having been made aware of the circumstance late in the evening, he had them disarmed immediately. No Bayonets were on the Muskets, nor were they brought out on the occasion.

Although the Riot took place on the 12th July, there was not, it would appear, the least intention of offending any Religious persuasion, not one of the Orange Society being concerned.

In 1838, 100 Stand of Arms were given by Sir *George Arthur* to Lt.-Colonel *Cotter*, and he assures me that, in future, no Arms shall remain out of his custody, and he adds, that no Officer of Militia had anything to do in this affair.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,  
Your Most Obedient  
Humble Servant,

PLOMER YOUNG,  
Colonel, A. G.

Major *Campbell*,  
Civil Secretary,  
Montreal.

A P P E N D I X No. 17.

(*Vide Journal*, page 83.)

Note.—This Return, although referred to the Appendix, is omitted (by Order) on account of the vast extent of matter embraced therein.

A Return of Bankrupts.

APPENDIX



APPENDIX No. 18.

(Vide Journal, page 109.)

Despatches. SCHEDULE of Despatches accompanying the Governor General's Message of the 21st July, 1847.

No.	DATE.	SUBJECT.
91	1847. 22d June.	Respecting the establishment of an Equality of Trade between Canada and the United States.
92	25th June.	Stating that the amount of Surplus Postage collected in Canada will be paid over to the Receiver General.

On the subject of Equality of Trade between Canada and the United States.

(Copy.)

No. 91.

Downing Street,  
22d June, 1847.

MY LORD,

In pursuance of the intention communicated to Your Predecessor on the 11th August, 1846, Her Majesty's Government directed Her Majesty's Minister at *Washington* to submit a proposal to the Government of the *United States* for the establishment of an equality of Trade between that Country and *Canada*. I regret to state that the measures which have been adopted by Her Majesty's Representative at *Washington* have not hitherto been attended with success, owing to circumstances over which the British Minister could have no control; but no opportunity will be lost of bringing the subject under the renewed consideration of the Government of the *United States*, with the view of meeting the wishes of the House of Assembly of *Canada*. As it may be satisfactory to that body to be acquainted with the exact state of the question, I transmit to Your Lordship herewith copy of a Letter, and of its enclosures, which I have received on the subject from Viscount *Palmerston*, and Your Lordship is at liberty to communicate its contents, if you should find that course con-

venient, to the House of Assembly for their information.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) GREY.

Right Honble.

The Earl of *Elgin*,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Foreign Office,  
June 10th, 1847.

SIR,

With reference to your Letter of the 16th of June, 1846, and to the Letter from this Department of the 4th August following, relative to the proposal which Mr. *Pakenham*, Her Majesty's Minister at *Washington*, had been instructed to make for the establishment of an Equality of Trade between the *United States* and the British North American Colonies, I am directed by Viscount *Palmerston* to transmit to you, for the information of Earl *Grey*, a copy of a Despatch upon that subject,

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Subject, which has been received from Mr. *Pakenham*.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) H. U. ADDINGTON.

*James Stephen*, Esquire,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

*Washington*,  
13th May, 1847.

MY LORD,

By Lord *Aberdeen's* Despatch, No. 27, of 18th June, 1846, I was instructed to bring under the consideration of the *United States* Government, the question of establishing an Equality of Trade between the *U. States* and the British North American Colonies, which question had been pressed on the attention of Her Majesty's Government, by an Address to Her Majesty, from the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, passed on the 12th of May, 1846.

Lord *Aberdeen's* Despatch reached *Washington* on the 8th July, a few days after Mr. *Walker's* Bill "for the reduction of the "Duties upon Imports" had passed the House of Representatives, and when the Debate on that important Measure was about to be opened in the Senate, with great uncertainty as to the result. The proceedings in Congress on the subject of the Tariff, I had the honor to report in my Despatches, Nos. 86, of 13th July, 91, of the 13th July, and 97, of 29th July; and in my Despatch, No. 92, of 13th July, in answer to the Earl of *Aberdeen's* Despatch, No. 27, were explained the reasons why I did not, at that time, think it advisable to bring the subject of an Equalization of Duties between this Country and *Canada* formally under the consideration of the Government. On the 8th of August, the Session of last year was brought to a close, not, however, without an Act having been passed "for allowing Drawback on Goods imported "from British *North America*, and exported "to Foreign Countries," of which Act I had the honor to transmit a copy with my Despatch, No. 108, of 14th August.

In the course of a short visit which I paid to *Canada* in the autumn of last year, I communicated with the Governor General respecting the Measure which H. M. Government were anxious to have brought about, and I requested His Lordship to furnish me with a List of the particular Articles which, by the respective Tariffs, were subjected to a higher rate of Duty on importation into the *United States* from *Canada* than on importation into *Canada* from the *United States*; as well as with any other information which might seem likely to be of use in following up the matter with the *United States* Government.

Soon after the opening of last Session of Congress, that is to say, on the 20th December last, I received from Lord *Cathcart* a Despatch, of which I have the honor to enclose a Copy, transmitting a Memorandum prepared by the Inspector General of Public Accounts, accompanied by a Comparative Statement of the Rates of Duties on the principal Articles of Canadian Exports at present levied in the *United States* and in *Canada*. These papers I hastened to place in the hands of Mr. *Walker*, the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied by a Memorandum, a copy of which I enclose, embodying the substance of Lord *Aberdeen's* Despatch, No. 27, as well as that part of the Legislative Assembly's Address which related to the Trade with this Country. Copies of this Memorandum and accompanying papers I also placed in the hands of Mr. *Dix*, one of the Senators for *New York*, a gentleman of great influence in Congress, particularly on questions of this nature, on whose assistance in carrying through the proposed Measure I knew we might rely, if an opportunity could be found to bring it forward.

Mr. *Walker* professed to be equally in favor of the removal of all restrictions on the interchange of Produce between the *United States* and the British Provinces, and promised, if time allowed, to make such a Measure the subject of a special recommendation to Congress. But such was the press of business during the late short Session, occasioned principally by the War with *Mexico*, and the numerous questions incidental to it, that no opportunity was found to bring the subject forward with any prospect of success.

It may be hoped that during the next Session there will be a better chance of accomplishing

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plishing the wishes of Her Majesty's Government on this subject. Meanwhile, I have thought it right to explain to Your Lordship the causes which have hitherto prevented their fulfilment.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) R. PAKENHAM.

Viscount Palmerston, G. C. B.,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Government House,  
Montreal, 9th December, 1846.

SIR,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in compliance with the wish expressed by Your Excellency to that effect, a copy of a Memorandum which I have received from the Inspector General of Public Accounts in this Province, and of a Comparative Statement of the Rates of Duties on the principal Articles of Canadian Exports at present levied in the *United States* and in *Canada*, and I would request your consideration of the suggestion of the Inspector General, that the present would be a favorable opportunity for making a proposal to the Government of the *United States* on the important subject of the establishment of an Equality of Trade between that Country and the British North American Provinces.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) CATHCART.

The Right Honorable  
R. Pakenham,  
&c. &c. &c.

The Inspector General has the honor to submit the following Memorandum on the Address of the House of Assembly, May 12th, 1846:

The Address of the House of Assembly, passed 12th May, prayed that Her Majesty would be Graciously pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken for opening a negotiation with the *United States* for the

admission of Colonial Products into their Ports on the same terms that theirs are admitted into *Great Britain* and this Country.

This Address was passed subsequently to the Enactment of a Law repealing all Duty on American Produce coming through this Province for Export either in the shape of grain or to be converted into flour for exportation, and also, after the House had been made aware of the views of Her Majesty's Government with reference to the admission of Foreign Grain into *Great Britain* at a reduced Rate of Duty for a limited period, and then at a nominal Duty of one shilling per quarter, and of other general modifications and reduction in the Customs Duties of *Great Britain*, and which have subsequently obtained the sanction of the Imperial Parliament.

It may, consequently, be assumed that the House of Assembly sought the adoption by the *United States* of Regulations conceived in a similar spirit of liberality and friendly Commercial Intercourse, and, therefore, humbly prayed the Gracious interference of Her Majesty's Government to effect these objects.

The extension of the operation of the American Drawback Bill to Merchandize imported from the British North American Provinces adjoining the *United States*, approved the 8th August, in the last Session of Congress, clearly embraces one of the objects contemplated by the House of Assembly, namely, increased facilities for the transmission of Canadian Products through the States, but the second point, the admission of those Products into the *United States* for consumption, on the same terms as theirs are admitted into *Great Britain* and this Province, is very insufficiently met by the Tariff of Customs' Duties established by Congress in the Summer Session of 1846. While in some articles a slight modification has been introduced, the Duties on that description of Merchandize the production of which is common to both Countries, preponderate vastly in favor of the *United States*, and tend materially to check that vigor which general Trade would derive from the removal of artificial restraints, and by their onerous character suppress the development of the natural and permanent resources of the Country. The consideration of this subject may, with peculiar fitness, be taken up at this period, as the British Possessions Act leaves the Province, to a very great

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great extent, free to pass such Enactments with regard to Duties and Trade as may be found best suited to her wants and position, and enable her to meet on terms of friendly reciprocity any advantages which the neigh-

boring Republic may be disposed to make for the mutual encouragement of Industry and Trade, and the development, undisturbed by artificial influences, of the resources peculiar to each Country.

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Comparative Rates of Duties on the following Articles, as levied in the *United States*, and as levied in *Canada*.

UNITED STATES DUTIES.		CANADA DUTIES.	
Flour of Wheat, . . . . .	20 per cent.	2s 6d Sterling per barrel, or 13½ per cent.	
Do. other Grain, . . . . .	do.	2s do do or 12½ do.	
Wheat, . . . . .	do.	3s do per qr. or 11½ do.	
Barley, Indian Corn, Oats, Pease, and other Grain, . . . . .	do.	3s do do or 15 do.	
Meats, prepared, . . . . .	40 do.	5s do per cwt. or 24 do.	
Wool, manufactured, . . . . .	30 do.	9 per cent.	
Woolen Manufactures, . . . . .	30 do.	12 do.	
Leather, not described, . . . . .	20 do.	12 do.	
Hides, tanned, and Leather, not described, . . . . .	20 do.	9 do.	
Ashes, all kinds, . . . . .	20 do.	5 do.	

*Memorandum for the consideration of the Government of the United States.*

Washington,  
December, 1846.

On the 12th May last, the Legislative Assembly of *Canada* voted an Address to the Queen, on the subject of the Measures of Commercial relaxation which were at that time pending in the British Parliament.

This Address contained the following observations respecting the Commercial intercourse between the British North American Provinces and the *United States*, as at present reciprocally regulated :

“ We would further remind Your Majesty, “ that while in compliance with the recommendation of the Imperial Parliament, we have “ passed a Law repealing all Duty on American “ Produce coming through our Country for “ exportation, no similar advantage is accorded “ by the American Government to the people “ of this Province, *but that Duties, amounting “ in most cases to prohibition, are rigorously “ maintained by that Government, on every “ article of ours entering into their Ports. “ The disadvantage we must labor under in “ this respect is so apparent, that we respectfully request Your Majesty will be pleased “ to cause the necessary steps to be taken for*

“ opening a negotiation with the Government “ of the *United States*, for the admission of “ our Products into their Ports on the same “ terms that theirs are admitted into those of “ *Great Britain* and this Colony.”

To which observations Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Colonial Department replied in the following words :

“ With respect to that portion of the Address which prays Her Majesty to invite “ the Government of the *United States* to “ establish an Equality of Trade between the “ Dominions of the Republic and the British “ North American Colonies, I am commanded “ to instruct Your Lordship to assure the “ Assembly, that Her Majesty will readily “ cause directions to be given to Her Majesty’s “ Minister at *Washington*, to avail himself “ the earliest suitable opportunity to press “ this important subject on the notice of that “ Government, and that it will afford Her “ Majesty the most sincere satisfaction if any “ Communication which may hereafter be “ held for this purpose, shall have the effect “ which is desired by Her faithful Commons “ of *Canada*.”

To this important subject Her Majesty’s Government

On the subject of Equality of Trade between Canada and the United States.

Government earnestly request the attention of the Government of the *United States*.

It seems to Her Majesty's Government that the Measures of relaxation desired by *Canada*, on its own account, would be almost, if not quite, as advantageous to the *United States* as establishing a free and unrestricted Commercial intercourse between the two Countries, and thereby affording a much more extended demand for *United States* Produce, than the *Canadas*, in their present restricted power of mutual exchange, are enabled to sustain.

Without entering into unnecessary details, Her Majesty's Government would submit that the mutual benefits to be derived from relaxed Commercial intercourse between a Country of such vast dimensions as *Canada*, lying on their extended Frontiers, are so obvious, and lie so completely on the surface, that they scarcely fail to strike every one who duly reflects upon the subject.

In further elucidation of this important question, is submitted a Copy of a Memorandum lately presented to the Governor General of British *North America*, by the Inspector General of Public Accounts of the Province of *Canada*, with a Comparative Statement of the Rates of Duties on the principal Articles of Canadian Exports at

present levied in the *United States* and in *Canada*.

All which is submitted for the consideration of the *United States* Government.

On the subject of Equality of Trade between Canada and the United States.

(Copy.)  
No. 92.

Downing Street,  
25th June, 1847.

And on the subject of the Collection in Canada of Surplus Postage.

My Lord,

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have apprized me that their Lordships have authorized the Post Master General to cause the sum of £5189 3s 5d, the amount accrued from Surplus Postage in *Canada* during the period of two years, to the 5th July last, to be paid over to the Receiver General of the Province, in order that it may be applied to the Public Service of the Colony in such manner as shall be directed by the Local Legislature.

I have, &c.

(Signed) GREY.

The Right Honorable  
The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,  
&c. &c. &c.

A P P E N D I X No. 19.

(Vide Journal, page 132.)

REMEMBRANCES

FOR  
ORDER AND DECENCY  
TO BE KEPT IN THE  
UPPER HOUSE  
OF THE  
PARLIAMENT OF CANADA.

I.

First, therefore, inasmuch as it is conventional that Members of the Legislative Council,

Standing Orders of the Legislative Council.

Members of the Legislative Council to sit

knowing their places, may use the same without displeasure or let of this House, Members are to sit according to the Order of Precedence prescribed by the Queen's Majesty, as signified in a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Governor General of this Province, dated 22d February, 1845.

according to the Order of Precedence prescribed by Her Majesty.

Vide Despatch, hereto appended, under Letter A.

II.

## II.

The Speaker of the House.

The Speaker, when he speaks to the House, is always to be uncovered, and is not to adjourn the House, or do any thing else, as Speaker of the House, without the consent of the Members first had, excepting the ordinary things about Bills, which are of course, wherein the Members may likewise over-rule, as for preferring one Bill before another, and such like. And in case of difference amongst the Members, it is to be put to the question, and if the Speaker will speak to any thing particularly, he is to go to his own place as a Member.

## III.

Proceedings at the beginning of each new Parliament, and at the commencement of every other Session

At the beginning of a Parliament, after Prayers shall have been said, and the Speaker shall have taken the Oath prescribed by Law, then all the Members of the Legislative Council present, shall in like manner make and subscribe the said Oath; after which some Bill (*pro formâ*) shall be read; which being done, the Speaker is to report the Speech from the Throne; and then a Committee of Privileges which is to consist of all the Members then present, is to be appointed. And at the beginning of every other Session during the same Parliament, after Prayers said, some Bill (*pro formâ*) is to be read, the Speech from the Throne reported, and the Committee of Privileges appointed.

## IV.

Calling of the House on the second Friday of each Session, and Report of Committee of Privileges on the vacation of seats by death or otherwise.

On the second Friday after the commencement of each Session, the House shall be called, and notice taken of such Members as are absent without the permission of Her Majesty, or of the Governor of this Province; and on this occasion the Committee of Privileges shall report to the House the names of such Legislative Councillors as may have died since the last Session, or who may appear to have vacated their Seats by absence, or by any of the causes specified in the 7th section of the Act of Union.

## V.

Journals of the preceding day to be read after Prayers.

That immediately after Prayers the Journals of the preceding day be always read.

## VI.

That any Member may, at any time, desire the House, when to be cleared of Strangers; and the Speaker shall immediately give directions to execute the Order without debate.

## VII.

When the House is sitting, every Member that shall enter, is to give and receive Salutations from the rest, and not to sit down in his place unless he has made an Obeisance to the Throne.

## VIII.

The Members in the Upper House are to keep their dignity and order, in sitting, as much as may be, and not remove out of their places without just cause; but, when they must needs go across the House, they are to make Obeisance to the Throne.

## IX.

That if any Member have occasion to speak with another Member while the House is sitting, they shall go together below the Bar, or else the Speaker is to stop the business under discussion.

## X.

When any Members speak, they address their Speech to the rest of the Members in general.

## XI.

The Member who introduces the Motion or matter in debate, shall have a right to reply once, but no other Member is to speak twice to any Bill at one time of reading it, or to any proposition, unless it be to explain himself in some material point of his speech; but no new matter; and that not without leave of the House first obtained. Every Member speaks standing and uncovered, and names not the Members of the House commonly by their names, but "the Member that spoke last."—"last but one,"—"last but two," &c.; or some other note of distinction.

PROTESTATIONS



## PROTESTATIONS OR DISSENTS.

## XII.

Protestations or Dissents, how entered in the Clerk's Book.

That such Members as shall make Protestation, or enter their Dissents to any Votes of the House, as they have a right to do without asking leave of the House, either with or without their reasons, shall cause their Protestations or Dissents to be entered in the Clerk's Book on the next sitting day of this House, before the rising of the House, otherwise the same shall not be entered, and shall also sign the same before the rising of the House on the same day.

## XIII.

Protests to be subject to the control of the House.

That every Protest must necessarily be subject to the control of the House, who will exercise a legal and proper discretion upon it, both as to form and matter; and that, from the moment it is filed, it becomes, as in all Courts, the property of the House, and can in no case be withdrawn; or altered, or amended, but with the consent of the House previously obtained.

## XIV.

Absent Members not admitted to Protest at all.

That no Member, absent when the question in discussion has passed the House, can be admitted to Protest at all.

## XV.

Orders of the Day not proceeded on, how disposed of.

That all Orders of the Day, which by reason of any adjournment shall not have been proceeded upon, shall be considered only as postponed to the next day on which the House shall sit.

## XVI.

Personal, sharp, or taxing Speeches to be forborne in debate.

To prevent misunderstanding, and for avoiding offensive Speeches when matters are debating, either in the House or at Committees, it is for honor's sake thought fit, and is so Ordered, that all personal, sharp, or taxing Speeches be forborne; and that whosoever answereth another Member's Speech, shall apply his Answer to the matter, without wrong to the person; and as nothing offensive is to be spoken, so nothing is to be

ill taken, if the party that speaks it shall presently make a fair exposition, or clear denial of the words that might bear any ill construction; and if any offence be given in that kind, as the House itself will be very sensible thereof, so it will censure the offender, and give the party offended a fit reparation, and a full satisfaction.

## XVII.

That, for avoiding all mistakes, unkindness, or other differences, if any Member shall conceive himself to have received an affront, or injury, from any other Member of the House, either in the Parliament House, or at any Committee, or in any of the rooms belonging to the Legislative Council, he shall appeal to the House for his reparation; which, if he shall not do, but occasion or entertain quarrels, declining the justice of the House, then the Member that shall be found therein offending, shall undergo the severe censure of the House.

Mistakes, unkindness, or other differences, how avoided.

## XVIII.

That when a Question is under debate, no Motion shall be received in the House, unless to Amend it, Commit it, Postpone it to a certain day, or for the Order of the Day, or to Adjourn.

Questions under debate, how disposed of.

## XIX.

That all Motions deemed Special, two days' notice thereof be given to the House, and any Motion (with leave of the House) may be withdrawn any time before Amendment or decision.

The House to have two days' notice of Special Motions.

## XX.

That no Motion, prefaced by a written preamble, shall be received by this House.

No Motion with a written preamble to be received.

## XXI.

That when the Question has been entirely put by the Speaker, no Member is to speak upon the Question before Voting.

No Member to speak after the Question is entirely put.

## XXI.

## XXII.

No Member to depart out of his place after a Question is put, until some other business is entered upon.

That after a Question is put and the House has Voted thereon, no Member shall depart out of his place until the House shall have entered upon some other business.

## XXIII.

Manner of Voting.

That in Voting, the Contents do rise in their places, and the Non-contents continue to sit.

## XXIV.

Clerk's duty as to entering Orders of the House.

That the Clerk is not to enter any Order until the Speaker first demand the Assent of the House; and the Clerk is to read every Order first in the House, before it be entered.

## XXV.

Each Member may demand that the Question, &c., under discussion be read.

That each Member has a right to require that the Question or Motion in discussion be read for his information at any time of the debate.

## COMMITTEES AND CONFERENCES.

## XXVI.

Committees of the Whole House, and other Committees.

To have more freedom of debate, and to facilitate business, Committees are appointed, either of the Whole House, or of Individuals; Committees of the Whole House sit in the House, but then the Speaker sits not in the Chair as Speaker.

## XXVII.

From Committee of the Whole, how the House shall be resumed.

That when the House shall be put into a Committee of the Whole House, the House be not resumed without the unanimous consent of the Committee, unless upon a Question put by the Member who shall be in the Chair of such Committee.

## XXVIII.

In Committee of the Whole, how far the Rules of the House shall be applicable.

That in Committee of the Whole House, the Rules of the House shall be observed, in so far as they may be applicable, excepting the Rule limiting the times of speaking; and

that no Motion for the Previous Question, or for Adjournment, can be received; but a Member may at any time move that the Chairman do leave the Chair, or to report some progress made, and ask leave to sit again.

## XXIX.

That Select Committees usually meet in one of the Committee Rooms, as the Members like, and choose their Chairman. The Members of the Committee speak to the rest uncovered, but may sit still if they please.

Select Committees, how conducted.

## XXX.

Every Member is to sit in his due place when the House is put into a Committee.

How Members shall sit in Committees of the Whole.

## XXXI.

On all Reports made from Committees of Amendments to Bills, the Member that makes the Report is to explain to the House the effect and coherence of each Amendment.

Amendments to Bills, how reported.

## XXXII.

At any Committee, Members of the House, though not of the Committee, are not excluded from coming in and speaking, but they must not Vote: they shall also give place to all that are of the Committee, and shall sit behind them.

All Members may attend & speak at Select Committees, but such only shall Vote as are of the same

## XXXIII.

If it be desired by any Member that the House be put into Committee, it ought not to be refused.

Putting the House into a Committee not to be refused.

## XXXIV.

When any thing that hath been committed is reported, the Members of the Committee stand up.

Members of Committees to stand whilst reporting.

## XXXV.

No Persons are to enter at any Committee or Conference, unless it be such as are commanded to attend, but such as are Members of the House, upon pain of being punished severely, and with example to others.

Members only to enter at Committees, unless by command.

## XXXVI.

## XXXVI.

No Members to speak at a Conference other than those of the Committee.

None are to speak at a Conference with the Lower House but those that be of the Committee: and, when anything from such Conference is reported, all the Members of that Committee present are to stand up.

## INTERCOURSE

WITH THE

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## XXXVII.

Messages from the Assembly to be expressed verbally, & to be borne by more than one Member.

That no Message from the Assembly be received in this House, with a Bill or otherwise, unless the object of it be expressed verbally, and unless the Messenger be accompanied by one or more Members of that House.

## XXXVIII.

Messengers from the Assembly, how received by this House.

When notice is given to the House, by the Usher of the Black Rod, that a Message or Deputation is sent by the Legislative Assembly, the Messenger attends until the House is prepared to receive him. We being seated, he is then admitted. On coming up to the Bar with three obeisances, the Speaker goes down to the Bar and receives the Message, uncovered; the Message is then read and delivered to the Speaker by the Messenger. On his retiring with three obeisances to the House, the Speaker resumes the Chair, and standing, uncovered, reports the Message for the information of the Members. The House then resumes the business it had before it:

## XXXIX.

Members of this House not to answer any accusation in the Legislative Assembly.

As it might deeply intrench on the privileges of this House for any Member to answer an accusation in the Legislative Assembly, either in person or by sending his answer in writing, or by his Counsel there; upon serious consideration had thereof, and perusal of the precedents in the Upper House of the Imperial Parliament, it is ordered, that no Member of this House shall either go down to the Legislative Assembly, or send his answer in writing,

or appear by Counsel to answer any accusation there, upon penalty of being committed to the Black Rod, or to Prison, during the pleasure of this House.

## XL.

That no Member or Officer of this House, without leave of the House, shall by order of the Legislative Assembly, go into that House whilst the House or any Committee of the Whole House is sitting there, or appear before any Committee of that House sitting there or elsewhere.

No Member or Officer of this House shall attend an Order of the Assembly without leave.

## XLI.

That the same forms and proceedings shall be required for the attendance of the Officers, Clerks or Servants of this House, upon the Assembly, a Committee of the Whole House, or a Special Committee thereof, for the purpose of giving testimony, or for other purposes as are required for the attendance of the Members, with this difference only, that when leave shall have been given by this House, for such attendance, it shall not be optional for such Officers, Clerks, or Servants to refuse.

Rule for the guidance of such Members and Officers, &c., when leave is given.

## XLII.

That accommodation be furnished to the Members of the Legislative Assembly, when any of them shall see fit to become Auditors of the debates of this House.

Accommodation to Members who may become Auditors of the debates of this House.

## B I L L S .

## XLIII.

That it is the right of every Member of this House to bring in a Bill, and pray that it may be read.

Any Member may bring in a Bill, and pray that it may be read.

## XLIV.

Bills are seldom opposed at the first reading, but are generally committed, upon motion, at the second reading, at which time the principle is usually debated.

The principle of Bills usually debated at the second reading.

## XLV.

## XLV.

No argument against the principle of a Bill to be had in Committee of the Whole.

That no arguments against the principle of a Bill shall be had or admitted in any Committee of the Whole House upon such Bill.

## XLVI.

No Bill shall be read twice the same day.

That no Bill shall be read twice on the same day.

## XLVII.

In Committee of the Whole, before a Bill be entirely passed, a Member may move to have any Clause reconsidered.

That in a Committee of the Whole House a Member may, at any time previous to a Bill being passed entirely, that is to say, all the Clauses, Preamble, and Title of the same, move to have any particular Clause thereof, that may have been passed, reconsidered.

## XLVIII.

Annexing any Clause to a Bill of Supply, containing matter foreign to such Bill, unparliamentary.

That to annex any Clause or Clauses to a Bill of aid or supply, the matter of which is foreign to, and different from, the matter of the said Bill of aid or supply, is unparliamentary.

## XLIX.

Six months' notice in the Official Gazette required for local Bills.

That proof be required that notice of the intention of any person or persons to apply to the Legislature for its interference, respecting any local matter, has been publicly given in the Official Gazette, at least once in each month for six months preceding the Session in which such application is to be made.

## L.

The Introducer of a Bill, Petition, or Motion shall, on reference, be one of the Committee.

That every Member who shall introduce a Bill, Petition, or Motion, upon any subject which may be referred to a Committee, shall be one of the Committee, without being named by the House.

## LI.

Two Bills for the same object shall not be originated in the House during the same Session.

That when a Bill, originating in this House, has once passed through its final stage in this House, no new Bill for the same object can afterwards be originated in this House during the same Session.

## LII.

That the Legislative Council will not proceed upon any Bill appropriating Public Money, that shall not, within the knowledge of this House, have been recommended by the Queen's Representative.

A Bill appropriating Public Money must be recommended by the Queen's Representative.

## PETITIONS

## AND

## PRIVATE BILLS.

## LIII.

That no Printed Petition be received by this House, and that no Petition be received from any Corporation aggregate, unless it be duly authenticated by the Seal of such Corporation.

No Printed Petition shall be received; and Petitions from Corporations to be authenticated by their Seals.

## LIV.

That the allegations in every Petition for a Private Bill, meant to originate in this House, shall be first referred to a Select Committee, and the matter thereof reported upon, before the introduction of any such Bill; but this standing Order shall not be held to extend to any case in which it shall be necessary to hear proof of the allegations of a Bill at the Bar of this House.

Allegations in Petitions for Private Bills to be first referred to a Select Committee.

The exception.

## LV.

That when a Private Bill shall be brought from the other House, the principle of which is admitted, this House, by Message, may either request a communication of the evidence received in proof of the allegation or matter whereon the Bill is founded, or the Committee of this House, to whom it may be referred, shall examine the said allegations, and on reporting the Bill state whether the same, or matter thereof, be founded, and whether the parties concerned in interest or property therein have given their consents, to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Private Bills, when brought up from the Assembly, how proceeded with.

## LVI.

That the foregoing be considered a Standing Instruction to all Committees who shall meet upon

Further Instructions to all Committees on Private

Bills, as to Property affected, and the giving notice of a meeting thereof.

upon Private Bills; and further, that they require all Persons, whose interests or property they shall consider to be affected thereby, to appear in person before them, to give their consent thereto; and if they cannot personally attend, they may send their consent in writing, which shall be proved before the Committee by one or more witnesses; and that when any Committee shall be appointed on any Private Bill, notice thereof shall be set up in the lobby of this House, seven days before the meeting of the said Committee.

LVII.

Private Bills not to be proceeded with, unless upon Petition, and presentation of same limited as to time.

That this House shall not proceed upon any Private Bill, unless upon Petition addressed to the House, and that no such Petition shall be received, unless presented within thirty days after the commencement of the Session, not including Sundays and Holidays.

LVIII.

Petitions for Private Bills affecting the vested rights of others not received after a given period.

That to prevent surprise, and to afford time for proper investigation in matters that may affect the Private Rights of Individuals, it is expedient to make it a Standing Order of the Legislative Council that no Petition for a Private Bill, which can affect the vested right, interest, or convenience of any Person or Persons other than the Petitioner or Petitioners, shall be received after the thirtieth day of the Session, not reckoning Sundays or Holidays; and that no Private Bill of the nature above described which may come up from the Legislative Assembly after the fortieth day of the Session, not reckoning Sundays or Holidays, shall be proceeded upon in the Legislative Council.

The same with regard to similar Bills coming up from the Assembly.

BILLS OF DIVORCE.

LIX.

Every Applicant to give notice of his intention in the Official Gazette and two Newspapers.

That each and every Applicant for a Bill of Divorce shall be required to give notice of his or her intention in that respect, specifying from whom and for what cause, by advertisement in the Official Gazette, during six months, and also, for a like period, in two Newspapers published in the District where such Applicant usually resided at the time of

separation; and if there be no second Newspaper published in such District, then in one Newspaper published in an adjoining District; or if no Newspaper be published in such District, in two Newspapers published in the adjoining District or Districts.

LX.

That a copy of such notice in writing be served, at the instance of the Applicant, upon the person from whom such Divorce is sought, if the residence of him or her can be ascertained; and proof on oath of such service adduced before this House on the reading of the petition, or of the attempts made to effect such service, for the future consideration and decision of the House.

How the service of such notice is to be made.

LXI.

That in all cases, when any proceedings in any Courts of Law have taken place prior to the Petition, an Exemplification of all such proceedings to final judgment, duly certified, shall be presented to the House on the reading of the Petition.

An Exemplification required of all proceedings in any Courts of Law.

LXII.

That in all cases where damages have been awarded to such Applicant, proof on Oath shall be adduced to the satisfaction of the House, that such damages have been levied and retained, or such explanation afforded to the House for the neglect or inability to levy the same under a writ of execution, as may to them appear sufficient excuse for such omission.

Proof on Oath required of the payment of damages.

LXIII.

That the second reading of the Bill do not take place until fourteen days shall have elapsed from the first reading, and that a notice of such second reading shall be affixed upon the doors of this House during that period, and a copy thereof, and of the Bill, be duly served upon the party from whom the Divorce is sought, and proof, on Oath, of such service adduced at the Bar of this House before proceeding to the second reading, or sufficient proof adduced of the impossibility of complying with this Regulation.

When the Bill is to be read the 2d time.

A copy thereof to be served on the party if possible.

LXIV.

## LXIV.

Attendance of the Petitioner required at the Bar.

That the attendance of the Petitioner below the Bar of this House, at the time of the second reading, be required, with a view to his or her examination by the House generally, or as to any collusion or connivance between the parties to obtain such separation, unless the House shall think fit to dispense with such attendance or examination.

## LXV.

Witnesses to be heard at the Bar: nature of the evidence required.

That after the second reading, Witnesses in support of the Bill be heard at the Bar of the House on Oath, the preliminary evidence being that of the due celebration of the Marriage between the parties, by legitimate testimony, either by Witnesses present at the time of the Marriage, or by complete and satisfactory proof of the Certificate of the Officiating Minister or Authority.

## LXVI.

Counsel may be heard on the evidence, and on questions as to future support of the wife.

That the Counsel for the Applicant, as well as the party from whom such Divorce is sought, may be heard at the Bar of the House, as well on the evidence adduced, as on the provisions for the future support of the Wife, if deemed necessary.

## LXVII.

Summonses on Witnesses, how to be served.

That the Witnesses shall be duly notified to attend, by a Summons, to issue under the Hand and Seal of the Speaker of this House, to be issued to the parties demanding the same, by the Clerk of the Committees, and served at the expense of the party applying for the same, by the Sergeant-at-Arms or any authorized Deputy; and each and every Witness shall be allowed his reasonable expenses, to be taxed by the House, or such Officer thereof as may be appointed for that purpose.

## LXVIII.

Witnesses refusing to obey same how to be dealt with.

That Witnesses refusing to obey the said Summons shall, by Order of the House, be taken into the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, and not therefrom liberated except by Order of the House, and after payment of the expenses incurred by his or her default.

## LXIX.

That to cover the necessary expenses incurred in the preparation and progress of the said Bills through this House, a sum of twenty pounds, Currency, be deposited in the hands of the Clerk of the House, at the time of presenting the Petition; the said sum to be applied towards paying any expenses incurred in passing the said Bills through the House, and the balance to be appropriated towards the general Contingencies of the House.

£20 Currency to be paid to the Clerk, when the Petition is presented.

## LXX.

That in all unprovided cases, reference should be had, as far as practicable, to the Rules and Regulations, or decisions of the House of Lords; and for this purpose, till further Orders, the Practical Treatise on Parliamentary Divorce, by JOHN McQUEEN, Esquire, Edition of 1842, shall be deemed a sufficient authority.

In all unprovided cases, references to be made to the usages of the House of Lords.

## QUORUM AND JOURNALS.

## LXXI.

That when there shall not be ten Members present at the hour to which this House shall at any time stand adjourned, the Speaker may take the Chair at thirty minutes afterwards, and adjourn to the usual hour of meeting on the next following day, not being a Sunday or Holiday; the names of the Members present to be taken down by the Clerk.

The House may be adjourned for want of a Quorum after waiting half an hour.

## LXXII.

That if at any time there be less than a Quorum in the House, the Members (if any there be) who may be in the adjoining Rooms or Lobbies, shall be summoned, and if a Quorum be not thereby formed, the Speaker shall in like manner adjourn the House.

Members may be Summoned from the adjoining Rooms, & if a Quorum cannot be found, the Speaker shall adjourn the House.

## LXXIII.

That the Clerk be directed to cause the Journals of this House to be bound in Annual Volumes,

The Journals to be bound in Annual Volumes.



Volumes, during the Recess, with a full Index attached to each: the expense to be included in the Contingent Account at the next ensuing Session of Parliament.

## LXXIV.

That a Copy of the Journals of this House shall be transmitted by the Clerk to the Clerk of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of each of the Provinces of *Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland.*

And copies thereof to be sent for the use of the Leg. Councils of the Lower Provinces, and

## LXXV.

That one Copy of the Journals of this House, for this and every succeeding Session, plainly and uniformly bound, be transmitted by the Clerk to the Treasurer of the respective Law Societies of *Canada*, to be deposited in the Library of those Societies.

The Treasurers of the Law Societies of Canada.

## LXXVI.

That the Clerk be directed to make arrangements for interchanging the Laws of this Province with the several Legislative Councils of *Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland*, for the Laws of those Provinces respectively, for the use of this House.

Interchange with the Lower Provinces of the Laws Ordered.

## LXXVII.

That Copies of the Journals, translated into the French Language, be made daily for the use of the Members, and also Copies of Speeches from the Throne, Addresses, Messages, and Entries of other transactions and deliberations of the House, when asked for by any two Members.

The Journals, &c., to be translated into French.

## MISCELLANEOUS:

## LXXVIII.

That for the future no Motion shall be granted for making any Order of this House a Standing Order: the same day it is made,

Members to be Summoned before a Standing Order is made.

nor before the Members of this House in attendance on the Session shall be summoned to consider of the said Motion.

## LXXIX.

That in all unprovided cases, resort shall be had to the Rules, usages, and forms of the Imperial Parliament.

Unprovided cases, how decided.

## LXXX.

That the Royal Instructions to the Governor of this Province, respecting the passing of Bills by the Provincial Parliament, which may be communicated to this House, be Printed with the Standing Rules and Orders thereof, and be thereunto prefixed.

Royal Instructions to be printed with the Standing Orders.

## LXXXI.

That the hour of three P.M. be the standing hour of daily meeting, unless otherwise named by Motion at the previous adjournment.

3 P.M. the Standing Hour of daily meeting.

## LXXXII.

That in order to prevent disturbance and interruption of the proceedings on the occasion of the Opening and Prorogation of the Sessions of the Legislature, the Door Keeper of this House be Ordered, on those days, not to admit any Spectator below the Bar, except on the delivery of a Ticket of admission.

Tickets of admission to be delivered to the Door-keeper.

ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Royal Instructions.

Relating to the Enactment of Laws by the Parliament of the Province of *Canada*. Communicated to the Legislative Council on the 16th September, 1841, by Order of His Excellency the Governor General.

“infringed, without Our special permission previously obtained, and if any Bill having such an effect shall be presented to you for your Assent, you shall declare that you Reserve it for the signification of Our pleasure.”

In Assenting to, Disallowing, or Reserving of Bills.

“And for the execution of so much of the powers vested in you by Our said Commission, and by virtue of the said Act passed in the third and fourth years of Our Reign as aforesaid, as relates to the declaring that you Assent in Our name to Bills passed by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, and that you withhold Our Assent therefrom, or that you Reserve such Bills for the signification of Our Royal Pleasure thereon, it is Our will and pleasure that you do carefully observe the following Rules, Directions and Instructions, namely: That each different matter be provided for by a different Law, without including in one and the same Act, such things as have no proper relation to each other. That no Clause be inserted in any Act or Ordinance which shall be foreign to what the Title of it imports; and That no perpetual Clause be part of any temporary Law. That no Law or Ordinance whatever be suspended, altered, continued, revived, or repealed, in general words; but that the Title and date of such Law or Ordinance, shall be particularly mentioned in the Enacting part.”

“And We do further direct that you do not propose or Assent to any Act whatever, whereby Bills of Credit or other negotiable Securities of whatever nature, may be issued, in lieu of money, on the credit of the said Province, or whereby any Government Paper Currency may be established therein, or whereby any such Bills or any other Paper Currency, or any Coin, save only the legal Coin of the Realm, may be made or declared to be a Legal Tender, unless a Clause be inserted therein suspending its operation until Our pleasure be known, or unless special permission from Us in that behalf have been first obtained.”

The same with respect to the issue of Bills of Credit, and the establishing of a Government Paper Currency in the Province

“And it is Our further pleasure, that you do not propose or Assent to any Act whatever for raising money by the institution of any Public or Private Lotteries.”

Royal Assent to be withheld from Bills which authorise Public or Private Lotteries;

“And it is Our further will and pleasure, that you do not propose or Assent to any Act whatever for the Divorce of Persons joined together in Holy Matrimony.”

The Divorce of Married Persons;

Royal Assent to be refused to Bills which interfere with Religious Liberty.

“And you are expressly enjoined not to propose or Assent to any Act whatever, whereby any person may be impeded or hindered from celebrating or attending the Worship of Almighty God in a peaceable and orderly manner, although such Worship may not be conducted according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of *England*.”

“And We do further direct, that you do not propose or Assent to any Act whatever, whereby any Grant of Money or Land, or other Donation or Gratuity, may be made by the said Legislative Council and Assembly to you.”

The granting Money &c., to Governors;

Bills affecting the Prerogative to be Reserved.

“And We do further enjoin you not to propose any Act whereby Our Prerogative might be diminished or in any respect

“And We do further direct, that you do not propose or Assent to any Private Act where by

The interfering with vested Rights;

“whereby the Property of any Individual  
“may be affected, in which there is not a  
“saving of the Rights of Us, Our Heirs  
“and Successors, and of all Bodies Politic  
“and Corporate, and of all other Persons ;  
“excepting those at whose instance, or  
“for whose especial benefit such Act may  
“be passed, and those claiming, by, from,  
“through, and under them.”

“ And it is Our will and pleasure, that you  
“do not propose or Assent to any Act what-  
“ever to which Our Assent has once been  
“refused, without express leave for that pur-  
“pose, first obtained from Us.”

“ You are to take care that in all Acts  
“to be passed by you and the said Legisla-  
“tive Council and Assembly of Our said Pro-  
“vince, in any case, for levying Money or  
“imposing Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties,  
“express mention be made that the same  
“are granted to Us, Our Heirs, and Succes-  
“sors, for the Public uses of Our said Pro-  
“vince, and for the support of the Govern-  
“ment thereof, as by the said Act shall be  
“directed.”

“ You are to Reserve, for the signification  
“of Our pleasure thereon, every Bill which  
“you shall consider to be of an extraordinary  
“or unusual nature, or requiring Our especial  
“consideration and decision thereupon, parti-  
“cularly such as may affect the Property,  
“Credit, or Dealings of such of Our Subjects

“as are not usually resident within Our said  
“Province; or whereby Duties shall be laid  
“upon Shipping of the United Kingdom of  
“Great Britain and Ireland, or upon the  
“Produce or Manufactures of Great Britain  
“and Ireland.”

“ And whereas Laws have formerly been  
“Enacted in several of Our Plantations in  
“America, for so short a time, that Our Royal  
“Assent or Refusal thereof could not be had,  
“before the time for which such Laws were  
“Enacted did expire, You shall not Assent  
“in Our name to any Law that shall be En-  
“acted for a less time than one year, except  
“in cases of imminent necessity, or immediate  
“temporary expediency.”

“ You shall take care that all Laws Assent-  
“ed to by you in Our name, or Reserved for  
“the signification of Our Royal Pleasure  
“thereon, shall, when transmitted by you,  
“be fairly abstracted in the Margins, and  
“accompanied with observations upon each  
“of them, that is to say, whether the same is  
“introductory to a new Law, declaratory of  
“a former Law, or does Repeal a Law then  
“before in being; and you are also to trans-  
“mit the reasons and occasions for proposing  
“such Laws, together with fair Copies of the  
“Journals, and Minutes of the Proceedings  
“of the said Legislative Council and Assem-  
“bly, which you are to require from the  
“Clerks, or other proper Officers in that be-  
“half, of the said Legislative Council and  
“Assembly.”

And from Bills for Reviving any Acts that have once been refused.

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Composition  
and Powers of  
Legislature.

III. And be it enacted, That from and after the Re-union of the said two Provinces, there shall be, within the Province of *Canada*, one Legislative Council and one Assembly, to be severally constituted and composed in the manner hereinafter prescribed, which shall be called, "The Legislative Council and "Assembly of *Canada*;" and that within the Province of *Canada* Her Majesty shall have power, by and with the advice and consent of the said Legislative Council and Assembly, to make Laws for the Peace, Welfare, and good Government of the Province of *Canada*, such Laws not being repugnant to this Act, or to such parts of the said Act passed in the thirty-first year of the Reign of His said late Majesty, as are not hereby repealed, or to any Act of Parliament, made or to be made, and not hereby repealed, which does or shall, by express Enactment or by necessary Intendment, extend to the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, or to either of them, or to the Province of *Canada*; and that all such Laws being passed by the said Legislative Council and Assembly, and Assented to by Her Majesty, or Assented to in Her Majesty's Name, by the Governor of the Province of *Canada*, shall be valid and binding to all intents and purposes within the Province of *Canada*.

Appointment  
of Legislative  
Councillors.

IV. And be it enacted, That for the purpose of composing the Legislative Council of the Province of *Canada*, it shall be Lawful for Her Majesty, before the time to be appointed for the first Meeting of the said Legislative Council and Assembly, by an Instrument under the Sign Manual, to authorise the Governor, in Her Majesty's name, by an Instrument under the Great Seal of the said Province, to Summon to the said Legislative Council of the said Province, such Persons, being not fewer than twenty, as Her Majesty shall think fit; and that it shall also be Lawful for Her Majesty, from time to time, to authorize the Governor, in like manner, to Summon to the said Legislative Council such other Person or Persons as Her Majesty shall think fit, and that every Person who shall be so Summoned shall thereby become a Member of the Legislative Council

of the Province of *Canada*: Provided always, that no Person shall be Summoned to the said Legislative Council of the Province of *Canada*, who shall not be of the full age of twenty-one years, and a Natural-born Subject of Her Majesty, or a Subject of Her Majesty Naturalized by Act of the Parliament of *Great Britain*, or by Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, or by an Act of the Legislature of either of the Provinces of *Upper* or *Lower Canada*, or by an Act of the Legislature of the Province of *Canada*.

V. And be it Enacted, That every Member of the Legislative Council of the Province of *Canada* shall hold his Seat therein for the term of his Life, but subject, nevertheless, to the Provisions hereinafter contained for vacating the same.

Resignation of  
Legislative  
Councillor.

VI. And be it Enacted, That it shall be lawful for any Member of the Legislative Council of the Province of *Canada*, to resign his Seat in the said Legislative Council, and, upon such Resignation, the Seat of such Legislative Councillor shall become vacant.

Tenure of Of-  
ficer of Coun-  
cillor.

VII. And be it Enacted, That if any Legislative Councillor of the Province of *Canada* shall, for two successive Sessions of the Legislature of the said Province, fail to give his Attendance in the said Legislative Council, without the Permission of Her Majesty, or of the Governor of the said Province, signified by the said Governor to the Legislative Council, or shall take any Oath, or make any Declaration or Acknowledgment of Allegiance, Obedience, or Adherence to any Foreign Prince or Power, or shall do, concur in, or adopt any Act whereby he may become a Subject or Citizen of any Foreign State or Power, or whereby he may become entitled to the Rights, Privileges, or Immunities of a Subject or Citizen of any Foreign State or Power, or shall become Bankrupt, or take the Benefit of any Law relating to Insolvent Debtors, or become a Public Defaulter, or be attainted of Treason, or be convicted of Felony, or of any infamous Crime, his Seat in such Council shall thereby become vacant.

Vacating Seat  
by Absence.

VIII.

Trial of Questions.

VIII. And be it Enacted, That any Question which shall arise respecting any Vacancy in the Legislative Council of the Province of *Canada*, on occasion of any of the Matters aforesaid, shall be referred by the Governor of the Province of *Canada* to the said Legislative Council, to be by the said Legislative Council heard and determined: Provided always, that it shall be lawful, either for the Person respecting whose Seat such Question shall have arisen, or for Her Majesty's Attorney General for the said Province on Her Majesty's Behalf, to Appeal from the Determination of the said Council in such case to Her Majesty, and that the Judgment of Her Majesty, given with the Advice of Her Privy Council thereon, shall be final and conclusive to all Intents and Purposes.

Appointment of Speaker.

IX. And be it Enacted, That the Governor of the Province of *Canada* shall have Power and Authority from time to time, by an Instrument under the Great Seal of the said Province, to appoint One Member of the said Legislative Council to be Speaker of the said Legislative Council, and to remove him and appoint another in his stead.

Quorum.

X. And be it Enacted, That the Presence of at least ten Members of the said Legislative Council, including the Speaker, shall be necessary to constitute a Meeting for the Exercise of its Powers; and that all Questions which shall arise in the said Legislative Council, shall be decided by a Majority of Voices of the Members present, other than the Speaker, and when the Voices shall be equal, the Speaker shall have the Casting Vote.

Division.

Casting Vote.

No Member to sit or vote until he has taken the following Oath of Allegiance.

XXXV. And be it Enacted, That no Member, either of the Legislative Council, or of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, shall be permitted to Sit or Vote therein, until he shall have taken and subscribed the following Oath before the Governor of the said Province, or before some Person or Persons authorized by such Governor to administer such Oath:—

Oath of Allegiance

“ I, A. B., do sincerely promise and swear, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, as lawful Sovereign of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and of this Province of *Canada*, dependent on, and belonging to the said United Kingdom; and that I will defend Her to the utmost of my Power

“ against all Traitorous Conspiracies and Attempts whatever, which shall be made against Her Person, Crown, and Dignity; and that I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, all Treasons and Traitorous Conspiracies and Attempts which I shall know to be against Her, or any of them; and all this I do swear without any Equivocation, Mental Evasion, or secret Reservation, and renouncing all Pardons and Dispensations from any Person or Persons whatever to the contrary.—So help me God.”

XXXVI. And be it Enacted, That every Person authorized by Law to make an Affirmation instead of taking an Oath, may make such Affirmation in every case in which an Oath is hereinbefore required to be taken.

Affirmation instead of Oath

XLI. And be it Enacted, That from and after the said Re-Union of the said Two Provinces, all Writs, Proclamations, Instruments for Summoning and Calling together the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, and for Proroguing and Dissolving the same, and all Writs of Summons and Election, and all Writs and Public Instruments whatsoever relating to the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, or either of them, and all Returns to such Writs and Instruments, and all Journals, Entries, and written or printed Proceedings, of what nature soever, of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, and of each of them respectively, and all Written or Printed Proceedings, and Reports of Committees of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, shall be in the *English* Language only: Provided always, that this Enactment shall not be construed to prevent Translated Copies of any such Documents being made, but no such Copy shall be kept among the Records of the Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly, or be deemed in any case to have the force of an original Record.

Language of Legislative Records.

Table of Precedency for Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions.

The following Table of Precedency is to be observed in Her Majesty's Colonial Possessions:

1. The Governor, or Lieutenant Governor, or Officer Administering the Government.

2. The Lieutenant Governor (not Administering the Government), or the Senior Officer in Command of the Troops, if he is to succeed to the Administration of the Government, in case of the death or absence of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Officer Administering the Government.

In the event of hostilities, the Senior Officer in Command of the Troops, will take this Precedency under any circumstances.

In those Settlements, at a distance from the Seat of the Colonial Government, which are under the immediate authority of a Superintendent, that Officer within the Settlement precedes all Persons, except the Officer in the Administration of the Government of the Colony.

3. The Bishop.

4. The Chief Justice.

5. The Members of the Executive Council. Their relative Precedency amongst themselves is established in each case by Her Majesty's "Instructions" to the Governors of Colonies.

6. The President of the Legislative Council.

7. The Members of the Legislative Council.

8. The Speaker of the House of Assembly.

9. The Puisne Judges.

10. The Members of the House of Assembly.

11. The Colonial Secretary (not being in the Executive Council.)

12. The Commissioners or Government Agents of Provinces or Districts.

13. The Attorney General.

14. The Solicitor General.

15. The Senior Officer in Command of the Troops, except in the cases already provided for.

16. The Archdeacon.

17. The Treasurer, Paymaster General, or Collector of Internal Revenue.

18. The Auditor General, or Inspector General of Accounts.

19. The Commissioner of Crown Lands.

20. The Collector of Customs.

21. The Comptroller of Customs.

22. The Surveyor General.

23. The Clerk of the Executive Council.

24. The Clerk of the Legislative Council.

25. The Clerk of the House of Assembly.

&c. &c. &c.

26. In Courts for the Trial of Piracy, the Members to take rank according to the Order in which they are designated in Her Majesty's Commission; except in the case of the Naval Commander-in-Chief (where there is one) to whom, as a matter of courtesy, the Chair on the right of the President of the Court is assigned.

Not being Members of Executive Council.



A.

Despatch pre-  
scribing the  
Order in which  
the Members  
of the Legis-  
lative Council  
are to sit.

Copy of a Despatch Prescribing the Order in  
which the Members of the Legislative Council  
are to Sit.

(Copy.)  
No. 348.

Downing Street,  
22d February, 1845.

MY LORD,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your  
Lordship's Despatch of the 31st December,  
No. 199, in which you enclose an Address to  
the Queen from the Legislative Council of  
*Canada*, praying that Her Majesty would  
signify Her Pleasure upon certain questions  
which have arisen regarding the Precedence  
of the Members of the Legislative Council,  
and the propriety of conferring the Title of  
"Honorable" on the Members of that Board.

I have submitted this Address to the Queen,  
and I have to acquaint Your Lordship that Her  
Majesty has commanded me to instruct you  
to signify to the Legislative Council Her

Majesty's Pleasure, that henceforth the Mem-  
bers of that Board should take Precedence  
amongst themselves according to the date of  
the Instrument by which each Member may  
have been Summoned to take his Seat there.

It is further the Pleasure of Her Majesty,  
that the Members of the Executive Coun-  
cil who are also Legislative Councillors,  
should not, in virtue of their Seats in the  
Executive Council, take Precedence at the  
Legislative Council over Members of that  
House.

I am further commanded to signify to Your  
Lordship, Her Majesty's Pleasure, that every  
Member of the Legislative Council should be  
entitled to the Titular designation of "Honor-  
able," and should be so described in all Acts  
and Instruments which may be issued under  
Your Authority.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) STANLEY.

The Right Honorable  
The Lord Metcalfe,  
&c. &c. &c.

## PRAYERS FOR THE PARLIAMENT.

## PSALM LXVII.

**G**OD be merciful unto us, and bless us: and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us.

That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing.

God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

¶ *After the Psalm, these Suffrages, and the Prayers following, shall be used.*

**T**HE Lord be with you.  
*Answer.*—And with thy Spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord have mercy upon us.

*Christ have mercy upon us.*

Lord have mercy upon us.

**O**UR Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

**O** LORD our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favor to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady Queen VICTORIA, and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may always incline to thy will and walk in thy way: Endue her plentifully with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally, after this life, she may attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the Fountain of all Goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless ADELAIDE, the Queen Dowager, the Prince ALBERT, ALBERT, Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy Heavenly Grace; prosper them with all Happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

**M**OST Gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and Her Majesty's other Dominions in general, so especially for this Province, and herein more particularly for the Governor General, the Legislative Council, and the House of Assembly, in their legislative capacity at this time assembled; that Thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honor, and welfare of our Sovereign and Her Dominions, that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These, and all other necessities for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the name, and through the

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Parliament.

mediation of Jesus Christ, our Most blessed Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, by whom alone Kings reign, and Princes decree justice; and from whom alone cometh all counsel, wisdom, and understanding: We, thine unworthy servants, here gathered together in thy name, do most humbly beseech thee to send down thy heavenly wisdom from above, to direct and guide us in all our consultations: And grant that, we having thy fear always before our eyes, and laying aside all private interests, prejudices, and partial affections, the result of all our counsels may be to the glory of thy blessed Name, the maintenance of true Religion and Justice, the safety, honor, and happiness of the Queen, the public wealth, peace, and tranquillity of the Realm, and the uniting and knitting together of the hearts of

all persons and estates within the same, in true Christian Love and Charity one towards another, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.—*Amen.*

**P**REVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy Holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting Life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

2 COR. xiii. 14.

**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.—*Amen.*



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